



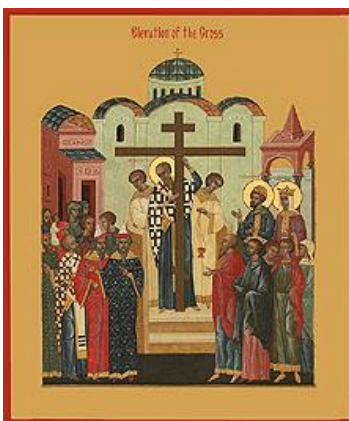
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September 20, 2026

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross



Sunday, September 20th 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy\(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Field Baby Shower – During Fellowship Hour

Wednesday, September 23rd 6:00 p.m. [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

Saturday, September 26th 5:00 p.m. *Vespers*

Sunday, September 27th 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy/Vespers\(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

Welcome

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

Happy Birthday

Ethan Patterson – September 25th

Thank You

Thank you to all those that brought in lunches last Sunday – 88 lunches were delivered to Loaves and Fishes on Monday. Thank you to Gail, Tom and Walter Alesevich for delivering the lunches!

Thank you to Monica Kapral for adorning the Holy Cross with beautiful flowers for the Elevation of the Cross last Monday. God Bless!

Panikhidas

In the manner of honoring the fact that Sunday is day of the Resurrection, I plan to provide Panikhida services on Saturdays prior to Vespers (possibly 3:30 pm). Anyone wishing to bring a meal for their departed loved ones can still do so on a Sunday. Please understand that it is not my intention of entirely eliminating a Panikhida on Sunday. For example, if on a particular Sunday falls nearest to the 40-day marker of your loved one's repose or if one desires the service on a Sunday you may still do so. *If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Fr. Constantine.*

Adult Education

Please note that *Adult Education* will be on Wednesday, September 23rd. We will be discussing pages 59 - 69 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 October 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!

Emilian Sowpel – 9/20/82; William Lichatz – 9/20/08; Sophie Colmasky – 9/21/79; Constantine Stepanenko – 9/21/82; Olga Malick – 9/21/14; John Hasychak - 9/24/02; Raymond Reduker – 9/25/12

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance. / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries. / And by virtue of Your Cross, / preserve Your habitation.

Kontakion — Tone 4

As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, / by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel according to Mark 8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

Greatmartyr Eustáthios Placidas, with his wife and children, of Rome

Before his Baptism, the Holy Great Martyr Eustáthios was named Plakidas. He was a Roman General in the reigns of Emperors Titus (79-81) and Trajan (98-117). Even before he came to know Christ, Plakidas devoted himself to charitable endeavors, helping the poor and destitute. Therefore, the Lord did not allow this virtuous pagan to continue in the darkness of idolatry. One day, while hunting in a forest, he saw a remarkable stag which stopped now and then to stare at him. Plakidas pursued it on horseback, but could not catch up. The stag jumped over a chasm and stood on the other side facing him. Suddenly, Plakidas saw a radiant Cross between its antlers. The General was astonished to hear a voice coming from the Cross saying, “Why do you pursue me, Plakidas?”

“Who are You, Master?” asked Plakidas. The voice replied, “I am Jesus Christ, Whom you do not know, but by your good deeds, you honor me. I have appeared here on this creature for your sake, to draw you into the net of my love for mankind. It is not fitting that one as righteous as you should worship idols and remain ignorant of the truth. It was to save mankind that I came into the world.”

Plakidas cried out, “Lord, I believe that You are the God of Heaven and earth, the Creator of all things. Master, teach me what I should do.” Again, the Lord replied, “Go to the bishop of your country and receive Baptism from him, and he will instruct you.” Plakidas returned home and joyfully recounted everything to his wife Tatiana. She in turn told him of a strange dream she had the evening before, in which she had been told, “Tomorrow you, your husband and your sons shall come to me and know that I am the true God.” The couple then proceeded to do as they had been told.

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 – October 11, 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.*

ICON Museum Trip - Clinton, MA September 12th.



Elevation of Holy Cross



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)