

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. General Confession
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

6: St. Nicholas

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

7: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

8: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

9: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

10: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

11: Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

12: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

13: St. Herman of Alaska

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

14: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

15: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

16: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

17: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

18: Sunday before the Nativity of Christ

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.*

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; Serge Bouteneff; Debi Broadus; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero;

Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle Galich; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; 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; Stephen Phillips; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruskowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; John Szalkowski; Christian & Theodore Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Jane Dionis; Evangeline Hallas;
Archpriest Michael Soter

December

4 Mini Phostole (2010)
5 Priftëresha Kaliroi Costa (1997)
6 Norman Panoli (1975)
Mary V. Taylor (1991)
10 Louis A. Leka (1955)

Coffee Hour

Today: St. Nicholas Day Party

11: The Dionis Family, on the 40th Day since Jane Dionis' death

18: The Galich & Chadwick Families, in honor of Vi Bowe's Birthday

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

Community Christmas Card

As in years past we will be collecting contributions for our annual **Community Christmas Card**. All entries must be turned in by Sunday, December 18th for the card to be printed and mailed in a timely manner.

Forms are available at the Candle Desk.

Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

This Tuesday, December 6th, and each Tuesday until Christmas, 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.

Contact *Gregory* at (203) 273-0103 for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

Akathist and Adult Education

This Wednesday, December 7th, we will celebrate the Akathist Hymn, "**Glory to God for All Things**" at 6:30 p.m. with our Adult Study group following at approximately 7:00 p.m.

This week, we will continue our exploration of the basics of the Orthodox Faith by beginning to look at **The Creed**.

Come for the service. Come for the study group. Come for both.

Christmas Concert at Holy Ghost Church

Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, 1510 East Main Street, Bridgeport, CT will host its **Second Annual Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. The concert, which will feature the 130-member *Fairfield University Glee Club*, is FREE and will be held in the Church proper. Please bring your family and friends and celebrate the Nativity Season with Holy Ghost parish and their neighborhood friends.

The Nativity Fast

We are now in the midst of the **Nativity Fast**. During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the Feast.

According to the Tradition of the Church, we observe this Fast by abstaining from meat (including poultry and eggs), dairy, olive oil and wine. On Wednesdays and Fridays, we also abstain from fish. While many people relax these rules, particularly until after Thanksgiving, it is important that we do as much as we can, so that we can properly prepare ourselves spiritually for the Great Feast of our LORD's Nativity.

New Year's Eve Dance

There will be a **New Year's Eve Dance** in the Church Hall on New Year's Eve, December 31st, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Contact *Nardi Tollkuçi* (203-895-4263) or *Aida Kalapo* (203-685-7231) for information and tickets.

General Parish Meeting scheduled

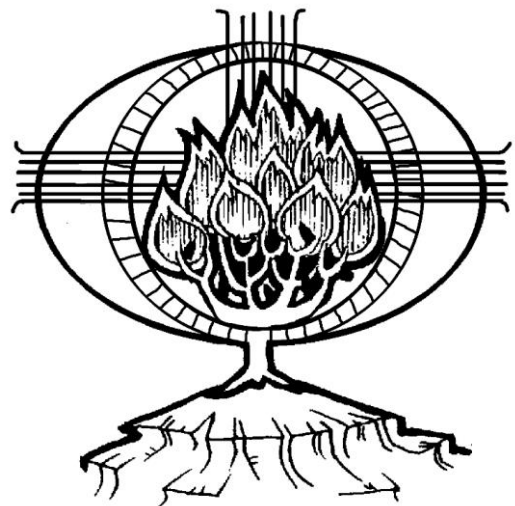
There will be a **General Parish Membership Meeting** on Sunday, January 8, 2017. We will be electing Parish Council members and discussing important needs of our parish community.

Please plan to attend.

Charity Collection

This month we are supporting the **Binky Patrol**.

This is an organization that makes small blankets for critically ill and traumatized children in our area. Please be generous!



Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren: Christ is our peace. He it is who has made both Jews and Gentiles one, and has broken down the intervening wall of the enclosure, the enemy, in His flesh. He has voided the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, so that of the two He might create in Himself one new man, and make peace, and reconcile both in one body to God through the Cross, having destroyed their enmity within Himself. And as He came, He announced the good tidings of peace to you who were far away, and of peace to those who were near: because through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Therefore, you are now no longer strangers or foreigners, but citizens with the saints and members of God's household: you are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets with Christ Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is closely fitted together and grows into a temple holy in the LORD; in Him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

Luke 17:12-19

At that time, as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met Him ten lepers, who stood far off and lifted up their voice, crying, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" And when He saw them He said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it happened, as they were on their way, that they were made clean. But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus spoke to him and said, "Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to Him, "Arise, go on your way, for your faith has saved you."

Efesianëve 2:14-22

Vëllezër: Krishti është paqja jonë, ai që i bëri të dyja një, dhe rrëzoi murin ndërmjetës të ndarjes, duke shfuqizuar në trupin e tij armiqësinë, ligjin e porosive urdhëruese, që të ndërtojë në veten e tij nga të dy një njeri të ri, duke bërë pajtim, dhe të dy në një trup t'i pajtojë me Perëndinë me anë të kryqit, pasi vrau armiqësinë në të. Edhe erdhi e predikoi ungjillin e paqes tek ju që ishit larg, dhe tek ata që ishin afër, sepse me anë të tij që të dy afrohem në një Shpirt tek Ati. Prandaj nuk jeni më të huaj e të jashtëm, por bashkëqytetarë të shenjtorëve dhe pjesëtarë të shtëpisë së Perëndisë; sepse u ndërtuat mbi themelin e apostujve e të profetëve, ku gur qosheje është vetë Jisu Krishti, në të cilin e gjithë ndërtesa e lidhur bashkë rritet në tempull të shenjtë në ZOTIN, në të cilin edhe ju jeni ndërtuar që të bëhet banesë e Perëndisë me anë të Shpirtit.

Llukait 17:12-19

Në atë kohë, kur po hynte Jisui në një fshat, takuan me të dhjetë burra leprozë, të cilët qëndruan nga larg. Edhe ata ngritën zërin, duke thënë: "Jisu, Mjeshtër, përdëllena". Edhe ai kur i pa, u tha atyre: "Shkoni e rrëfeni veten tuaj tek priftërinjtë". Edhe ata duke shkuar u pastruan. Edhe një nga ata, kur pa se u shërua, u kthye duke lavdëruar Perëndinë me zë të madh, edhe ra përmbys në këmbët e tij, dhe e falënderoi; dhe ai ishte Samaritan. Edhe Jisui u përgjigj e tha: "A nuk u pastruan të dhjetët? Po të nëntët ku janë? Nuk u gjendën të tjerë të kthehen që t'i japin lavdi Perëndisë, veç ky prej tjetër kombi?" Edhe i tha: "Ngrihu, e shko; besimi yt të shpëtoi."