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Welcome!

March 22, 2026

St John Climacus (of the Ladder)



<i>Sunday, March 22nd</i> <i>St. John Climacus</i>	9:00 a.m. <u><i>Divine Liturgy (In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</i></u> 4:00 p.m. <i>CT Deanery Mission Vespers – St. Alexis, Clinton CT</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 25th</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	8:30 a.m. <i>Vesperal Liturgy</i>
<i>Friday, March 27th</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>Akathist</i>
<i>Saturday, March 28th</i>	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. <i>Egg-stravaganza</i> 5:00 p.m. <i>Vespers</i>
<i>Sunday, March 29th</i> <i>St. Mary of Egypt</i>	9:00 a.m. <u><i>Divine Liturgy (In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</i></u> 4:00 p.m. <i>CT Deanery Mission Vespers – Holy Unction – Three Saints, Ansonia</i>

Welcome

Welcome to all those visiting All Saints today!
Please join us downstairs for Fellowship after Liturgy!

Happy Birthday

Father John Jillions – March 22nd

Thank You

Thank you to all those that attended the *Lenten Retreat last Saturday*; to Father Constantine for coordinating our excellent speaker, Father Eric Tosi; and to Chris Evans and Subdeacon Nick for preparing a delicious lunch! *God Bless!*

Egg-Stravaganza – March 28th

Egg-Stravaganza – March 28th - 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please share a flyer or two with your family and friends! Please plan to stop by and have lunch and support our Parish! Flyer posted on Website and on Facebook. Please see Baked Goods sign-up sheet at Communications Table. Thank you! Any questions, please see or contact Cathy Vargas.

Smile – You’re on Candid Camera!

Sunday during Fellowship Hour, Monica Kapral and Cathy Vargas will be taking everyone’s pictures and will be creating a Family Photo Board in the Church Hall – another way for us to become more of a family! Thank you!

Annual Meeting Request

At our recent Parish Annual Meeting, a request was made to have Parish Council Minutes available for parishioners to read. A binder has been created “*Parish Council Minutes*” and includes minutes starting with December 2023 and forward. Each month, after minutes are approved, a copy of current minutes will be added. The binder can be found on the “*Communications Table*” in the Church Hall. *Thank you!*

Name Tag Sunday – April 5th

Get to know your brothers and sisters! Next Name Tag Sunday, April 5th and the first Sunday of every other month going forward, we will be asking everyone to wear a Name Tag, so that we can get to know one another better. Name tags and markers will be available as you enter church.

Adult Education

Please note that Adult Education will resume after PASCHA.

Theology Café

The next gathering of the Theology Café will be April 21, 2026 - all are welcome, bring a friend - 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. *Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida. Thank you!*

Fellowship Hour 2026

*2026 – New Year - Reminder that Fellowship Hour is a time to break the fast and have Fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Please try to keep foods to finger foods, for easy setup and cleanup. Hosts and Hostesses needed for Fellowship Hours – please see the clipboard/sign-up sheet at the coffee window – please sign up for a Sunday or two that are convenient for you! Any questions, *please see Monica Kapral. Thank you!**

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

*Theckla Yakowchuk – 3/22/79; Helen Bugai – 3/22/07; Michael Lestic – 3/24/79; Larry Finchey – 3/27/97;
Harry Wednichuk – 3/28/88*

Commemorations

Living:

Mary, Elaine, Margaret, Roger, Mark, Susan, Stephanie, Sophia, Patty Ann, Richard, David, Joseph, Andy, Marsha, Elizabeth, Eugenia, Alexander, Kristina, Maria, Jeremy, Alexei, Lewelyn, Ekaterina, Marina, Mariam, Joseph, Patricia, Patrick, Sharon, Deborah, Darlene, Frank, Harry, Caryl, Janet, James, Arielle, Heather, Jeanne

Departed:

Deacon Joseph, Mike, Alison, Argia, Wayne, Margaret, Larry, Jozef, Jozef, Raisa, Krystyna, Tedeusz, Joseph, Michael, John, Vera, Michael, Marina, Constantin, Tatiana, Sergei, Anastasia, Nicholas, Louise, Walter, Anna, Nancy, Paul, Robert, Marcia, Leonard, Josephine, Helen, Jennie, Harry, Susan, Carol, Janice

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, / you were shown to be a wonderworker, our God-bearing Father John. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him who gave you strength. / Glory to Him who granted you a crown. / Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all.

Kontakion — Tone 4

The Lord truly set you on the height of abstinence, / O our instructor and Father John, / as an unerring star, guiding the ends of the earth by your light.

