

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: *The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt*

9:30 a.m. Church School  
9:45 a.m. General Confession  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
4:00 p.m. Holy Unction at Three Saints Church, Ansonia

3: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
4: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
5: 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified  
6: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
7: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

#### 8: *Lazarus Saturday*

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Memorial Prayers for Matushka Sofia Rehbinder  
4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 9: *Palm Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Palm Procession  
4:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins at All Saints Church, Hartford

*Holy Week—See Service Schedule insert*

### Prayers for Blessings and Health

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.

Dimitri Ndini (*USMC*), *serving in our armed forces*.

*Those who are sick:* Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; Michael, Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle & Mary Galich; Louise

Karoli Gallagher; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Karen Marlin; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Stephen Phillips; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Matushka Sofia Rehbinder; William Vasil

#### April

02 Vasil George (1951)  
04 Fotios M. Vasis (1954)  
Pulo Themel (1964)  
Alexandra Panoli (1966)  
06 Jimi Tallcouch (1954)  
07 Irakli Naum (1931)  
Peter Tushi Nichio (1959)  
Joyce Athanas (2010)  
08 Dhimokli Athanas (1977)  
Meropi Cici Yapo (1994)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** Laura Chadwick and Premier Jewelry

9: ???

16: Easter Egg Hunt

*If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please sign up on the poster in the Church Hall.*

### Today's Coffee Hour

Today, Coffee Hour is being sponsored by **Laura Chadwick and Premier Jewelry**.

The proceeds of any jewelry purchases will be used to offset costs for the upcoming *Church Bazaar*. The jewelry will be displayed during Coffee Hour after Liturgy.

### Parish Finances

Be sure to take a look at the sign at the Candle Desk which shows our current month's income and expenses.

### New Parish Education Effort

As a part of our ongoing **NCD** program, copies of the booklet, *Journey through Holy Week* are available today.

Please take one today and read it. We will discuss it at Coffee Hour on *Palm Sunday*, April 9<sup>th</sup>, to help us participate more fully in the services of Holy Week.

### Presanctified and Adult Education

This Wednesday, the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m., followed by a pot-luck Lenten dinner in the Church Hall.

### Sunday Lenten Vespers Services

On the Sundays of Great Lent, **Great Vespers** is celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in various parishes in the Greater Bridgeport area. Here is the list of those services for this year.

- Today: Unction at Three Saints Church in Ansonia
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Bridegroom Matins Service at All Saints Church in Hartford

Lenten refreshments will be served following all services.

### Myrrhbearing Women

It's that time again for our **Myrrhbearing Women** to gather to decorate the *Petafi (Christ's Tomb)*.

Great and Holy Friday is on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the decorating will take approximately 2 hours.

Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact *Pauline Dionis* at 203-261-0611.

### Easter Egg Hunt

We will have our traditional **Easter Egg Hunt** after Paschal Vespers on Easter Day, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for donations of candy and plastic eggs in preparation. See *Sue Galich* if you can help.

### Memorials and the Paschal Season

According to Orthodox teaching, from Lazarus Saturday to Thomas Sunday no Memorial Services may be served in the Church—our departed will only be commemorated at the *Proskomedie* (Liturgy of Preparation).

### News from the Women's Council

The April meeting of the **Women's Council of Eastern Orthodox Christian Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc.**, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at St. John's Orthodox Church, 1240 Broadbridge Avenue, Stratford.

By-laws presented at the past two meetings will be voted upon.

Father Peter Paproski, pastor of St. John's, will present a short program.

All Orthodox women, baptized in the faith, are invited to attend.

### Crop Walk

On Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the 43<sup>rd</sup> **Greater Bridgeport Crop Hunger Walk** will be held at Seaside Park in Bridgeport.

Let's see if we can put together a team from St. George to participate in this effort to combat hunger and poverty in our area and around the country. Let Father Dennis know if you are interested.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **Trumbull Food Pantry**, an organization in that assists needy people in our area.

Please be generous!

**Hebrews 9:11-14**

Brethren, when Christ appeared as the High Priest of the good things to come, He entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of His own Blood, into the sanctuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

**Mark 10:32-45**

At that time Jesus took the Twelve, and began to tell them what would happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him and spit upon Him, and put Him to death; and on the third day He will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Master, we want You

to do for us whatever we ask." But He said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at Your right hand and the other at Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized?" And they said to Him, "We can." And Jesus said to them, "Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptized, you shall be baptized; but as for sitting at my right hand or at my left, that is not mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**Hebrenjve 9:11-14**

Vëllezër: si erdhi Krishti, kryepriifti i të mirave të ardhshme me anë të tendës më të madhe e më të përsosur, që s'është bërë me dorë, domethënë, që s'është prej kësaj krijese, as me anë gjaku cjepësh e viçash, po me anë të gjakut të tij hyri një herë në Shenjtëroren e Shenjtërove, dhe fitoi shpërblim të përjetshëm. Sepse në qoftë se gjaku i demave e i cjepëve, dhe hiri i mëshqerrës që spërkat të ndoturit, shenjtëron për pastrimin e trupit, sa më tepër gjaku i Krishtit, i cili me anë të Shpirtit të përjetshëm i ofroi veten e tij për theror pa njollë Perëndisë, do të pastrojë ndërgjegjen tuaj nga punë të vdekura, që të lusni Perëndinë e gjallë?

**Marku 10:32-45**

Në atë kohë, Jisui mori pranë përsëri të dymbëdhjetët, dhe zuri t'u thotë ato që do t'i ngjanin atij, se ja tek po ngjitemi në Jerusalem, dhe i Biri i njeriut do t'u dorëzohet kryepriiftërinjve dhe shkruesve, edhe do ta gjykojnë për vdekje, dhe do t'ua dorëzojnë kombeve; edhe do ta përqeshin, dhe do ta rrahin, dhe do ta pështyjnë, dhe do ta vrasin, dhe të tretën ditë do të ngjallet. Edhe atëherë vijnë tek ai Jakovi dhe Joani, të bijtë

e Zevedheut, duke thënë: "Mësues, duam të na bësh atë që të kërkojmë." Edhe ai u tha atyre: "Ç'doni t'ju bëj unë juve?" Edhe ata i thanë: "Jepna të rrimë njëri nga e djathta jote dhe njëri nga e majta jote, në lavdinë tënde." Po Jisui u tha atyre: "S'dini se ç'lypni. A mundeni të pini kupën që pi unë, dhe të pagëzoheni me pagëzimin që pagëzohem unë?" Edhe ata i thanë: "Mundemi." Edhe Jisui u tha atyre: "Kupën, që pi unë, do ta pini, dhe me pagëzimin, që pagëzohem unë, do të pagëzoheni. Po të rrini nga e djathta ime e nga e majta ime, nuk është puna ime ta jap, po do t'u jepet atyre, për të cilët është bërë gati." Edhe të dhjetët kur dëgjuan, zunë të zemërohen për Jakovin dhe për Joani. Por Jisui, si i thirri pranë, u thotë atyre: "E dini se ata që mbahen për të parë të kombeve me shtrëngim zotërojnë mbi ata, dhe të mëdhenjtë e tyre me pushtet i urdhërojnë ata. Por nuk do të jetë kështu ndër ju, po kush të dojë të bëhet i madh ndër ju, do të jetë shërbëtori juaj. Edhe kush të dojë prej jush të bëhet i parë, do të jetë shërbëtor i të gjithëve. Sepse edhe i Biri i njeriut nuk erdhi të shërbehet, po të shërbejë, dhe të japë jetën e tij shpërblim për shumë veta."