

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

**Today: The Transfiguration of our LORD**

- 9:15 a.m. General Confession
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Fruit

**13: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Leave-taking of the Transfiguration**

- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**14: 7:00 a.m. Matins**

**15: The Dormition of the Virgin Mary**

- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**20: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**27: General Parish Meeting**

### Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

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

*Those who are sick:* Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; George & Toni Barmashi; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; William Coughlin; 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; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea

Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tes-sie 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

Violet Polena; Protodeacon Gregory Hatrak

#### August

- 07 George R. Polena (1975)
- 08 David Kerma (2005)
- 09 Stephen Vissar (1973)
- 10 Deborah Peters (1969)
- 11 George Thanasi (1966)
- Philip Stephan (1971)
- 12 Florence Chala (2016)

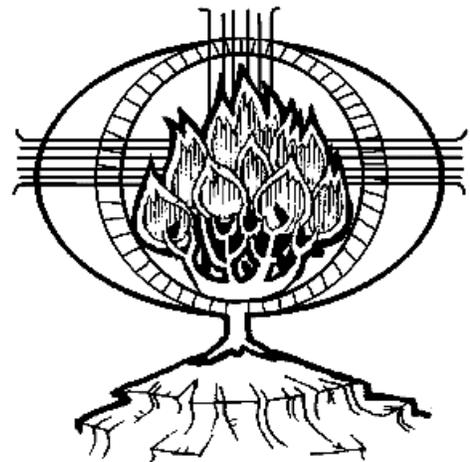
### Coffee Hour

**Today:** ??

**13:** The Teuta Ladies' Society

**20:** The Family of Florence Chala, on the First Anniversary of her death

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



### Father Dennis away

Father Dennis will be away at the New England Youth Rally from today through Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, he will be away from Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy, until Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

In his absence, daily services will not be held.

If there is an emergency while he is away, contact Fr. George Coca at 203-895-5464, or an Orthodox priest near you.

### Dormition Fast

We are now in the **Dormition Fast**.

During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the celebration of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Virgin Mary.

According to the Tradition of the Church, we observe this Fast by abstaining from meat (including poultry and eggs), dairy, fish, olive oil and wine. Fish is permitted on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

While many people relax these rules, it is important that we do as much as we can, so that we can properly prepare ourselves spiritually for this great Feast of our LORD's Mother.

Please remember that **Coffee Hour** is a Church function. Therefore, during any fasting season, no meat is to be served at Coffee Hour.

### News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The next meeting of the **Teuta Ladies' Society** will be held during Coffee Hour next Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda will be the next **Teuta Bazaar**, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please be sure to attend.

### General Parish Meeting scheduled

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **General Meeting** of our parish membership in the Church Hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Please plan to attend and participate!

### Parish Finances

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

### Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet

The new **Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet** for 2017/2018 is now posted on the wall in the Church Hall.

Take a look today and sign up to host a Coffee Hour in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one.

### Let's help Trumbull Helps

**Trumbull Helps**, an organization in Trumbull that works to assist the *Trumbull Food Pantry* and the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission*, will be preparing 700 summer lunches for children at the *Rescue Mission* on August 19<sup>th</sup>. To help them, we will be collecting **juice boxes**. There is a collection box in the vestibule where you can place your donations.

### Notification of illness

When you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please be sure to let Father Dennis know so he can visit. He can be reached at 203-598-4678.

### Church Hall Rental

Please be aware of the following fees for the use of the Church Hall which have been adopted by the Parish Council.

For Church Members in good standing:

Church-related affair (such as baptism, wedding, shower or memorial)	\$200.00
Private party	\$300.00
Commercial purposes:	\$300.00
Non-profit group meetings	\$100.00
Kitchen only (Church-related or other)	Donation

For non-members

Church-related affair (such as baptism, wedding, shower or memorial)	\$300.00
Private party	\$500.00
Organizational meetings	\$100.00
Kitchen only (Church-related or other)	\$100.00

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **Spooner House**.

Please be generous!

