

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Aug. 1: Dormition Fast begins

7:00 a.m. Matins

2: 7:00 a.m. Matins

4: 7:00 a.m. Matins

5: 7:00 a.m. Matins

6: Transfiguration of our LORD

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

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

7: 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

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; Michael, Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; Serge Bouteneff; Debi Broadus; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; 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; Deborah Owen; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruszkowski; 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

July

31 Pandi Phillips (1951)

August

03 Louis Pando (1969)

Doxa Arthur (1975)

04 Andoni Peters (1987)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Csernica Family

Aug. 7: The Galich Family, in honor of Melissa's graduation from Cosmetology School

14: ???

21: ???

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

Congratulations!

Last Sunday, July 24th, **Michael Vincent Moras, Jr.**, was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. *Wayne and Lauren Moras* were godparents.

Michael is the son of *Michael and Dana Moras, Sr.*, and grandson of *Wayne and Melissa Moras*.

Many Years!

Për Shumë Vjet!

Scholarships available

Applications for the 2016 **Thomas and Katherine LaBache Scholarships** are now being 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 19th. 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 30th, 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.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

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

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.

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.

Dormition Fast

The **Dormition Fast** begins tomorrow, August 1st.

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 **Fr. Juvenaly (Repass)** who will be doing long-term missionary work in Guatemala with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. He visited our parish at the beginning of June and spoke of his work.

Please be generous!

Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, we have gifts differing according to the grace that has been given us, such as prophecy to be used according to the degree of faith, or ministry in ministering, or instruction in teaching, or exhortation in encouraging, or almsgiving in being generous with simplicity, or leadership in leading with discretion, or works of mercy in performing them joyfully. Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil. Hold to what is good. Love one another with fraternal charity, being the first to honor the other. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the LORD, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer. Relieve the saints' needs, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you: bless, and do not curse!

Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over and came to His own town. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a pallet. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven you." And behold, some of the Scribes said within themselves, "This man blasphemes." And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic—"Arise, take up your pallet and go to your house." And he arose, and went away to his house. But when the crowds saw it, they were struck with fear, and glorified God who had given such power to men.

Romakëve 12:6-14

Vëllezër, kemi dhurata të ndryshme sipas hirit që na u dha; nëse kemi profeci, le të profetizojmë sipas pjesës së besimit që na u dha; nëse shërbesë, le të qëndrojmë në shërbesë; kush është mësues, le të jepet pas mësimit; kush ka dhuratën e këshillimit, le të japë këshilla; kush jep, le të japë me thjeshtësi; kush është i parë, le të jetë me kujdes; kush përdëllen, le të përdëllejë me hare. Dashuria le të jetë pa hipokrizi; urreni të ligën, ngjituni pas së mirës. Të doni fort njëri-tjetrin me dashuri vëllazërore; në nderim kalojeni njëri-tjetrin. Në punë të jeni të papërtueshëm, në shpirt të nxehtë; ZOTIT t'i shërbeni. Në shpresë të gëzoheni; në shtrëngim të duroni; në falje të qëndroni; në nevojat e shenjtorëve të ndihmoni; nga mikpritja mos hiqni dorë. Bekoni ata që ju përndjekin; bekonit e mos mallkoni.

Matheut 9:1-8

Në atë kohë, si hyri në lundër Jisui u hodh përtej, e erdhi në qytetin e tij. Edhe ja tek i prunë një të paralizuar të dergjur mbi shtrat; dhe Jisui si pa besimin e tyre, i tha të paralizuarit: "Merr zemër, o bir, të janë falur mëkatet e tua." Edhe ja ca nga shkruarit tek thanë me veten e tyre: "Ky po blasfemon." Edhe Jisui si pa mendimet e tyre, tha: "Përse mendoni ju ligësira në zemrat tuaja? Sepse ç'është më lehtë, të them: 'T'u falën mëkatet e tua;' apo të them: 'Ngrihu e ec?' Po që ta dini se i biri i njeriut ka pushtet mbi dhe të falë mëkate"—atëherë i thotë të paralizuarit—"Ngrihu, merr mbi krahë shtratin tënd, dhe shko në shtëpinë tënde." Edhe ai u ngrit dhe shkoi në shtëpinë e tij. Edhe turmat, kur panë, u çuditën, dhe lavdëruan Perëndinë, që u dha njerëzve një pushtet të këtillë.

