

EGG-STRA VAGANZA

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
205 Scarborough Street
Hartford, CT 06105

April 5, 2019, Friday
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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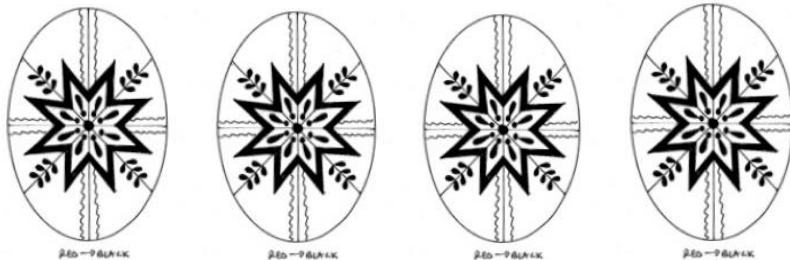
April 6, 2019, Saturday
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Featuring:

- 3 Pysanky Classes (Egg Decorating)
 - Food Sale
 - Baked Goods
 - “Egg Items” for Sale
- Lenten Dinner & Lunch Served

If you would like to register for one of our Pysanky classes or would like more information, please call (860) 721-0280. Please also visit our website – www.allsaintshartford.org or visit us on Facebook.

Please plan to attend!



St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre Orthodox Church

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Services Schedule

Please see our [online calendar](#) for dates and times of Feast Day services.

Bulletin for Sunday, March 31, 2019

Welcome



Jesus Christ taught us to love and serve all people, regardless of their ethnicity or nationality. To understand that, we need to look no further than to the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-

37). Every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, it is offered "on behalf of all, and for all." As Orthodox Christians we stand against racism and bigotry. All human beings share one common identity as children of God.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatian 3:28)

Weekly Services

Tuesdays at 8:30a - Daily Matins
Wednesdays at 6:00p - Daily Vespers (The Church is open at 4:30p for "Open Doors" - confession, meditation and reflection).
Thursday at 8:30a - Daily Matins
Saturday at 5:30p - Great Vespers
Sunday at 9:30a - Divine Liturgy

Members of our Parish Council are:

Greg Jankura - Council President
Natalie Kucharski - Council Treasurer
Kyle Hollis - Member at Large
Glenn Penkoff/Lidbeck - Council Secretary
Michael Kuziak - Council Vice President
Roderick Seurattan - Member at Large

Pastoral Care - General Information

- *Emergency Sick Calls* can be made at any time. Please call Fr Steven at (860) 866-5802, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.
- *Anointing in Sickness*: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick and suffering, however severe.
- *Marriages and Baptisms* require early planning, scheduling and selections of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!
- *Funerals* are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details. The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.

Announcements

Lenten Vespers will be held at 4:00 pm on March 31st at Holy Ghost Orthodox Church in Bridgeport. During that service a collection will be taken to support the work of the Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of CT (FORCC). Many people may not know what FORCC does as a pan orthodox organization, so, a brochure will be distributed and a short talk will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to attend Vespers and help to support FORCC. For more information about FORCC go to www.forcc.org or email unity@forcc.org.

We would like to hold a parish clean up before Pascha. If we could do this on Saturday, April 20th, after Liturgy. This is Lazarus Saturday and it would be a wonderful time for the parish to come together and prepare for The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem and for Holy Week.

We are adjusting the service schedule for Pascha this year. Paschal Nocturns will begin at 10:30p and NOT at 11:30p as has been the custom in the past.

Saints and Feasts



March 31

Sunday of the Holy Cross

With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full

difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.

Orthodox Lenten Youth Retreat
“HUNGER STRIKE”



Caption: The children of St. Peter Orthodox Church in Loupwaia, Kenya sharing their daily meal of Ugali (watered-down cornmeal porridge) in the community “cafeteria”

Sat, March 30, 2019

1pm - 6pm

Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
1070 Roxbury Rd, Southbury, CT

Hunger and, even, the experience of violence is a part of daily life in Northern Kenya, but the children and youth of this area, also know the happiness of singing, dancing, and true spiritual joy as a part of daily life.

Come and experience a “taste” of their life during Great Lent, including stories from Fr. Vladimir (AKA “Papa Emoru”), a simple lunch of Ugali, activities, fellowship, and prayer, ending with a Memorial Service for all those children who have died of hunger.