**2 Peter 1:10-19**

Brethren, strive more ardently by good works to make your calling and election certain. For if you do this, you will not fall into sin at any time. Indeed in this way the entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ will be amply provided for you. Therefore I shall begin to remind you always of these things—although indeed you know them and are well established in the present truth. As long as I am in this tabernacle, I think it right to arouse you by a reminder, knowing as I do that the taking away of my tabernacle is at hand, just as the LORD Jesus Christ signified to me. Moreover I will endeavor that even after my death you may often have occasion to recall these things to mind. For we were not following fictitious tales when we made known to you the power and the coming of our LORD Jesus Christ, but had been eyewitnesses of His grandeur. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when, coming down from the magnificent glory, a voice spoke to Him in these words: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." And this voice we ourselves heard borne from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And we have the word of prophecy surer still, to which you do well to attend, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

**Matthew 17:1-9**

At that time Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves, and was transfigured before them. And His face shone as the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking together with Him. Then Peter addressed Jesus, saying, "LORD, it is good for us to be here. If You will, let us set up three tents here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." As he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear Him." And on hearing it the disciples fell on their faces and were terrified. And Jesus came near and touched them, and said to them, "Arise, and do not be afraid." But lifting up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus cautioned them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

**2 Pjetrit 1:10-19**

Vëllezër, kujdesuni më tepër të siguroni thirrjen dhe zgjedhjen tuaj; sepse duke bërë këto, nuk do të mëkatonit kurrë. Sepse kështu do t'ju jepet juve plotësisht hyrja në mbretërinë e përjetshme të ZOTIT dhe Shpëtimtarit tonë Jisu Krisht. Prandaj nuk do të përtoj t'ju kujtoj këto përherë, ndonëse i dini, edhe jeni të qëndrueshëm në këtë të vërtetë. Por unë mendoj se është e drejtë, deri sa jam në këtë tendë, t'ju nxis duke jua sjellë ndërmend. Sepse e di, se së shpejti do ta hedh tej tendën time, sikurse edhe ZOTI ynë Jisu Krisht ma shfaqti. Por do të kujdesem që ju, edhe pas vdekjes sime, të mundeni përherë t'i kujtoni ato. Sepse jua bëmë të ditur fuqinë dhe ardhjen e ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht jo duke shkuar pas përrallave të thurura me mjeshtëri, por duke ju treguar se me sytë tanë e pamë madhësinë e tij. Sepse mori nder e lavdi prej Perëndisë Atë, kur i erdhi atij një zë i tillë prej lavdisë së madhërishme: "Ky është Biri im i dashur, në të cilin unë gjeta pëlqim." Edhe këtë zë e dëgjuam se erdhi nga qielli, kur ishim bashkë me të në malin e shenjtë. Edhe kemi më të vërtetuar fjalën profetike, për të cilën bëni mirë të shikoni si në një kandil që ndrit në një vend të errët, deri sa të zbardhë dita, edhe ylli i dritës të lindë në zemrat tuaja.

**Matheut 17:1-9**

Pas gjashtë ditësh Jisui merr me vete Pjetrin edhe Jakovin edhe Joanin, vëllanë e tij, edhe i ngjiti mbi një mal të lartë veçan. Edhe ndërroi fytyrën përpara tyre; edhe fytyra e tij ndriti pors dielli, edhe rrobat e tij u bënë të bardha pors drita. Edhe ja tek iu dukën atyre Moisiu dhe Ilija duke folur bashkë me të. Edhe Pjetri u përgjigj e i tha Jisuit: "ZOT, mirë është të jemi këtu. Nëse do, le të bëjmë këtu tri tenda, një për ty dhe një për Moisiun e një për Ilian." Edhe ndërsa ai ishte ende duke folur, ja tek i mbuloi ata një re e ndritshme; edhe ja një zë nga reja tek thoshte: "Ky është Biri im i dashuri, që e pëlqeva. Atë dëgjoni." Edhe nxënësit me ta dëgjuar, ranë përmbys, edhe u frikësuan fort. Po Jisui erdhi pranë dhe i preku e tha: "Ngrihuni, e mos u frikësoni." Edhe kur ata ngritën sytë, nuk panë asnjë, përveçse Jisuin vetëm. Edhe tek zbritnin nga mali, Jisui i urdhëroi, duke thënë: "Mos i thoni asnjëri se ç'patë, deri sa të ngjallet i Biri i njeriut prej së vdekurish."

TRANSFIGURATION

