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Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



Sunday, May 24th <i>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</i>	9:00 a.m.	<u>Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</u>
Wednesday, May 27th	6:00 p.m.	<u>Daily Vespers/Adult Education (Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link)</u>
Saturday, May 30th	4:00 p.m.	<i>Vespers at Holy Trinity in New Britain – <u>NO Service at ASOC</u></i>
Sunday, May 31st <i>Pentecost</i>	9:00 a.m.	<i>Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity in New Britain – <u>NO Service at ASOC</u></i>

Welcome

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

End of Liturgy Collection

End of Liturgy Collection for May 24th and June 7th will be sent to the Diocese of New England for the Founding of a Monastery in our Diocese. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information. God Bless!

Graveside Blessings

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

Happy Birthday

Michael Provolovsky – May 24th

Paul Thomas – May 30th

Jason Entgelmeier – May 31st

All Saints Day – June 7th

Hierarchical Liturgy – His Grace, Bishop Benedict

Parish Picnic – after Liturgy

(Please see Flyer in the bulletin, reservations by June 3rd.)

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 27th. We will be covering chapter 1 in *The Orthodox Way*.*

Name Tag Sunday – June 7th

Get to know your brothers and sisters! Next Name Tag Sunday, June 7th 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 16th 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!

Theresa Liptak – 5/24/93; Alexis Zarins - 5/25/82; Olga Opalak – 5/26/12; Walter Laskevich – 5/29/77;

Vera Koratyshev – 5/30/90; Michael Dzamba, Sr. – 5/30/96; Rose Horobchuk - 5/31/82;

Paul Opalak – 5/31/05

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

Troparion — Tone 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them you have guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

Kontakion — Tone 8

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, / it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel according to John 17:1-13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

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 30th*. Any questions, please contact Cathy Vargas. *Thank you for your donations!*

Feed a Friend – Sunday – June 14th

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, *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!*

Founding a Monastery in our Diocese

To all the faithful in the Diocese of New England:

Joyous Ascension Feast!

It is with great joy that I announce to you the concrete steps we are taking in providing our Diocese of New England with a monastery of its own.

First Step: Asking the Lord's blessing upon our endeavor

During the liturgical services, each parish is asked to add the following petition to the Augmented Litany, and each of the faithful is asked to include the same intention when praying at home:

"Again we pray that we may be made worthy of founding in our Diocese a monastery in honor of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, let us pray to the Lord!"

Second Step: Collecting Donations

The land (over 5 acres near Rutland VT) that is donated to the Diocese has to be surveyed. The cost for the surveyor is **\$4,755**. A retainer fee of **\$1,585** is requested in order for work to commence. By the grace of God and the generosity of two anonymous donors, this retainer fee has already been covered and the surveyor has been contacted. Your donations will go towards the rest of the cost.

Donation checks should be made to "Diocese of New England" with "Monastery" in the memo line and sent to:

Diocese of New England

PO Box 96

Wallingford, CT 06492

The prayers and guidance of the Theotokos, together with your generosity will surely accomplish this much needed work for the glory of God and the spreading of His Gospel. May the Lord bless each of you in return with His heavenly gifts!

With love in Christ,
Fr. Mircea Geana
Chair of the Monastery Committee



Sunday of All Saints

Parish Picnic

June 7, 2026

12:00 Noon

Following a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Menu:

Hors D'oeuvres
Barbecued Chicken, Ribs, Hot Dogs, Side Salads
Vegetarian Option (on request)
Soft Drinks

Watermelon & Cake

Suggested Donation:

Adults (ages 16 +) - \$15

Adults are welcome to bring and share beer or wine

Please contact Cathy Vargas (carv58@aol.com) to make your reservation by Wednesday, June 3rd.

See you there!



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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God Grant Linda Carlin Many Years - Her Chrismation last Sunday!



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-clergyvayleaders.pdf> (Updated April 28, 2026)