Summer 2025 Church Program

June–September | Central CT & Nearby Adventures
Join us for a joyful summer of community, faith, and fellowship! Events are open to all ages unless otherwise noted. Most activities are low-cost or free.

June

Saturday, June 28 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Holy Family) Mochi Doughnuts and Coffee Kick-off huddle for Summer plans with a schedule printout

July

Week	Kid/Teen Activities	Adults	Both Kids and Adults	Church Visit
Week of July 1-5		Ever wondered why we kiss icons, what saints might say about social media, or how fasting actually works in real life? Join us for a conversation with an Orthodox priest—no sermons, just real talk. We'll touch on fun and thoughtful topics like: • Why we kiss icons (and what they really mean) Special Guest Priest via Zoom)	Visit Cinestudio, Trinity College Movie Theater	Visit St. George Church in New Britain
Week of July 6-12	**Holy Family Children's- Music & Art Camp for Children** **Register Here** **July 7-11, 2025** Music Camp - Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Art Camp - Monday through Thursday 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.		Visit Ocean Beach Park New London https://ctvisit.com/listings/ocean-beach-park 98 Neptune Avenue New London, CT 06320 United States I suggest Hammonasset State Park in Madison due to better safety, location and nicer spot.	Holy Family Church Service
Week of July 13-19		Ever wondered why we kiss icons, what saints might say about social media, or how fasting actually works in real life? Join us for a conversation with an Orthodox priest—no sermons, just real talk. We'll touch on fun and thoughtful topics like: • How traditions like slava and blessings connect us across generations (Special Guest Priest via Zoom)	• **Hartford Athletic Soccer Game** Tampa Bay Rowdies at Hartford Athletic Wed Jul 16 at 7:30pm · Trinity Health Stadium, Hartford, CT • **Southington Drive-In Movie Night** 995 Meriden-Waterbury Tpke | Gates: 6 PM | Movie: ~8:15 PM $20 per carload |	• OCA parish in New Britain Or • the St. Alexis OCA parish is located in Clinton, CT, on the shoreline.

			Bring lawn chairs, snacks, or support the snack shack. Optional: arrive early for a pre-movie prayer and tailgate. 2025 Program	
Week of July 20-26			**Gillette Castle + Ferry Trip** Meet at Chester Ferry dock at 10 AM. $3 car ferry each way. Explore the castle, bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy the views	Visit All Saints Orthodox Church in Hartford (West End) Or HTSA Coptic Church in Cheshire
Week of July 27-August 3		Ever wondered why we kiss icons, what saints might say about social media, or how fasting actually works in real life? Join us for a conversation with an Orthodox priest—no sermons, just real talk. We'll touch on fun and thoughtful topics like: ● What the Church says about modern distractions (yes, even Instagram) St. Vladimir Guest Priest via Zoom)	● **Hartford Athletic Soccer Game** New Mexico United at Hartford Athletic Wed Jul 30 at 7:30pm · Trinity Health Stadium, Hartford, CT **Afternoon in the park!** Join us for an afternoon of sun, splash, and play! We're heading to the park for swimming, soccer, basketball, and the ultimate water balloon showdown. Bring your towel, sunscreen, and your game face—it's a perfect summer day to relax, connect, and cool off together. Fernridge Park, West Hartford **Or** Riverfront Park 300 Welles Street Glastonbury, CT 06033 **Or** Chatfield Hollow State Park in Killingworth w/ picnic and swimming	Holy Family Church Service

August

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Week of August 3- 9			**Tuesday, August 5** **$7 AMC Movie Day** (Film TBD) **Potluck & Game Day** at a Board Members Home Board games, trivia, outdoor fun.	Visit: St. George Orthodox Church, New Britain

Week of August 10-16		Ever wondered why we kiss icons, what saints might say about social media, or how fasting actually works in real life? Join us for a conversation with an Orthodox priest—no sermons, just real talk. We'll touch on fun and thoughtful topics like: ● How to fast without losing your mind (or your social life)	**Saturday, August 16** **Baking + Story Kitchen (Everyone)** Church Kitchen, 11 AM Make traditional bread and desserts, share family recipes, and create keepsake recipe cards together.	Visit Saints Cyril & Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT
Week of August 17-23	**Wednesday, August 20** **Brownstone Park Family Adventure Day** Portland, CT | Group discount available Zipline, swim, kayak, or picnic! Bring waivers, water shoes, and lunch.		● **Hartford Athletic Soccer Game** **Rhode Island FC at Hartford Athletic- Sat Aug 23 at 7:00pm · Trinity Health Stadium, Hartford, CT** ● **Southington Drive-In Movie Night** 995 Meriden-Waterbury Tpke | Gates: 6 PM | Movie: ~8:15 PM $20 per carload | Bring lawn chairs, snacks, or support the snack shack. Optional: arrive early for a pre-movie prayer and tailgate. 2025 Program	- Visit Holy Trinity Orthodox Church - 414 Valley St, Willimantic, CT 06226
Week of August 24-30		Ever wondered why we kiss icons, what saints might say about social media, or how fasting actually works in real life? Join us for a conversation with an Orthodox priest—no sermons, just real talk. We'll touch on fun and thoughtful topics like: ● The role of saints in everyday life	Back to Church & Back School Party - Rucnov House, Farmington, CT (Friday or Saturday)	Visit St. Sava Boston
Week of August 31- September 7				Holy Family Retreat Center Sts. Cyril and Methedious 2025-2026 Church Year Begins Sunday, August 25 Welcome Lunch for New Priest (TBD) Winding Trails Farmington Pavilion or Church Lawn Food, music, lawn games, and blessings.