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August 2, 2026

Translation of the relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople



Sunday, August 2nd	9:00 a.m. <u>Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</u> Name Tag Sunday Baseball Game Reservation Due
Monday, August 3rd	11:00 a.m. Funeral for Richard Matus
Wednesday, August 5th	6:00 p.m. <u>Vespers with Litya(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</u> /Blessing of Fruit 7:00 p.m. <u>Adult Education (Virtual/In Person– Click for Zoom Link)</u>
Thursday, August 6th Transfiguration	8:30 a.m. <u>Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</u> Blessing of Fruit
Saturday, August 8th	5:00 p.m. Vespers
Sunday, August 9th	9:00 a.m. <u>Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)</u> Feed a Friend

Welcome

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

Happy Birthday

Matushka Denise Jillions – August 2nd
Illia Provolovsky – August 2nd

Memory Eternal

Richard Matus, brother to Irene Waas, *Fell Asleep in the Lord* on Tuesday, July 28th. His funeral will be Monday, August 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints. Wake at Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home in Glastonbury from 9-10:00 a.m., prior to funeral. Burial will be at a later date in Cape Cod, MA.

Name Tag Sunday – TODAY

Get to know your brothers and sisters! Next Name Tag Sunday, August 2nd 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 be on Wednesday, August 5th. We will be discussing pages 48-73 (Orthodox Worship) in *Liturgy and Life*, by Alexander Schmemmann.*

Help Needed – Church Cleaning

All Saints Church does not have the luxury of a full-time, or even part-time, janitor to keep up with the general cleaning that needs to occur each month. To keep our Church clean and safe, we are asking for help on a rotating basis with cleaning tasks such as mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming and dusting and sweeping as needed. We ask that each family or group of two or three individuals, sign up for a month to come into the church and complete these tasks. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the auditorium. Please see Greg Belekewicz (860) 268-6554 with any questions. *Thank you!*

Theology Café

The next gathering of the *Theology Café* will be August 4th - 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 August 11th at 6:30 p.m. in person at All Saints.

Commemorations

Living:

Roger, Sandie, Lisa, Susan, Mark, Carissa, Richard, Mary, Benjamin, Jeannie

Departed:

Vera, Paul, Joseph, Margaret, Mikey, Theresa, Guy, Thomas, Richard

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

Maria Yaremko – 8/2/84; Mary Garach – 8/3/00; Nina Powlisen – 8/5/13

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 4

Your relics have risen from the depths of the earth, / like a treasury for the immortal life of all of creation. / The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them, / duteously honors you, Protomartyr Stephen. / Preserve us from error and heresy by your intercession!

Kontakion — Tone 6

You were the first to be sown on the earth by the Heavenly Husbandman, O all-praised one. / You were the first to shed your blood on the earth for Christ, O blessed one. / You were the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven, / Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Translation of the relics of the Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople

The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople took place about the year 428. After the holy Protomartyr Archdeacon Stephen was stoned by the Jews, they left his holy body unburied to be devoured by the beasts and birds. After a day and a night the renowned Jewish teacher of the Law, Gamaliel sent people to take up the body of the Protomartyr. Gamaliel buried him on his own property, in his own tomb, not far from Jerusalem.

When Lord's secret disciple Nikódēmos died, Gamaliel also buried him near the grave of Saint Stephen. Afterwards Gamaliel himself, who had been baptized with his son Abibas, was buried near the grave of the Protomartyr Stephen and Saint Nikódēmos. In the year 415 the relics of the saint were uncovered in a miraculous manner and solemnly transferred to Jerusalem by Bishop John and the bishops Eutonium of Sebaste and Eleutherius of Jericho. From that time healings took place from the relics.

Afterwards, during the reign of holy Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), the relics of the holy Protomartyr Stephen were transferred from Jerusalem to Constantinople and placed in the church of the holy deacon Laurence (August 10). When a church dedicated to the Protomartyr Stephen was built, the relics were transferred there on August 2. Saint Stephen's right hand is preserved in the Serapionov chamber of the Trinity-Sergius Lavra.

Outreach Opportunities

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!*

Feed a Friend – Sunday – August 9, 2026

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.



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:*

COLLECTION EXTENDED

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 August 30th. Thank you for your donations!

Baby Shower for Ethan and Emily Patterson



Ethan and Emily are expecting a baby girl in September! Their family at All Saints would like to help them welcome their new baby – we will be having a baby shower for them during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, August 16th. Please plan to join in the celebration! If you would like to bring them a gift, please see their baby registry: <https://my.babylist.com/ubevfdnpt>.



Take me Out to the Ball Game!

Hartford Yard Goats vs Somerset Patriots (NY Yankees Affiliate)

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Time: 7:10 p.m. (gates open at 6:00)

Cost: \$15 per ticket

Cash or Checks payable to: “All Saints Orthodox Church”

You need to provide your own transportation to the ball park.



Please let Mary Beth Stenko know no later than Sunday, August 2nd.

Call or Text: 860-593-6035

E-mail: mbstenko@gmail.com

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-clergy-lay-leaders.pdf> (Updated April 28, 2026)