

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: Sunday of All Saints

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

27: The Apostles' Fast begins

7:00 a.m. Matins

28: 7:00 a.m. Matins

29: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

30: 7:00 a.m. Matins

July 1: 7:00 a.m. Matins

2: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

3: Sunday of All Saints of North America

9:15 a.m. General Confession

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4: 7:00 a.m. Matins

5: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7: 7:00 a.m. Matins

8: 7:00 a.m. Matins

9: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

10: Third 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), *-serving 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; 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; James Pando; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruszkowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Thomas Spero; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale; Robert Volpe.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Michael Lopen; Robert Vrabel;
Cornelius Hughes; Thomas Dudo

June

26 Nicholas Demas (1993)
27 Constantine Vanghele (2014)
30 Bobby Sotir (1943)
Spiro Polena (1958)

July

01 Dhimitra V. Cici (1951)
02 Thomas Jordhamo (1964)
Ligor T. Buzi (1994)

Coffee Hour

Today: ???

July 3: The Church Choir

10: ???

17: Shirley & Don Jordan's Table

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

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.

Complete details are to be found in the insert to today's *Bulletin*. Applications are available at the Candle Desk.

Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

This Tuesday, June 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.

Speak to Gregory for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

Lakror for sale

Order your **Lakrors**—Leek, Spinach and Sauerkraut—now. The cost is \$50.00 each.

See *Laura Denisevich* or *Laura Chadwick* to place your order.

Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, July 15th. 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 this next meeting will be the *Sixth and Seventh Steps*.

New England Youth Rally

The Diocese of New England will hold its annual **Youth Rally** from August 8th through the 13th. It is open to young people from the New England and Albanian Dioceses who, at the time of Rally, have completed the 5th grade and have not yet celebrated their 18th birthday.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please speak to Father Dennis.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

At their meeting last Sunday, members of the **Teuta Ladies' Society** decided that this year's **Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, October 22nd.

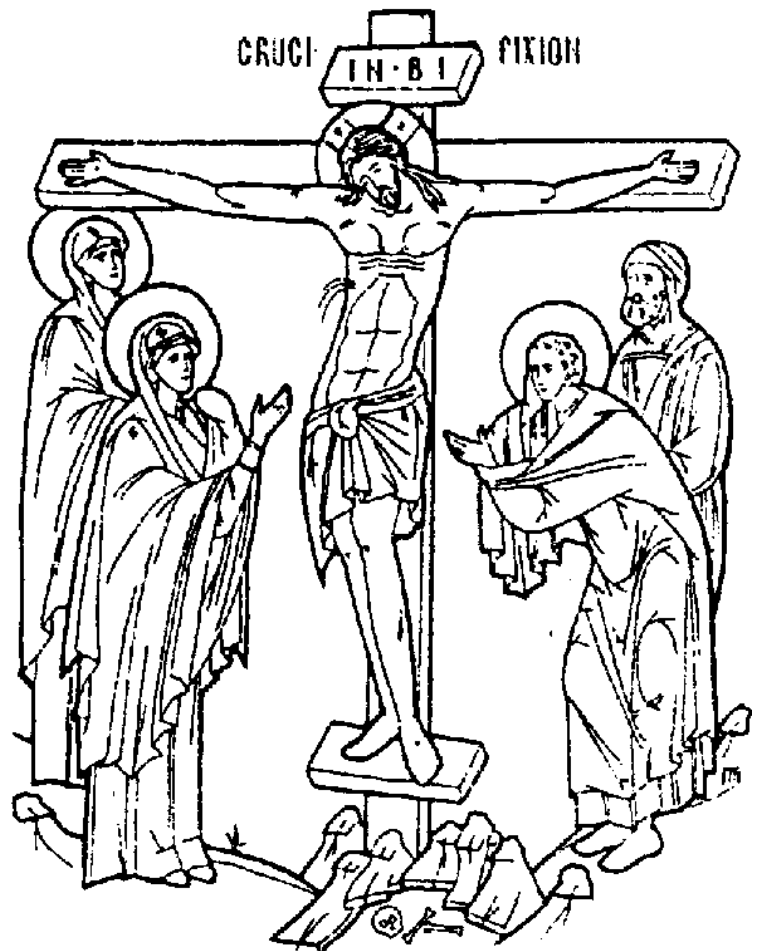
In preparation, they are accepting monetary donations to help offset the costs of the *Bazaar*.