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel according to Mark 9:17-31

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”

Sunday of St John Climacus

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John Climacus, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. In this book the Igoumen of Saint Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai bears witness to the great effort which is required for entry into God's Kingdom (Matthew 10:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is difficult since it is "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Ephesians 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, as the Lord has said, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

Saint John was born around the year 525, the son of devout and wealthy parents. He received a very good education, but at the age of sixteen, he forsook the world and went to Mount Sinai, subjecting himself to the spiritual guidance of Elder Martyrios. When he was nineteen years of age, his Elder reposed. Then Saint John entered the arena of hesychasm, visiting the monastic communities of Skētē and Tabénnisē in Egypt. For another forty years, he lived in a cell at Thora in the Sinai Desert, which was a two hour (5 mile) walk from the Monastery of Saint Catherine.

Who can describe the fountain of his tears, which is now to be seen in very few individuals? He slept only as much as was necessary to prevent his mind from being distracted. Before going to sleep he prayed a great deal, and he also wrote books. This was how he subdued despondency. His entire life was spent in unceasing prayer, and incomparable love for God. After writing *The Ladder* at the request of Igoumen John of Raithu Monastery, and leading a God-pleasing life, Saint John fell asleep in the Lord when he was about seventy-five years old (ca. 603). He is also commemorated on March 30. The inscription on his icon is from Step 7:2. It reads: "Compunction is a perennial trial of the conscience, which brings about the cooling of the fire of the heart through mental confession. And confession is a forgetfulness of nature, since someone because of this forgot to eat his bread."²

Outreach Opportunitites

**The Village* (See attached flyer)*

The Village, our neighbor on Asylum Avenue, is in need of baby items for their upcoming *Community Baby Shower* on May 8th, for 70 new moms! Are you looking to make a difference in our community? We are looking for donations of the following items: *Diapers, Wipes, Diaper Rash Cream, Pacifiers, Bibs, Bottles, Baby Hats, Booties, Socks, Onesies, Baby Blankets, Burping Cloths.*

Please leave your donations in the marked boxes on the "Donation Table" in the Church Hall. We will be collecting, until May 1st. Any questions, please contact Cathy Vargas. *Thank you for your donations!*

Reminder – Feed a Friend – Sunday – April 5th

Please put your lunches into refrigerator in the Church Hall (Thank You!)

Help the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the victims of domestic abuse here in the Greater Hartford region by giving them something that's hard to come by: *A Free Lunch!* We'll deliver bagged lunches to *Loaves and Fishes* in Hartford, beginning today and *every second Sunday of each month*, who has numerous men, women, and children, who will appreciate the food you provide and the love that you show in making it. This is a great opportunity to get your kids to help and discuss with them the words of Christ: "When I was hungry, you fed me...."

To participate - Make & bring a brown-bag lunch to Church which includes all of the following:

- 1) Sandwich,
- 2) Piece of Fruit
- 3) Bag of Chips/pretzels
- 4) Canned/Bottled Drink &
- 5) Desert (pudding, cookie, etc.)

Important Note: For the purpose of uniformity, please include all/only the items above.

Also PLEASE write type of sandwich (and the presence of any allergens) on bag.

Foodshare

There is a basket for donations of nonperishable food items for *Foodshare* in the "Donations Corner" in the Church Hall! We are also in need of brown bags with handles. Also, please avoid food items in glass containers. *Please remember to thank God for your blessings by helping those in need. God Bless and Thank you!*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 5th
Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins at All Saints

April 6th, Monday

6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

April 7th, Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

April 8th, Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy/Washing of Feet

April 9th, Thursday

8:30 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy
6:00 p.m. Matins/Passion Gospels

April 10th, Friday

6:00 p.m. Vespers/Matins

April 11th, Saturday

9:30 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy/Small Blessing of Baskets
**9:30 p.m. Nocturns, Paschal Procession, Matins,
Divine Liturgy, Basket Blessing, Agape**

April 12th, PASCHA

12:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers



Please Note

Any photos taken at Church events may be used on the Church website or Facebook page. If you have any questions on this, please see or contact Father Constantine. <https://www.oca.org/files/PDF/official/2018-1024-socialmediaguidelines-clergyvayleaders.pdf>



EGG-STRAVAGANZA

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
205 Scarborough Street
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March 28, 2026, Saturday
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Featuring:

- ***2 Pysanky Classes (Egg Decorating)***
 - ***Church Tours***
 - ***Baked Goods***
 - ***“Egg Items” for Sale***
 - ***Lenten Lunch Served***

If you would like to register for one of our Pysanky classes or would like more information, please call (860) 205-9465. Please also visit our website – www.allsaintshartford.org or visit us on Facebook.

Please plan to attend!



For more than 200 years, The Village has been dedicated to building a community of strong, healthy families who protect and nurture children.

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Wipes

Diaper Rash Cream

Pacifiers

Bibs

Bottles

Baby Hats

Booties

Socks

Onesies

Baby Blankets

Burping Cloths

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