Please RSVP via e-mail to Fr. Vladimir Aleandro: fvaleandro@yahoo.com



DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND RALLY AFTER RALLY



PARENT / YOUTH RETREAT

"Running from God"

An Exploration of the Book of Jonah

Leader – Fr. J. Sergius Halvorsen

FRI, APRIL 19TH, 2019

6:30PM – 9:30PM

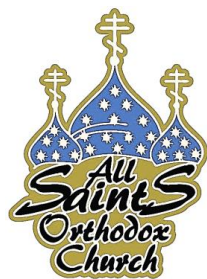
6:30pm – Vespers

7:15pm – Dinner

7:45pm – "Running from God" – The Book of Jonah

9:15pm – Compline & Dismissal

RSVP by Mon, 4/15: FrJames@AllSaintsHartford.org



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April 01

Mary of Egypt

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she

went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries

that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others, in 522. She is commemorated also on the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem.

Parish Calendar

Service and Events

March 31 to April 8, 2019

Sunday, March 31

Repose of St Innocent
Sunday of the Holy Cross
Akathist to St Innocent
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
4:00PM Deanery Vespers

Monday, April 1

Jack Jankura
Akathist to St Mary of Egypt
Mary of Egypt

Tuesday, April 2

Titus the Wonderworker
8:30AM Daily Matins
9:00AM Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3

Nicetas, Abbot of the Monastery of
Medicum
4:30PM Open Doors
4:30PM Soup Kitchen
6:00PM Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 4

George the Righteous of Maleon
8:30AM Daily Matins
7:00PM Bible Study

Friday, April 5

Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor,
Victorinus, and those with them

Saturday, April 6

Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople
5:30PM Great Vespers

Sunday, April 7

Sunday of St. John Climacus
Akathist to St Nilus of Sora
St. Tikhon, Patiriarch of Moscow, Apostle to
America
Liturgical and Education Ministry meeting
9:30AM Divine Liturgy
4:00PM Deanery Vespers

Monday, April 8

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Herodion,
Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, and
Hermes

**Prayers, Intercessions and
Commemorations**



William, Sophia, Robert,
Ann, Evelyn, Nina, John,
Alex, Vincent, Luke,
Kathryn, Anastasia,
Malcolm, Veronica,
Darlyne, Irene, Nancy,
Elena, Jevon, Stella
Anna, Ivan and Joscean.

And for... Sofie, Katrina,
Olena, Valeriy, Olga, Tatiana, Dimitri,
Alexander and Maxim.

All of our College Students: Alex, Kaitlyn, Jack,
Sam, Connor, Nadia, Isaac and Matthew.

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This week we celebrate:

Many Years to Jack Jankura on the occasion of
his birthday.

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Pray for: All those confined to hospitals,
nursing homes, and their own homes due to
illness; for all those who serve in the armed
forces; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of
violence, and refugees;

All those suffering chronic illness, financial
hardship, loneliness, addictions, abuse,
abandonment and despair; those who are
homeless, those who are institutionalize, those
who have no one to pray for them;

All Orthodox seminarians & families; all
Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those
considering monastic life; all Orthodox



St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre
Orthodox Christian Church

Scheduled of Events for 2019

Celebration of St Alexis' 25th Anniversary of His Canonization (May 6th & 7th) – Great Vespers with Litya 6pm Monday evening followed by refreshments; Divine Liturgy 9am on Tuesday, followed by brunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

25th Anniversary Dinner (May 18th) – This dinner is for the parish; past and present parishioners and their families. Invitations will be sent to supports of the parish as well. There will be no cost to attend, but we are asking current parishioners to help out. Sign-up sheets will be posted. Please talk with Marlene Melesko, Luba Martins or Susan Egan for specifics as how to help. We will also need to know if you will be attending and how many as this is not open to the public in general.

Guest Speaker, Nicole Roccas, author of "Time and Despondency" (Jun 1st)
– Dr Roccas has agreed to visit and talk with us about her book and other related events. This event will be open to the public. I would like to have a few volunteers to help with the coordinating this event.

Blessing of First Responders (July 20th TENTATIVE)

Wedding of Anastasia Elliott and Malcolm Littlefield (Jun 30th) – Parishioners and by invitation only.

Parish Visit to Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport (July 13th) – Parishioners and by invitation only

Rummage Sale (Sept 21st) – We will need a whole parcel of volunteers for this. More details will be forth coming.

Lyra Concert (Oct 19th at 4pm)
– We have reserved the Clinton Town Auditorium for this event, which will be open to the public. We will need a few volunteers to help coordinate with this event.

Diocesan Assembly (Oct 25-26)
– Planning for this event is well underway. We will still need a few volunteers for this very important event.