Please see *Louise Gallagher* or *Susan Galich* if you can help.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **"Team Caroline and Mia,"** an effort in our area to support the families of *Caroline and Mia*, two kindergartners at Jane Ryan School in Trumbull who are struggling with cancer.

Please be generous!



Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Brethren, all of the saints by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies. Women had their dead returned to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and beatings, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, they were cut to pieces, they were put to the test, they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, anguished, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy) wandering in deserts, mountains, caverns and holes in the ground. And all of these, in spite of the positive witnessing of faith, failed to receive what was promised, for God was keeping something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us. And so, having such a cloud of witnesses over us, let us get rid of every burden, and of the sin entangling us, and run with endurance to the fight proposed to us,

contemplating the author and final end of faith, Jesus.

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

The LORD said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I in turn will disown before my Father in heaven. Anyone who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me, is not worthy of me." Then Peter addressed Him saying, "Behold, we have left all and followed You; what then shall we have?" And Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you that you who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last now will be first."

Hebrenjve 11:33-12:2

Vëllezër, gjithë shenjtorët me anë të besimit mundën mbretëri, punuan drejtësi, fituan premtime, thurën gojë luanësh, shuan fuqinë e zjarrit, shpëtuan nga gojët e thikës, morën fuqi nga dobësitë, u bënë të fortë në luftë, thyen ushtritë e të huajve. Gra morën të vdekurit e tyre të ngjallur; dhe të tjerë u munduan, sepse nuk pritën shpëtimin, që të fitonin një ngjallje më të mirë; Dhe të tjerë u provuan me të përqeshura e me të rrahura, po edhe me të lidhura e me burg. U vranë me gurë, u sharruan, u nganë, vdiqën prerë prej thike; endeshin lart e poshtë veshur me lëkurë dhensh, e me lëkurë dhish, duke pasur nevojë, duke pasur shtrëngime, duke hequr keq, — ata për të cilët bota nuk ishte e denjë; — duke shkuar andej e këtej nëpër shkretëtira e nëpër male e nëpër shpella e nëpër vrimat e dheut. Edhe këta të gjithë, ndonëse morën dëshmi të mirë me anë të besimit, nuk morën premtimin, sepse Perëndia pati urdhëruar që përpara një gjë më të mirë për ne, që të mos bëhen të përsosur pa ne. Prandaj dhe ne, të rrethuar prej një reje kaq të madhe dëshmitarësh, le të hedhim tej çdo barrë dhe mëkatin që na pushton lehtë, dhe me durim le të sulemi në rrugën që është përpara nesh, duke

shikuar tek Jisui që është kryet dhe fundi i besimit.

Matheu 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

ZOTI u tha nxënësve të tij: “Kushdo që të më pohojë përpara njerëzve, edhe unë do ta pohoj atë përpara Atit tim që është në qiejt. Por këdo që të më mohojë përpara njerëzve, do ta mohoj edhe unë atë përpara Atit tim që është në qiejt. Ai që do të atin ose të ëmën më tepër se mua, nuk është i denjë për mua; edhe ai që do bir a bijë më tepër se mua, nuk është i denjë për mua. Edhe ai që nuk merr kryqin e tij e nuk vjen pas meje, nuk është i denjë për mua.” Atëherë u përgjigj Pjetri e i tha atij: “Ja ne tek i lamë të gjitha, dhe erdhëm pas teje. Vallë, ç’do të jetë për ne?” Edhe Jisui u tha atyre: “Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, se ju që më erdhët pas, në krijesën e re, kur të rrijë i Biri i njeriut mbi fronin e lavdisë së tij, do të rrini edhe ju mbi dymbëdhjetë frone duke gjykuar të dymbëdhjetë fiset e Izraelit. Edhe kushdo që la shtëpi, a vëllezër, a motra, a atë, a nënë, a grua, a bij, a ara, për hir të emrit tim, do të marrë njëqind për një, dhe do të trashëgojë jetë të pasosur. Po shumë të parë do të jenë të fundit, dhe të fundit të parë.”