

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m. General Confession

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

No weekday services—Father Dennis at Youth Rally

#### 14: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### 15: Dormition of the Virgin Mary

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins

18: 7:00 a.m. Matins

19: 7:00 a.m. Matins

20: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 21: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

22: 7:00 a.m. Matins

23: 7:00 a.m. Matins

25: 7:00 a.m. Matins

26: 7:00 a.m. Matins

27: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 28: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Dimitri Ndini (*USMC*), *servicing 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; Serge Bouteneff; Debi Broadus; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerna; Joyce Chadwick; Florence Chala; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James Dionis; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Nancy Hurd; Kiril

Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; June Lopen; Nicolas Lucas; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Deborah Owen; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruzskowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale; Robert Volpe.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Prifteresha Viola Soter

#### August

- 8 David Kerma (2005)
- 9 Stephen Vissar (1973)
- 10 Deborah Peters (1969)
- 11 George Thanasi (1966)
- Philip Stephan (1971)
- 13 Meropi (Mary) Atanas (1978)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** The Galich Family, in honor of Melissa's graduation from Cosmetology School

14: ???

21: ???

28: Shorena Montalvo and Ekaterina Maghularia

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

### Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to **Melissa Galich** who graduated this week from the *Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy* in Newtown.

**Many Years!**

**Për Shumë Vjet!**

### Father Dennis at Youth Rally

*Father Dennis* will be attending the **New England Youth Rally** from this afternoon through Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be no weekday or Saturday services while he is away.

If there is an emergency while he is away, contact an Orthodox Priest near you.

### Scholarships available

Next Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, is the last day that applications for the 2016 **Thomas and Katherine LaBache Scholarships** will be accepted. Parish members' children who will be attending college, business school or trade school in the Fall are eligible.

Applications are available at the Candle Desk.

### Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the **Akathist to the Icon of the Virgin, "The Inexhaustible Cup"** at 7:00 p.m., followed by our group meeting.

The focus of the meeting will be the *Eighth Step*.

### Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a **Jesus Prayer Meditation Group** at the home of Gregory Buzi II, 60 Brookdale Rd. in Seymour. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayers followed by recitation of the Jesus Prayer and a period of silence. A meal will be provided after the meditation.

Speak to Gregory for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

### Lakror for sale

**Lakrors—Leek, Spinach and Sauerkraut**—are now available for purchase. The cost is \$50.00 each.

See *Laura Denisevich* or *Laura Chadwick* to purchase or place your order.

### News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** annual **Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In preparation, they are accepting monetary donations to help offset the costs of the *Bazaar*.

Please see *Louise Gallagher* or *Susan Galich* if you can help.

### 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.

### Expiration Dates

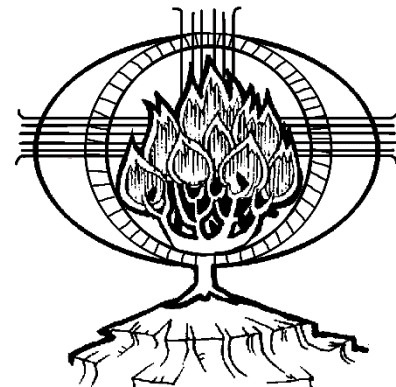
When donating canned goods for Spooner House and the Trumbull Food Pantry, please double-check the expiration date on the items. The institutions cannot use foods that are beyond their expiration dates.

Thank you.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **Trumbull Food Pantry** which helps needy people in our area.

Please be generous!



**Romans 15:1-7**

Brethren, we the strong should bear the infirmities of the weak, instead of catering to ourselves. Let every one of you please his neighbor by doing good for his edification: for Christ did not seek His own pleasure, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me." For whatever has been written has been written for our instruction, that through the patience and consolation afforded by the Scriptures, we may have hope. May then the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Jesus Christ, so that being one in spirit you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another as Christ has received you, in a manner that gives honor to God.

**Matthew 9:27-35**

At that time as Jesus was passing on, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Have pity on us, Son of David!" And when He had reached the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this to you?" They answered Him, "Yes, LORD." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "Let it be done to you according to your faith." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, "See that no one knows of this!" But they went out and spread His fame abroad throughout all that district. Now as they were going out, behold, there was brought to Him a dumb man possessed by a devil. And when the devil had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never has the like of this been seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of devils He casts out devils." And Jesus was going about all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and curing every kind of disease and infirmity in the people.

**Romakëve 15:1-7**

Vëllezër, ne të fortët kemi detyrë të mbajmë dobësitë e të dobtëve, e jo t'i pëlqejmë vetes. Gjithësecili prej nesh le t'i pëlqejë të afërmit për të mirën, për ndërtim. Sepse edhe Krishti nuk pëlqeu vetveten, po siç është shkruar: "Sharjet e atyre që të shajnë ty ranë mbi mua." Sepse sa u parashkruan, u parashkruan për mësimin tonë, që të kemi shpresë me anë të durimit e të ngushëllimit të shkrimeve. Edhe Perëndia i durimit e i ngushëllimit ju dhëntë juve të keni të njëjtën mendje ndërmjet jush sipas Jisu Krishtit; që të lavdëroni njëzëri me një gojë Perëndinë dhe Atin e ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht. Prandaj pranoni njëri-tjetrin, siç ju pranoi edhe Krishti për lavdi të Perëndisë.

**Matheut 9:27-35**

Në atë kohë, duke ikur Jisui andej, i shkuan prapa dy të verbër, duke klithur e duke thënë: "Përdëllena, o bir i Davidit." Edhe kur erdhi ai në shtëpi, erdhën pranë tij të verbërit, dhe Jisui u thotë atyre: "Besoni se mund ta bëj unë këtë?" Ata i thonë atij: "Po, ZOT." Atëherë preku sytë e tyre duke thënë: "Sipas besimit tuaj u bëftë mbi ju." Edhe u hapën sytë e tyre. Edhe Jisui i porositi ata rreptësisht, duke thënë: "Shikoni të mos e marrë vesh njeri këtë." Po ata sa dolën e përhapën lajmin për të nëpër gjithë atë dhe. Edhe kur po dilnin ata, ja tek i prunë atij një njeri shurdh të demonizuar. Edhe si u nxor djalli, foli i shurdhëri. Dhe turmat u çuditën, duke thënë se kurrë ndonjëherë nuk është parë kështu në Izrael. Por Farisenjtë thoshin: "Me anë të të parit të djajve i nxjerr djajtë." Edhe Jisui shkonte për qark nëpër gjithë qytetet e kryefshatrat, duke mësuar nëpër sinagogat e tyre dhe duke predikuar ungjillin e mbretërisë dhe duke shëruar çdo sëmundje e çdo lëngatë në popull.

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