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## ***Christ is Risen!***

***May 17, 2026***

### ***Sunday of the Blind Man***



<b><i>Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b><i>General Confession</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday of the Blind Man</i></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i><a href="#">Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</a></i></b> <b><i>Events Committee Meeting – During Fellowship Hour</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i><a href="#">Vespers(In-Person/Virtual Click for Zoom Link)</a></i></b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i><a href="#">Adult Education (Virtual/In Person – Click for Zoom Link)</a></i></b>
<b><i>Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup></i></b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b><i><a href="#">Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</a></i></b>
<b><i>Ascension</i></b>		
<b><i>Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></i></b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Vespers</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i><a href="#">Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</a></i></b>

### ***Welcome***

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

### ***Graveside Blessings***

**If you wish to have a graveside blessing for loved ones, please contact Fr Constantine. 860-278-6387.**

### ***Happy Anniversary***

***Michael & Elisaveta – May 11<sup>th</sup>***

## Thank You

*Thank you to all those that brought in lunches last Sunday – 79 lunches were delivered to Loaves and Fishes on Monday. Thank you to Gail, Tom and Walter for delivering the lunches!*

## All Saints Day – June 7<sup>th</sup>

*Hierarchical Liturgy – His Grace, Bishop Benedict*

*Parish Picnic – after Liturgy*

**More details to follow!**

## Theology Café

The next gathering of the Theology Café will be May 26, 2026 - all are welcome, bring a friend - 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. *Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida. Thank you!*

## Adult Education

*Please note that Adult Education will be on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be covering chapters 35-39 in the *Winter Pascha*. Class will be in person and over Zoom.*

## Name Tag Sunday – June 7<sup>th</sup>

*Get to know your brothers and sisters! Next Name Tag Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Parish Council Meeting

Next *Parish Council Meeting* will be Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in person at All Saints.

## Fellowship Hour 2026

**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!

*Elizabeth Konon – 5/17/78; Mary Zeznitch – 5/17/80; John Shicko – 5/17/82; Martha Labosky – 5/17/87; Walter Oste – 5/20/81; Theodore Rozanski – 5/20/95; Louise Ostapkevich – 5/21/06; Dominika Meshenuk – 5/23/93*

## Commemorations

### Living:

Peter, Bridget, Susan, Mark, Carissa, Richard, Elizabeth, Eugenia, Pavel, Tatyana, Roza, Nadezhda, Galina, Roger, Margaret, Sandie

### Departed:

Archpriest William, Olga, Michael, Mitchel, Zenaida, Helena, Ludmila, Olga, Pavel, Marylane, Rowena,

## *Troparion/Kontakion*

### *Kontakion — Tone 4*

I come to You, O Christ, / blind from birth in my spiritual eyes / and I call to You in repentance: / You are the most radiant light of those in darkness!

### *Epistle: Acts 16:16-34*

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

### *Gospel according to John 9:1-38*

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you

also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

### *Sunday of the Blind Man*

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb.

When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt.

Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

## *Outreach Opportunitites*

### *\*The Village\* (See flyer)*

*The Village*, our neighbor on Albany Avenue, is in need of *Personal Hygiene items*. Are you looking to make a difference in our community? *Please see flyer below for items we were asked to collect!*

*Please leave your donations in the marked boxes on the "Donation Table" in the Church Hall. We will be collecting, until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Cathy Vargas. Thank you for your donations!*

### *Feed a Friend – Sunday – June 14<sup>th</sup>*

*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!*

If you are in need of home health care services, contact Valrie Harris. 860-833-7834



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

**CALL TO ACTION:** *The Village, our neighbor on Albany Avenue, is in need of Personal Hygiene Items! Are you looking to make a difference in our community? We are looking for donations of the following items:*

***Feminine Hygiene Products*** – both tampons and pads

***Soap*** – Bars and Pump

***Shampoo*** – any and all brands and sizes

***Deodorant*** – men/women – any and all brands

***Toothpaste*** – any and all brands and sizes

***Toothbrushes*** – Individually wrapped – not generic lots

***Shaving Cream*** – any and all brands and sizes

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***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***

### *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/2026-0506-socialmediaguidelines-clergyayleaders.pdf> (Updated April 28, 2026)*