

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: Pascha—The Resurrection of Christ

11:00 p.m. Nocturne, Procession,
Matins and Paschal Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Paschal Agape Vespers

17: 10:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

18: 7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

19: 6:30 p.m. Paschal Vespers

20: 7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

21: 7:00 a.m. Paschal Matins

22: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

23: Thomas Sunday

Great Martyr George the Wonderworker

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and 40-Day
Memorial Prayers for William
Vasil

24: 7:00 a.m. Matins

25: 7:00 a.m. Matins

26: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

27: 7:00 a.m. Matins

28: 7:00 a.m. Matins

29: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

30: Sunday of the Myrrbearing Women

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Gregory Buzi II and his family, *testing his vocation*.

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; 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

William Vasil

April

16 Ilo (Louis) Bedgio (1999)

17 Marina Adam (1975)

Mary Themel (2015)

Pandeli Jordhamo (2016)

18 Katherine Karoli (1961)

20 Helen Buzi (2007)

21 Dennis Kristo Vasil (1983)

Coffee Hour

Today: Easter Egg Hunt

23: The Vasil Family, in memory of William

30: ???

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

<i>Christ is risen!</i>	<i>Indeed, He is risen!</i>
<i>Krishti u-ngjall!</i>	<i>Vërtet u-ngjall!</i>
<i>Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!</i>	<i>Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!</i>
<i>Христос воскрес!</i>	<i>Восстину воскрес!</i>
<i>Hristos a înviat!</i>	<i>Adevărat a înviat!</i>

Easter Egg Hunt

We will have our traditional **Easter Egg Hunt** after Paschal Vespers today.

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 *Proskomedia* (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 7th, the 43rd **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.

Parish Finances

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

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!

Thank you!

We extend our thanks to the many people who helped to make Lent, Holy Week and Pascha beautiful and meaningful celebrations:

- The "Myrrhbearing Women" —*Mary Dilulio, Louise Karoli Gallagher, Dolores Nauchy, JoAnn Soter, Pauline Dionis, Jean Brideau, Cathy Hotova, Sharon Buzi, Voula Zargos*—who decorated the Petafi on Holy Friday morning.
- *Alice Vasil*, who donated the Petafi flowers and the Easter Eggs in memory of her husband *William Vasil*.
- The *Masek Family* who also donated toward the Petafi flowers in memory of Rev. Lambi Michael and Famiy
- *Jennifer Goetz* for decorating the Church for Holy Pascha.
- *Mary Dilulio* for the new bows which adorn the Paschal Banner.
- *Ron Dougiello* of *Commerce Hill Funeral Home* in Bridgeport for the lilies that beautify the inside of the Church.
- The *Teuta Ladies Society* for the beautiful red eggs.
- Cantors *Van Michael* and *Charles Soter* and their assistants *Greg Buzi II* and *Peter Dacey* for their dedication and singing at every service.
- The *Choir* and its Directors, *Karen Masek* and *Laura Chadwick* for their preparation and singing throughout Holy Week and Pascha.
- Our volunteer readers.
- *Bob Lazar* for his assistance in the sanctuary.
- The *Altar Servers* for their time and assistance.
- *Sue Galich* and her helpers for organizing the Children's Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour.

Those who simply came to pray and celebrate the services.

At the Divine Liturgy

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

In the preceding book, Theophilus, I was concerned with everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day He was taken up, after giving commandments through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles He had chosen. To them also He showed Himself alive after His Passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about God's Kingdom. And while eating with them, He told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise, "of which you have heard," He said, "by my mouth. For while John baptized with water, you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit within a few days." Now those gathered there questioned Him, asking, "LORD, is it now that You will restore the kingdom to Israel?" But He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or the proper moments the Father has set by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and even to the very ends of the earth."

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was

made through Him, and the world knew Him not. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him He gave the power of becoming children of God; to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory (glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and of truth. John bore witness concerning Him, and cried, "This was the One of whom I said, 'He who is to come after me has been set above me, because He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, grace for grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

At the Agape Vespers

John 20:19-25

When it was late, that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the LORD. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the LORD." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side I will not believe."