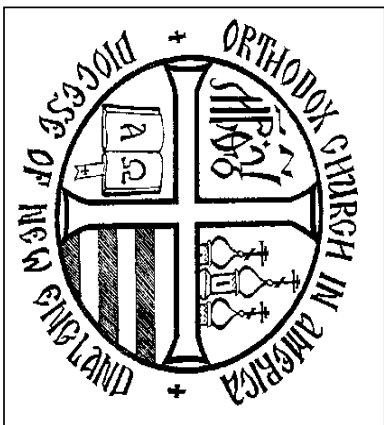
Thanksgiving Service (Nov 24th TENTATIVE)

ONE STEWARDS

“Giving Above and Beyond”

Youth Activities
Help sponsor a child to the Youth Rally with your ONE Stewards donations.

Help cover the increase in costs for the 2019 Youth Rally



Missions
Help our mission parishes with your ONE Stewards donations.

Seminaries & Scholarships
Support our seminaries and seminarians with your ONE Stewards donations.

Charities
ONE Stewards donations enable the diocese to help where needed.

missionaries and their families.

All those who have perished due to hatred and intolerance and all those departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection.

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Today we commemorate:

Repose of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas (1879). Veneration of the Cross. St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra (ca. 336). Repose of St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1461). Ven. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Apollonius, Ascetic, of Egypt (4th c.). Hieromartyr Abdas, Bishop of Persia, and Martyr Benjamin the Deacon (418-424). Ven. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon (ca. 446). Appearance of the “IVERON” (IBERIAN) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Hymns of the Day

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 4 Troparion(Forefeast)

Today is the prelude of joy for the universe. Let us anticipate the feast and celebrate with exultation:
“Gabriel is on his way to announce the glad tidings to the Virgin;
he is ready to cry out in fear and wonder://
‘Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!’”

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 8 Kontakion (Forefeast)

You are the beginning of salvation for all of us on earth, Virgin Mother of God.
For the great Archangel Gabriel, God’s minister, was sent from heaven to stand before you to bring you joy:
Therefore, we all cry to you: “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!”

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. 6th Tone. Psalm 27.9,1.

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my

God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6.

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading

**Sunday of the Holy Cross
The Reading is from Mark 8:34-38; 9:1**

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take

up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Wisdom of the Fathers

Nothing comes without effort. The help of God is always ready and always near, but is given only to those who seek and work, and only to those seekers who, after putting all their powers to the test, then cry out with their whole heart: "Lord, help us."

St. Theophan the Recluse

19th Century

Reflection



Prayers by the
Lake by Bishop
Nikolai
Velimirovich

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With fasting I gladden my hope in You, my Lord, Who are to come again.

Fasting hastens my preparation for Your coming, the sole expectation of my days and nights.

Fasting makes my body thinner, so that what remains can more easily shine with the spirit. While waiting for You, I wish neither to nourish myself with blood nor to take life--so that the animals may sense the joy of my expectation.

But truly, abstaining from food will not save me. Even if I were to eat only the sand from the lake, You would not come to me, unless the fasting penetrated deeper into my soul. I have come to know through my prayer, that bodily fasting is more a symbol of true fasting, very beneficial for someone who has only just begun to hope in You, and nevertheless very difficult for someone who merely practices it. Therefore I have brought fasting into my soul to purge her of many impudent fiancé's and to prepare her for You like a virgin.

And I have brought fasting into my mind, to expel from it all daydreams about worldly matters and to demolish all the air castles, fabricated from those daydreams.

I have brought fasting into my mind, so that it might jettison the world and prepare

to receive Your Wisdom. And I have brought fasting into my heart, so that by means of it my heart might quell all passions and worldly selfishness. I have brought fasting into my heart, so that heavenly peace might ineffably reign over my heart, when Your stormy Spirit encounters it. I prescribe fasting for my tongue, to break itself of the habit of idle chatter and to speak reservedly only those words that clear the way for You to come.

And I have imposed fasting on my worries so that it may blow them all away before itself like the wind that blows away the mist, lest they stand like dense fog between me and You, and lest they turn my gaze back to the world.

And fasting has brought into my soul tranquility in the face of uncreated and created realms, and humility towards men and creatures. And it has instilled in me courage, the likes of which I never knew when I was armed with every sort of worldly weapon. What was my hope before I began to fast except merely another story told by others, which passed from mouth to mouth?

The story told by others about salvation through prayer and fasting became my own. False fasting accompanies false hope, just as no fasting accompanies hopelessness. But just as a wheel follows behind a wheel, so true fasting follows true hope.

Help me to fast joyfully and to hope joyously, for You, my Most Joyful Feast, are drawing near to me with Your radiant smile.