

*Volunteers Welcome*

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."

- Maya Angelou

Summer is here! Are you in search of a meaningful use for some excess free time? Consider joining our team of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are always welcome to fill a wide variety of roles at our pantries and meal sites. The best way to get started is to attend a volunteer orientation & information session. Sessions are held the second Tuesday of the month at Grace Episcopal Church, 336 Main St. Old Saybrook. Start times are 5:30 p.m. for youth ages 8 to 16 and mandated community service volunteers; 6:30 p.m. for all others.

Upcoming Sessions: Tuesday, June 13th, Tuesday, July 11th and Tuesday August 8th

*Summer Food Needs*

Summer vacation is a time to relax - but once school ends, many kids may face hunger at home. With typically fewer food drives during the summer, we need your help.

Summer vacationers - donate your non-perishable food at the end of your stay.

Summer groups - beach clubs, athletes and youth groups - please hold a Food Drive for SSKP.

Summer Gardeners - donate produce from your garden.

Summer camps - contact us when camp is coming to a close to donate food.

Call (860) 388-1988 or visit [www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org](http://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org) for more information. All donations, no matter what the size, are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

*Social Services Help Day & CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry*

Please spread the word about this bi-monthly event. Both the Old Saybrook and the Clinton Help Day services are available to all people who live in our shoreline towns. The CT Food Bank Mobile Pantry distributes free groceries. Each month both events provide different offerings for community members in need.

*Upcoming Dates*

Old Saybrook: Thursday, June 22nd

Grace Episcopal Church  
336 Main St. Old Saybrook  
Call (860) 395-3188

Clinton: Monday, July 3rd

Town Hall Annex  
54 E. Main St., Clinton  
Call (860) 669-7347

## St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Christian Church

108 East Main Street

PO Box 134

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### Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38,  
19:27-30

### Commemorations

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1st c.). All Saints. Ven. Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga (1445). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novotórgsk (1572). Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Mt. Athos, and the revelation of the hymn, "It is truly meet..."

### Information

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### Welcome to our Guests

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy and services. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Please sign our guest card and join us for refreshments and fellowship after the services.

Feel free to ask questions before or after the services. Any member of our Council or Congregation are glad to assist you. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the narthex (back of the Church).

Our Parish Council Representatives are:

President - Susan Hayes  
Vice President - Deborah Bray  
Secretary - SubDeacon Joseph Brubaker  
Treasurer - Susan Egan  
Member at Large - James Pepitone  
Member at Large - Demetra Tolis



## Please continue to pray for...

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Deborah, Robert, Olga, Daria, Daria, Dori, John, Evelyn, June, Nina, Joan, John, Alex, Alan, Luke, Kathryn, Veronica, Darlyne, Irene, Nancy, Dionysian, Elena, Jevon, Ivan and Joscean. And for...John, Jennifer, Nicholas, Isabel, Elizabeth, John, Jordan, Michael, Lee, Eva, Neil, Gina, Joey, Michael, Madelyn, Sofie, Katrina, Olena, and Valeriy.

The souls, families and loved ones of those who died in the mass shooting in Orlando (1 year ago this Monday)

To those martyrs of the Boxer Rebellion in China.

## This week we celebrate:

Nancy Davis on the occasion of her birthday.

## *This week's services and events*

Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
8:30a - Daily Matins

Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
4:30p - Open Doors  
6:30p - Daily Vespers  
Feast of St Elias - Blessing of Cars etc.  
*If you would like your auto blessed, stop by anytime throughout the afternoon.*

Thursday, June 15, 2017  
8:30a - Daily Matins  
7:00p - Adult Study - *The Sacraments*

Saturday, June 17, 2017 - Leave Taking of Pentecost  
9:30a - Liturgy at St Nicholas Church  
5:30p - Great Vespers

Sunday, June 18, 2017  
9:30a - Divine Liturgy  
Evangelism & Outreach Ministry

## *Announcements*

It is a tradition in some parishes to bless all modes of transportation on the Feast of St Elias. This year, as the Saint's Feast Day is on a Wednesday, I will be blessing vehicles, should you wish to bring them by the church (beginning at 4:30p).

## A Homily on the Faith and Zeal of the Prophet Elijah By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

*"As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years but according to my word"* (I Kings 17:1).

These words are terrible sounding to every mortal year, for a man spoke them, a man subject to like passions as we are (James 5:17). You ask yourselves, brethren, how can a mortal man shut up the heavens and stop the rain? But ask yourselves: how can a mortal man open the heavens and bring down rain upon the parched ground?

We know that even now God opens the heavens and gives rain at the prayers of men: "And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive" (Matthew 21:22), says our Savior. As Moses, by living faith and prayer, worked awesome miracles in Egypt and in the wilderness, as Joshua the son of Nun held back the course of the sun, so also God's prophet Elias shut and opened the heavens, brought down fire from the heaven, and worked other mighty and awesome miracles all through faith and prayer.

God gave Elias the power to work such miracles, for Elias was zealous for the glory of God and not for his own glory: "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts" (I Kings 19:14). This man of God sought nothing for himself but sought everything for God. God was everything to him: all glory, all strength, all good. Therefore, God crowned him with immortal glory, awesome might, and treasure which does not decay in which moths do not corrupt.

God did not permit Elias to die but took him to heaven as he did Enoch. St. Elias had a soul as pure as the morning dew, a body as chaste as a child's and a heart and mind as blameless as that of an angel of God. Therefore, he was and remains a vessel of God's power. He worked wonders then and works them today.

O Living Lord, the God of Your Prophet Elias, who has adopted us through baptism by Your holy grace: enkindle also in us the faith and zeal of Your holy prophet. To You be glory and praise forever. Amen