

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *The Sunday of Forgiveness*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
and Memorial Prayers for
Psha. Maria Montgomery

27: *Great Lent begins*

7:00 a.m. Matins

28: 7:00 a.m. Matins

Mar. 1: 6:30 p.m. Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

2: 7:00 a.m. Matins

3: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

4: *Theodore Saturday*

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

5: *The Sunday of Orthodoxy*

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:45 a.m. General Confession

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Holy Ghost
Church, Bridgeport

6: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7: 7:00 a.m. Matins

8: 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

9: 7:00 a.m. Matins

10: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

11: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

12: *The Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas*

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Memorial
Prayers for James Dionis and
John Denisevich

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. John the
Baptist Church, Broadbridge
Ave., Stratford

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; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Henry Gartsu Brunneau; Matushka Mara Burns; 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 Galich; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Matushka Anne Hosking; 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; Matushka Sofia Rehbinder; 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

Priftëresha Maria Montgomery;
Matushka Julianna Schmemann; James Dionis

February

- 26 Anastas Kosta (1963)
27 George Tochy (1954)
Dorothy Atanas Louis (2000)
Todd Christopher Buzi (2001)
28 Olympia Tallcouch Henry (1989)
Jeffrey Mark Louis (1999)

March

- 01 Charles C. Sotir (1984)
02 Miche Sotir (1953)
03 Koli Lazar (1960)
Mike Costa (1964)
04 Vasilika Rotta (2000)

Coffee Hour

Today: Archbishop Nikon's visit

Mar. 5: LifeBridge

12: The Dionis Family, in memory of John Denisevich and James Dionis

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

Welcome

We welcome to St. George Church today His Eminence, **Archbishop Nikon** who is making his annual Archpastoral visit.

Following the Liturgy, there will be a dinner in the Church Hall in honor of his visit.

Great Lent 2017

The season of **Great Lent** begins tomorrow.

During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

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. 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 the Great Feast of our LORD's Resurrection.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** Treasurer, *Sue Galich*, is now collecting Society dues for 2017 in the amount of \$10.00.

Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

This Tuesday, February 28th, 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.

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.

- March 5th at Holy Ghost Church in Bridgeport.
- March 12th at St. John the Baptist, Broadbridge Ave. in Stratford.
- March 19th at Saint Nicholas Church in Bridgeport.
- March 26nd at Saint Nicholas Church in Stratford
- April 2nd Unction at Three Saints Church in Ansonia

Lenten refreshments will be served following all services.

Youth Rally dates announced

The annual **New England Youth Rally** for 2017 will be held at St. Methodius Faith and Heritage Center in New Hampshire from August 7th through the 12th.

Charity Collection

This month we are supporting **Trumbull Helps**, an organization that assists many charities and other good works in Trumbull.

Please be generous!

Romans 13:11-14:4

Brethren, now our salvation is nearer than when we came to believe. The night is far advanced; the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in daytime, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the LORD Jesus Christ, and as for the flesh, pay no attention to its lusts. But whoever is weak in faith, receive him without arguing about opinions. For one believes he may eat all things – but another who is weak, let him eat vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who does not; and let not the one who does not eat judge the one who does, for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls – but he will stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Matthew 6:14-21

The LORD said, "If you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their offenses, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, who disfigure their faces in order to appear to men as fasting. Amen I say to you, they have had their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not be seen by men to fast, but by your Father, who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where worm and rodent consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither worm nor rodent consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart."

Romakëve 13:11-14:4

Vëllezër: duke ditur kohën se tashmë është ora të zgjohemi nga gjumi; sepse tani shpëtimi ynë është më afër sesa kur besuam. Nata u thye dhe dita u afrua; le të hedhim pra, tej veprat e errësirës, dhe le të ngjeshim armët e dritës. Le të ecim hijshëm si ditën; jo në argëtime e dehje, jo në shtretër imoraliteti e ndyrësira, jo në grindje e smirë, po vishni ZOTIN Jisu Krisht, dhe mos bëni kujdes për mishin që t'i plotësoni lakmitë. Edhe atë që është i dobët në besim, priteni me të mirë, pa grindje për mendime. Sepse dikush beson se mund të hajë nga të gjitha, kurse ai që është i dobët ha lakra. Ai që ha le të mos përbuzë atë që s'ha; dhe ai që s'ha le të mos gjykojë atë që ha; sepse Perëndia e ka pranuar. Cili je ti që gjykon shërbëtorin e huaj? Prej të zotit të vet ai qëndron ose bie; por do të qëndrojë; sepse Perëndia është i fortë ta qëndrojë atë.

Matheut 6:14-21

ZOTI u tha: "Nëse ua falni njerëzve fajet e tyre, do t'juja falë edhe juve Ati juaj qiellori. Po nëse nuk ua falni njerëzve fajet e tyre, as Ati juaj nuk do të falë fajet tuaja. Edhe kur të agjëroni, mos u bëni të vrenjtur si hipokritët; sepse ata prishin fytyrat e tyre, që të duken ndër njerëzit se agjërojnë. Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, se ata e kanë marrë pagën e tyre. Por ti, kur të agjërosh, lyej kryet tënd, dhe laj fytyrën tënde; që të mos dukesh tek njerëzit se agjëron, por tek Ati yt, që është në të fshehtë; dhe Ati yt që sheh fshehurazi, do të ta shpërblejë ty haptas. Mos mblidhni thesarë për veten tuaj mbi dhe, ku krimbi dhe ndryshku i prish, dhe ku vjedhësit rrëmojnë dhe vjedhin. Po mblidhni thesarë për veten tuaj në qiell, ku nuk i prish as krimb as ndryshk, dhe ku vjedhësit nuk rrëmojnë as vjedhin. Sepse ku është thesari juaj, atje do të jetë edhe zemra juaj."

