

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Mar. 9, 2025 9:00am **Sunday of Orthodoxy, 40 Holy Martyrs of Sebaste**
Daylight Savings Time begins!

TODAY'S READINGS:

Heb. 11:24-26,32-12:2 John 1:43-51
Heb. 12:1-10 (40 Martyrs) Matt. 20:1-16

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today: Coffee Hour, Clean
4:00pm Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, Sts. Peter and Paul, Meriden

Tue. Mar. 11 5:30pm Daily Vespers
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wed. Mar. 12 5:00pm Confessions (Fr. Sergius will be here for Confessions and Lit)
6:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and lenten supper (Fr. Steven is in Sprnflld)

Thu. Mar. 13 6:30pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, Sts. Peter and Paul, Meriden*

Sat. Mar. 15 4:15pm Memorial Saturday service (we will be praying for parish departed)
5:00pm Great Vespers, Confessions

Sun. Mar. 16 9:00am **Second Sunday of Great Lent: St. Gregory Palamas**
Heb. 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12
Heb. 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16 (St. Gregory)

4:00pm Mission Vespers, St. Alexis, Clinton

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations: Birthday: **Victoria** Bucur, Mar. 11th **Jason**, Johanna's son, and **Trent**, from Judy's family, (13th). Many years!

Pray for: **Nancy** Muro who is at Artis Senior Living, Branford; **Tatiana** Oji is at Orange Care Center, **Maria** Scheirer at Elim Long-term care, Cheshire. **Carole** Rossick and **George** Jafferis, continue in cancer treatment.

Orthodox Charity of the Month: In March we will be supporting **Stewards of the Diocese of New England**. This is a diocesan program to support initiatives above and beyond budgeted items, such as seminarian scholarships, youth rally, and others. Please be generous. To donate by check, simply put "Charity of the Month" in the memo line.

Men's Reading Group: Continues weekly on Thursday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying The OT Book of Ecclesiastes. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.

Confessions

As has been the practice over many years, when you come to confession during Great Lent, please remember to sign the confession book that will be available. Please don't wait until the end of lent to make time for your confession. We will not be celebrating general confession until after Pascha.

Lenten Mission Vespers are celebrated at various parishes in our deanery and across the Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of CT (FORCC) on Sunday afternoons during Great Lent. This is a great opportunity to visit other local parishes, and to pray with our brothers and sisters during the Great Lenten journey. These services will be posted on our website, and here each Sunday.

* **Anniversary Commemoration:** Friday March 14 is the commemoration of St. Benedict, and the **15th Anniversary of the Ordination of His Grace, our Bishop Benedict to the Holy Priesthood**. We hope to celebrate with His Grace by praying the **Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 6:30 pm on Thursday evening March 13th at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Meriden CT**. The Diocesan Choir will be singing the responses, but others are invited to join in if they wish.

St. Gregory Palamas: Is remembered on the Second Sunday of Great Lent, after a Synod was held in 1341, in Constantinople, exonerating him. From the proceedings of this Synod, Barlaam the Calabrian came to a community of monks on Mount Athos, sharing his own thoughts about the ability to perceive the essence of God rationally. Later he turned and accused the same monks of these false teachings, identifying St. Gregory Palamas directly. St. Gregory defended the right theological understanding that we cannot know God's essence, but we can participate in His Divine energy, revealed through the Grace of the Holy Spirit. His defense was a written work entitled: *Triads in defense of the Holy Hesychasts*. His arguments were then presented at the synod in 1341, and in a Hagioritic Tome, the abbots from monasteries on Mount Athos signed their agreement with St. Gregory's arguments, and his practice of stillness in prayer that had already been known for centuries. As the Sunday of Orthodoxy celebrates the icons in the midst of the church, this second Sunday affirms the life of stillness in knowing God through prayer.

Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- Литургия: первая Святаго поста: Воскресенье Православия, 40 святых мучеников

[Послание к Евреям 11:24-26, 32-12:2 и от Иоанна 1:43-51]

[Послание к Евреям 12:1-10 и от Матфея 20:1-16]

16:00 Православие Воспоминается Вечерня; Southbury

Сред 17:00 Исповедь; 6:00чд Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров

Субб. 17:00 Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск. 9:00 Литургия: Неделя - Вторая Святаго Поста: Святой Григорий Палама

[Послание к Евреям 1:10-2:3 и от Марка 2:1-12]

[Послание к Евреям 7:26-8:2 и от Иоанна 10:9-16]

16:00 Постная вечерня; Клинтон