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November 15, 2026

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habibus, of Edessa



Sunday, November 15th	**8:45 a.m.**	***Chrismation of Tom & Sandra Price and Leo Guerrero***
	9:00 a.m.	***Divine Liturgy(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)***
		Advent Begins – Wreath Lighting – Week 1
Wednesday, November 18th	**6:00 p.m.**	***Daily Vespers/Adult Education (Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link)***
Friday, November 20th	**6:00 p.m.**	***Vespers with Litya***
Saturday, November 21st	**8:30 a.m.**	***Divine Liturgy/Entry of Theotokos in Temple***
	10:30 a.m.	***Advent Retreat***
Sunday, November 22nd	**9:00 a.m.**	***Divine Liturgy/Vespers(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)***
		Advent Begins – Wreath Lighting – Week 2

Welcome

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

Thank You

Thank you to **all those that brought in** ***lunches last Sunday*** **–** ***78 lunches were delivered to Loaves and Fishes*** **on Monday.** ***Thank you*** **to Walter Alesevich and Gail & Tom Denisky for delivering the lunches*****!***

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.**

Please Mark Your Calendar

***November 21st, Saturday* – *Advent Retreat* – Fr. John Jillions will speak on the subject of his forthcoming book, "Tradition and Change." *Please see attached flyer for details*.**

December 5th, Saturday* – *Interior Church Cleanup* – help is needed to clean the inside of the church, no experience is necessary. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and work until we are finished. *Questions, please see Michael Stenko.

Adult Education

Please note that *Adult Education's next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18th. We will be discussing Chapter 8 of The Orthodox Church* by Timothy Ware.

Theology Café

The next gathering of the *Theology Café will be December 1st* - all are welcome, bring a friend - 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. *Please RSVP* to Amy Hayashida. *Thank you!*

GIFT CARDS FOR MARRIED SEMINARIAN STUDENTS FOR ST. NICHOLAS DAY

TODAY is LAST DAY FOR COLLECTION!! **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 15th, 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. Thank you!***

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Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

***Josephine Laughlin* – 11/16/93**

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 5

Christ our God, You have granted us the miracles of Your holy martyrs / Gurias, Samonas and Abibas, / as a stronghold and protection. / Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in every good deed, / for You alone are merciful and the Lover of mankind!

Kontakion — Tone 2

You received grace from on high, all-praised martyrs, / and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations! / Therefore, holy ones, you freed a young woman from bitter death. / You are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world!

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Parable of the Good Samaritan

The parable of the Good Samaritan is told by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. It is about a traveler (implicitly understood to be Jewish) who is stripped of clothing, beaten, and left half dead alongside the road. A Jewish priest and then a Levite come by, both avoiding the man. A Samaritan happens upon him and—though Samaritans and Jews were generally antagonistic toward each other—helps him. Jesus tells the parable in response to a provocative question from a lawyer in the context of the Great Commandment: "And who is my neighbor?" The conclusion is that the neighbor figure in the parable is the one who shows mercy to their fellow man or woman.

Some Christians, such as Augustine, have interpreted the parable allegorically, with the Samaritan representing Jesus Christ, who saves the sinful soul. Others discount this allegory as unrelated to the parable's original meaning and see the parable as exemplifying the ethics of Jesus.

The parable has inspired painting, sculpture, satire, poetry, photography, film, and many others. The phrase "Good Samaritan", meaning someone who helps a stranger, derives from this parable, and many hospitals and charitable organizations are named after the Good Samaritan.

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 – December 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.

Did you know….

Holy Water Vessel

***Holy Water Vessel* has been moved to the Narthax (Vestibule) – by the candle desk - making it easier for you to take a drink of Holy Water or to take it home.**

Christ with Children Icon

***The Christ with Children icon*, that is on small table in the center of the Church, was commissioned years ago so that the children in our parish would have an icon, placed at their own height, to venerate.**



First Sunday of Advent – Wreath Reading

***Light Green Candle – which expresses faith*.**

The first candle reminds us of faith; the faith we have in God that He will keep His promise to send His Son.

One Advent candle now we light
To show the coming gift of light
Now hasten to our darkened sight
The light that's given from above.

Dear God, as the world that sat in darkness looked forward to Your coming, so we on this first Sunday of Advent light the candle of our anticipation. We eagerly desire Your coming to our souls to dispel the darkness of sin and prideful living, to ignite in us the flame of love and service to our fellow humans. Amen.

FINANCIAL 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)**

Advent Retreat

"*Tradition and Change: Discerning God's Will for Us*"

All Saints Orthodox Church

205 Scarborough St, Hartford CT

Saturday November 21, 2026 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Father John Jillions



The Very Rev Dr John Jillions is past Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America and current president of the Orthodox Theological Society in America. He is one of the founders of The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge, England, and continues to serve as a Visiting Professor and chairman of the Board of Directors. He has degrees from McGill University (BA), St Vladimir's Seminary (MDiv, DMin), and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (PhD, New Testament). He was Associate Professor of Theology at the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies (Saint Paul University, Ottawa) and has taught in the Cambridge Theological Federation, St Vladimir's Seminary, and Fordham University. He is the author of *Divine Guidance: Lessons for Today from the World of Early Christianity* (Oxford) and a children's book, *The Christmas Story: Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem* (Xist). A new book, *Tradition and Change,* is forthcoming from Holy Cross Orthodox Press. As a priest for over forty years, he has served parishes in Australia, Greece, England, Canada and the US, and now lives in Hartford, CT with his wife Denise. In retirement from full-time parish ministry, he is attached to All Saints Church in Hartford and serves St Nicholas Church in Norwich, CT.

Retreat Description

At its best, tradition is good, restful, and life-giving. But Jesus Himself—following the Old Testament prophets—could be a severe critic when "the traditions of men" stood in the way of the Kingdom of God and doing His will "on earth as it is in heaven." This retreat—based on Fr John's forthcoming new book, *Tradition and Change*—will look at the tools for our spiritual life to be found in the Orthodox Tradition and then consider how we work the messy process of discerning God's will for our healing, growth, change, repentance, and transformation.

Our Advent Retreat begins at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3 p.m. Lunch is included. A Twenty ($20) dollar donation is suggested. To register please go to:

https://allsaintshartford.org/church-events/