Në Liturgji Hyjmore

Veprat e Apostujve 1:1-8

Fjalën e parë, o Theofil, e bëra për gjithë sa nisi Jisui të bëjë e të mësojë, deri në atë ditë që u ngjiti lart në qiell, pasi me anë të Shpirtit të Shenjtë u la porosi apostujve që pati zgjedhur; tek të cilët edhe e tregoi veten e tij të gjallë me shumë shenja pas pësimit të tij, duke u dukur ndër ata dyzet ditë, e duke folur për punët e mbretërisë së Perëndisë. Edhe duke u mbledhur bashkë me ata i porositi të mos ndahen nga Jerusalemi, por të presin premtimin e Atit që dëgjuat prej meje, u tha. Sepse Joani pagëzoi me ujë, por ju do të pagëzoheni me Shpirt të Shenjtë jo shumë ditë pas këtyre. Ata pra, kur u mblodhën bashkë me të, e pyesnin duke thënë: “ZOT, vallë, në këtë kohë do t’ia japësh mbretërinë Izraelit?” Edhe ai u tha atyre: “Nuk është puna juaj të njihni kohët a motet, të cilët i ka vënë Ati në pushtetin e tij. Por do të merrni fuqi, kur të vijë Shpirti i Shenjtë mbi ju; dhe do të më jeni dëshmitarë edhe në Jerusalemin edhe në gjithë Judenë edhe në Samari edhe deri në fund të dheut.”

Joani 1:1-17

Në fillim ishte Fjala, dhe Fjala ishte me Perëndinë, dhe Fjala ishte Perëndi, kjo ishte që në fillim me Perëndinë. Të gjitha u bënë me anë të saj; dhe pa atë nuk u bë asgjë që është bërë. Në atë ishte jetë, dhe jeta ishte drita e njerëzve. Edhe drita ndriçon në errësirë dhe errësira nuk e kuptoi. Qe një njeri i dërguar nga Perëndia, me emrin Joan. Ky erdhi për dëshmi, që të japë dëshmi për Dritën, që të besojnë të gjithë me anë të tij. Ai nuk ishte Drita, por qe dërguar që të japë dëshmi për Dritën. Ishte Drita e vërtetë, që ndrit çdo njeri kur vjen në botë.

Ishte në botë, dhe bota u bë me anë të tij; po bota nuk e njohu atë. Erdhi tek të tijtë, dhe të tijtë nuk e pritën atë. Edhe sa e pritën, atyre u dha pushtet të bëhen bij Perëndie, atyre që besojnë me anë të tij. Ata nuk lindën prej gjakrash, as prej dashurimi mishi, as prej dashurimi burri, po prej Perëndie. Edhe Fjala u bë mish, dhe qëndroi ndër ne—dhe pamë lavdinë e tij, lavdi si të vetëmlinduri prej Atit—plot me hir e me të vërtetë. Joani jep dëshmi për të, dhe bërtiti, duke thënë: “Ky është ai për të cilin thashë: ‘Ai që vjen pas meje është më i madh se unë, sepse ishte përpara meje.’” Edhe të gjithë ne morëm nga plotësia e tij, dhe hir në vend hiri. Sepse ligji u dha me anë të Moisiut, po hiri dhe e vërteta u bë me anë të Jisu Krishtit.

Në Mbremesorja e Dashurisë

Joani 20:19-25

Të parën e javës, si u ngrys, dhe dyert ishin mbyllur atje ku ishin mbledhur nxënësit nga frika e Judenjve, erdhi Jisui dhe ndenji në mes, dhe u thotë atyre: “Paqe mbi ju.” Edhe si tha këtë, u tregoi atyre duart dhe brinjën e tij. U gëzuan pra nxënësit kur panë ZOTIN. Edhe Jisui u tha atyre përsëri: “Paqe mbi ju. Siç më dërgoi Ati, edhe unë ju dërgoj ju.” Edhe si tha këtë, fryu dhe u thotë atyre: “Merrni Frymë të Shenjtë. Kujtdo që t’u falni mëkatet, u janë falur atyre; kujtdo që t’ua mbani, u janë mbajtur atyre.” Po Thomai, një nga të dymbëdhjetët, që quhet Binjak, nuk ishte bashkë me ata, kur erdhi Jisui. Nxënësit e tjerë pra i thoshin: “Pamë ZOTIN.” Po ai u tha atyre: “Në mos pafsha në duart e tij shenjën e gozhdëve, dhe të vë gishtin tim në shenjën e gozhdëve, dhe të vë dorën në brinjën e tij, s’kam për të besuar.”