

Dave & Cathy Vargas – September 18th

Adult Education

Please note that *Adult Education* will be on Wednesday, September 16th. We will be discussing pages 41-58 in *The Orthodox Church*, by Timothy Ware.

Name Tag Sunday – October 4th

Get to know your brothers and sisters! Next Name Tag Sunday, October 4th 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.

Baby Shower for Lisa and Michael Field



Lisa and Michael are expecting a baby boy in November! 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, September 20th. *Please plan to join in the celebration!*

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 October 13th - 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 September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in person at All Saints.

Commemorations

Living:

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

Departed:

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

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

Clifton Drumm – 9/13/02; Michael Makowski – 9/16/76

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 4

We offer in supplication / the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord, / which You have granted to us / although we are unworthy. / Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind.

Kontakion — Tone 4

Your precious Cross rises like the sun / and mystically makes all things holy and pure. / Let us prepare to welcome it with faith.

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel according to John 3:13-17

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

In 313 Saint Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, by which Christianity was legalized and persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the Empire were stopped. Although Licinius had signed the Edict of Milan in order to oblige Constantine, he continued his cruel persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the Edict of Milan extend also to the Eastern part of the Empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, triumphing over his enemies in three wars, with God's assistance, had seen the Sign of the Cross in the heavens. Written beneath were the words: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Makarios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Saint Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings, and where the Mother of God was buried after her Dormition.

Although the holy Empress Helen was no longer young, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. In her search for the Life-giving Cross, she questioned both Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, she was directed to a certain elderly Jew named Jude who stated that the Cross was buried beneath the temple of Venus. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Lord's Tomb was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, and a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

In order to discover on which of the three crosses the Savior had been crucified, Patriarch Makarios alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead man, he was restored to life. After witnessing the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-giving Cross had been found.

Outreach Opportunitites

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 – September 13, 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.*

Thank You – Donations to The Village!

The following items were delivered this past Tuesday – thank you to all that donated!

Donations to The Village – August 2026

Personal Hygiene Products

From All Saints Orthodox Church
205 Scarborough Street, Hartford, CT 06105

29 Bars of Soap
8 Razors
12 Cans Shaving Cream
1 Bottle Hair Conditioner
2 Bottles Hair Shampoo
12 Tubes of Toothpaste
4 Boxes of Tampons
2 Packages of Pads
15 Deodorants
2 Bottles of Body Lotion
14 Toothbrushes

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)