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November 1, 2026

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia



Sunday, November 1st	**9:00 a.m.**	***Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)***
		Educational Liturgy
Wednesday, November 4th	**6:00 p.m.**	***Daily Vespers/Adult Education (Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link)***
Saturday, November 7th	**5:00 p.m.**	***Vespers***
Sunday, November 8th	**9:00 a.m.**	***Divine Liturgy/Vespers(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)***
		Feed a Friend

Welcome

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

Happy Birthday

Thomas Rahul **- November 2nd**
Emily Entgelmeier **– November 2nd**
Anita Karsky **– November 3rd**

Adult Education

Please note that ***Adult Education's next meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th. We will be discussing Chapter 6 of The Orthodox Church*** **by Timothy Ware.**

Theology Café

The next gathering of the ***Theology Café will be November 10th*** **- all are welcome, bring a friend - 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT.** ***Please RSVP*** **to Amy Hayashida.** ***Thank you!***

Parish Council

God Grant Many Years to ASOC Parish Council!

Amy Hayashida* – President*; Walter Alesevich* – Recording Secretary; *Tom Denisky* – Treasurer; *Mark Ranstead* – Financial Secretary; Trustees: *Svetlana Ikonnikova, Liz Jeltema, Monica Kapral, Subdeacon Nick Medynski, Ethan Patterson

GIFT CARDS FOR MARRIED SEMINARIAN STUDENTS FOR ST. NICHOLAS DAY

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!! **For more than a quarter of a century, the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA/FROC) have collected donations of about $150,000 for more than 1,000 families of married students at the three OCA seminaries (St. Tikhon's, St. Vladimir's, and St. Herman's of Alaska) for distribution in time for St. Nicholas Day (early December). To aid in this effort, we will be gathering gift cards by late October/early November for the St Nicholas Gift program. *Gift cards from Walmart, Amazon, Target or Kohls* are the donation of choice, due to the locations near the seminaries. Walter Alesevich will be coordinating the collection. Please make your gift card donations by NOVEMBER 15, so we can get them sent for timely delivery. PLEASE BE GENEROUS AND BE MINDFUL OF THE DEADLINE. *If you have questions, please see Walter Alesevich.***

Name Tag Sunday

***Get to know your brothers and sisters*! *Next Name Tag Sunday, December 6th* 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 *November 12th at 6:30 p.m.* in person at All Saints.

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

***Peter Mattus* – 11/1/98; *Irene Gianopoulos* – 11/3/08; *Stephen Powlishen* – 11/3/11*; Celia Woll* – 11/4/90; *Jennie Kobos* – 11/5/93*; Peter Kotrady* – 11/6/98; *Vera Bouteneff* – 11/7/19**

Commemorations

Living: **Mary, Susan, Michael, Pavle, Layla, Katia, Manya, Lewellen, Doreen, Richard, Roger, David, Danuta, Mark, Elizabeth, Agnes, Elizabeth**

Departed: **Henry, AnnMarie, Anna, Vladimir, Elaine, Margaret, Olga, Jeff, Richard, Andrew, Andrew, Maura, Helena, Alina, Peter, Zenaida, Olga, Melania, Sandie**

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 8

Holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, / heal our infirmities. / Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Kontakion — Tone 2

Having received the grace of healing, / you grant healing to those in need. / Glorious wonder workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian, / visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies, / and bring healing to the world through your miracles.

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 Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother Saint Theodota were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, Saint Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men. Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people's illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Freely have you received, freely give." (Mt. 10:8).

Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, "Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse.

Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus' friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith.

Outreach Opportunites

Coats for CT

We will be *collecting new and slightly used coats* for donation to *Coats for CT* through Best Cleaners. If you have a new or slightly used coat(s) that you would like to donate, please bring them to the box located in the Church Hall, *Donations Corner*. *All coats will be cleaned by Best Cleaners before they are distributed*. If you have any questions, *please contact Mary Beth Stenko*, who is coordinating this effort. *Thank you!*

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 – November 8, 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.

NEW INFORMATION

All Saints – Monthly Financial Summary – Through September

September Revenue	**$7,565**	***YTD Revenue***	**$111,228**
September Expense	**$11,588**	***YTD Expenses***	**$126,802**

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-clergylayleaders.pdf (Updated April 28, 2026)**