

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *The Circumcision of our LORD, Jesus Christ*

9:45 a.m. General Confession
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Prayers
for the New Year

2: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

3: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

4: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

5: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

6: *The Theophany of our LORD, Jesus Christ*

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Blessing
of Water

7: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

8: *The Sunday after the Theophany*

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

9: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

10: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

11: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

12: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

13: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

14: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

15: *The Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost*

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; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara

Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James & Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle Galich; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Nicolas Lucas; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; 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; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Valentina Woliver; Victor Meskhishvili

January

02 Theodore Dionis (1976)

Angelina Naum (1982)

Mary Plasa (1982)

Margarita Jordhamo (1994)

03 Nisi Schutte (1961)

07 Vasil Cici (1955)

Dora George Theodos (1983)

Coffee Hour

Today: New Year's Day

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15: ?????????????????????????????????????

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

Offering Envelopes and Wall Calendars

Offering Envelope Boxes for 2017 are available at the Candle Desk. The **Wall Calendars** have been ordered and will be available as soon as they arrive.

Akathist and Adult Education

This Wednesday, January 4th, 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 looking at **The Nicene Creed**.

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

Theophany House Blessings and Konizmat

This Friday, January 6th, we will celebrate the great **Feast of the Theophany of our LORD**. As is traditional, Father Dennis will be blessing homes in the weeks following.

In addition, we are holding our annual **Konizmat** in connection with the Feast.

A copy of the House Blessing Schedule and the Konizmat list are available at the Candle Desk. Both are in the mail to your homes.

General Parish Meeting scheduled

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

Please plan to attend.

Teuta members: Save the Date!

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** has scheduled its **Holiday Luncheon** for Sunday, January 15, 2017, at Gusto's in Milford. Menu choices include *Rosemary Chicken*, *Grilled New York Steak* or *Baked Salmon*. The cost will be \$26.00 per person, which must be paid by check. Indicate your menu choice on the memo line. Guests are welcome.

The deadline for reservations is January 8th. See *Elsie Gartsu* for details or to make your non-refundable reservations.

News from the Women's Council

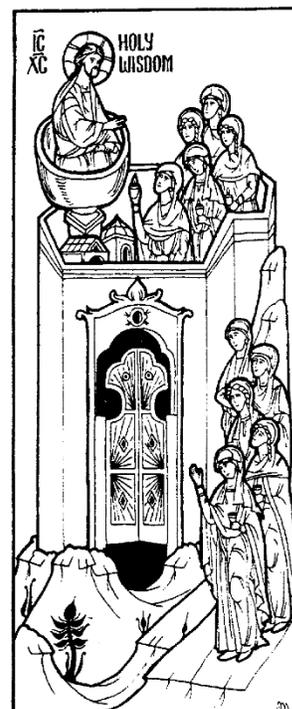
The **Orthodox Women's Council** will meet on Saturday, January 14th at 1:30 p.m. at *St. Nicholas Antiochian Church* on Park Avenue in Bridgeport.

The **Post-Holiday Luncheon** will take place on Sunday, January 29th at the **Cast Iron Chop House** (the former *Marisa's Restaurant*) in Trumbull. The cost is \$30 per person, and the entree choices are beef, chicken, or fish.

Charity Collection

This month we are supporting the **International Orthodox Christian Charities** as they work to help the people of the city of **Aleppo** in Syria and other places around the world who have been forced from their homes.

Please be generous!



Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, set apart from sinners, and become higher than the heavens. He does not need to offer sacrifices daily (as the other priests did), first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people; for this latter He did once for all in offering up Himself. For the Law appoints as priests men who are weak; but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son who is forever perfect. Now the main point in what we are saying is this: We have such a High Priest who has taken His seat at the right hand of the Throne of Majesty in the heavens, a minister of the Holies and of the true Tabernacle, which the LORD has set up, and not man.

Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them. And when eight days were fulfilled for the circumcision of the child, he was called Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong in spirit. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon him. And his parents were accustomed to go every year to Jerusalem at the Feast of the

Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and Joseph and his mother did not know it. But thinking he was in the caravan, they had come a days' journey before it occurred to them to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done so to us? Behold, your father and I have been seeking you sorrowing." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?" And they did not understand the word he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and his mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

Hebrenjve 7:26-8:2

Vëllezër: i tillë kryepriфт na duhej, i shenjtë, i pafajshëm, i papërlyer, i ndarë nga mëkatarët dhe i bërë më i lartë se qiejt; i cili nuk ka përditë nevojë, si ata kryepriфтërinjtë, të sjellë thërorë më përpara për mëkatet e tij, dhe pastaj për ato të popullit; sepse këtë e bëri një herë, kur pruri thëror veten e tij. Sepse ligji vë kryepriфтërinj njerëz që kanë dobësi; po fjala e betimit që u bë pas ligjit vuri Birin, i cili është i përsosur për gjithë jetën. Edhe përmbledhja e atyre që themi është kjo: Kemi një kryepriфт të tillë, i cili ndenji në të djathtë të fronit të madhërisë në qiejt, edhe është shërbëtor i shenjtërores dhe i tendës së vërtetë, të cilën e nguli ZOTI, e jo njeri.

Llukait 2:20-21, 40-52

Në atë kohë, barinjët u kthyen duke lavdëruar e duke nderuar Perëndinë për gjithë ato që dëgjuan e panë, siç iu tha atyre. Edhe kur u mbushën të tetë ditët për të rrethprerë djalin, emri i tij u quajt Jisu, siç ishte quajtur prej engjëllit para se të zihej në bark. Edhe djali rritej e forcohej në shpirt, duke u mbushur me urtësi; dhe hiri i Perëndisë ishte mbi të. Edhe prindërit e tij vinin çdo vit në

Jerusalem për të kremten e pashkës. Edhe kur u bë dymbëdhjetë vjeç, ata u ngjitën në Jerusalem sipas zakonis të së kremtes. Edhe si mbaruan ditët, në kthim të tyre, djali Jisu mbeti prapa në Jerusalem; dhe Josifi dhe e ëma nuk e dinë. Po duke pandehur se ai ishte në rrugë me shokët, ecën një ditë udhë; dhe e kërkonin nëpër farefis e nëpër të njohurit. Edhe pasi nuk e gjetën, u kthyen prapë në Jerusalem duke kërkuar atë. Edhe pas tri ditësh e gjetën në tempull, duke ndenjor në mes të mësuesve e duke i dëgjuar ata e duke i pyetur ata. Edhe të gjithë ata që e dëgjonin mahniteshin për mendjen dhe përgjigjet e tij. Edhe kur e panë atë, u habitën; dhe e ëma i tha: "O bir, ç'na bërë kështu? Ja, po të kërkojmë me pikëllim." Edhe ai u tha atyre: "Pse më kërkoni? A nuk e dinit se unë duhet të jem në punët e Atit tim?" Po ata nuk e kuptuan fjalën që u tha atyre. Edhe zbriti bashkë me ta dhe erdhi në Nazaret; dhe u bindej atyre. Edhe e ëma i ruante gjithë këto fjalë në zemrën e saj. Edhe Jisui vinte mbarë në urtësi dhe në moshë dhe në hir përpara Perëndisë e njerëzve.