

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: The Sunday after the Theophany

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

- 9: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 10: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 11: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"
- 12: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 13: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 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
- 16: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 17: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 18: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"
- 19: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 20: 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 21: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- 22: **The Thirty-first 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), *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; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerna; 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; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Valentina Woliver; Victor Meskhishvili

#### January

- 8 Helen M. Nasse Liolin (2002)
- 11 Eleanor Lillian Phillips (1987)
- 12 Billy Arthur (1976)
- 13 Theodore Leka (1972)  
Andromaqi (Anna) Kovachi (1990)  
George (A. Thanes) Athanas (2001)
- 14 Thimi Bedgio (1951)  
Louis A. Leka, Jr. (1944)

### Coffee Hour

Today: The Parish Council

15: ???

22: ???

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

### General Parish Meeting scheduled

There will be a **General Parish Membership Meeting** today at Coffee Hour. We will be electing Parish Council members and discussing important needs of our parish community.

Please plan to attend.

### Offering Envelopes and Wall Calendars

**Offering Envelope Boxes** and **Wall Calendars** for 2017 are available at the Candle Desk.

### Akathist and Adult Education

This Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Konizmat

The deadline for submissions of **Konizmat** bids is Sunday, *January 22<sup>nd</sup>*. The Icons will be distributed on Sunday, *January 29<sup>th</sup>*. They will be returned on the *Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 5<sup>th</sup>*

### House Blessing

Father Dennis is continuing his annual **House Blessing** schedule. The schedule has been mailed to all homes, and a copy of it is available at the Candle Desk.

If you would like to be added to the schedule, or if you cannot meet Father on the scheduled day, please call him at (203) 598-4678.

### St. George helps Trumbull Helps

On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, our Church will be one of two drop-off locations for **Trumbull Helps Town-wide Food Drive** for the **Trumbull Food Pantry**.

Donations will be accepted between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and refreshments will be provided to donors. We are looking for a few people to bake something for this. Contact *Laura Chadwick* if you would like to help.

### 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.

Today is the deadline for reservations. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Pre-Lenten Memorial Service

The first **Memorial Saturday** of 2017 is February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated that morning and the names of all departed friends and family members of our parishioners will be remembered.

### 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!



**Ephesians 4:7-13**

Brethren, to each one of us the grace was given according to the measure of Christ's bestowal. Thus it says, "Ascending on high, He led away captives; He gave gifts to men." Now this ascending, what does it mean but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended, He it is who ascended also above all the heavens, that He might fill all things. And He Himself gave some men as Apostles, and some as Prophets, and others as Pastors and Teachers, in order to perfect the saints for a work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the deep knowledge of the Son of God, to perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ.

**Matthew 4:12-17**

At that time when Jesus heard that John had been delivered up, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving the town of Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali; that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "Land of Zebulon and land of Naphtali, by the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, a light has arisen." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Efesianëve 4:7-13**

Vëllezër: gjithësecilit prej nesh iu dha hiri sipas masës së dhuratës së Krishtit. Prandaj thotë: "Si u ngjit lart, skllavëroi skllavëri, dhe u dha dhurata njerëzve". Edhe se "ai u ngjit", ç'është tjetër, veçse edhe zbriti më parë në pjesët më të poshtme të dheut? Ai që zbriti, është ai që edhe u ngjit sipër gjithë qiejve, që t'i plotësojë të gjitha. Edhe ai dha që disa të jenë apostuj, e disa profetë, e disa ungjillorë, dhe disa barinj e mësues, për formimin e shenjtorëve, për veprën e shërbesës, për ndërtimin e trupit të Krishtit, deri sa të arrijmë të gjithë në unitetin e besimit, dhe të njohjes së Birit të Perëndisë, në njeri të përsosur, në masën e moshës së plotësisë së Krishtit.

**Matheut 4:12-17**

Në atë kohë, Jisui kur dëgjoji se Joanin e dorëzuan, iku në Galile. Edhe si la Nazaretin, erdhi e ndenji në Kapernaum që është pranë detit, në kufijtë e Zavulonit dhe të Neftalimit, që të përmbushet ç'është thënë nga profeti Isaia, që thotë: "Dheu Zavulon edhe dheu Neftalim, në udhën e detit përtej Jordanit, Galilea e kombeve, populli që rrinte në errësirë pa dritë të madhe, dhe mbi ata që rrinin në vend e në hije vdekjeje lindi dritë". Që atëherë Jisui zuri të predikojë e të thotë: "Pendohuni, sepse u afrua mbretëria e qiejve."