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**June 7, 2026**

## **Synaxis of All Saints**



**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
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8:45 a.m. [Hierarchal Liturgy\(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
**Name Tag Sunday**  
**End of Liturgy Collection – Founding of Monastery in DNE**  
**Parish Picnic**

**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. **Divine Liturgy/Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barabas**

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 p.m. **Baptism of Briana Collazo**

5:00 p.m. **Vespers**

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 a.m. [Divine Liturgy\(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

### **Welcome**

**Welcome to His Grace Bishop Benedict!**  
**Welcome to Our Brothers and Sisters from Holy Trinity!**  
**Welcome to all those visiting All Saints! Please join us for Fellowship after Liturgy!**

### **End of Liturgy Collection**

**End of Liturgy Collection for June 7<sup>th</sup> 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!**

## Happy Birthday

Larissa Piller – June 8<sup>th</sup>

## Happy Anniversary

Greg & Mira Belekewicz – June 11<sup>th</sup>

## Adult Education

Please note that Adult Education will be on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be covering chapter 2 in *The Orthodox Way*, by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware.

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

Get to know your brothers and sisters! Today is 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.

## Theology Café

The next gathering of the Theology Café will be June 23, 2026 - all are welcome, bring a friend - 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida. Thank you!

## 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.

## 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,

## Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

Kate Lashuk – 6/8/82; Olga Zaverton – 6/9/79; Eva Stomatuk – 6/10/92; Theophil Begansky – 6/11/95;  
John Baboval – 6/11/96; Maria Hendewich – 6/11/02; Pauline Halay – 6/13/78; Aleksandra Nazaruk - 6/13/11

## Troparion/Kontakion

### Troparion — Tone 4

Adorned in the blood of Your Martyrs throughout all the world, / as if clothed in purple and linen, / through them Your Church cries out to You, O Christ God: / “Bestow Your bounties upon Your people, / grant peace to Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls.”

### Kontakion — Tone 8

As the first fruits of nature offered to the Planter of all creation, O Lord, / the inhabited earth brings the God-bearing Martyrs. / By their supplications, and the intercession of the Theotokos, / preserve Your Church in profound peace, O greatly Merciful One.

## *Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2*

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## *Gospel according to Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30*

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

## *All Saints*

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God’s directive to “be holy, for I am holy” (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him. The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: “Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...”

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death. Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example. The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer. The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living “in the world.” Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

# Outreach Opportunitites

## 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, 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!*



*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

*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>. Thank you for your donations!*

## 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



## ***Celebrating Liturgy with Our Brothers and Sisters from Holy Trinity - Pentecost!***



### ***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-clergyvlvleaders.pdf> (Updated April 28, 2026)***



**Diocese of New England  
Orthodox Church in America**

# **YOUTH RALLY 2026**



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Get ready to grow in  
faith and build strong  
Orthodox friendships at  
this year's Youth Rally!

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August 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Methodius Faith  
and Heritage Center,  
Contoocook, NH

**Registration now open,  
scan for more info!**



[dneouthrally.com](http://dneouthrally.com)

# *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](mailto:carv58@aol.com)) to  
make your reservation by Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.*