

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *Sunday of the Holy Cross*

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. John, Mill Hill

12: 7:00 a.m. Matins

13: 7:00 a.m. Matins

14: 7:00 a.m. Matins
6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

15: 7:00 a.m. Matins

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins
7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

17: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

18: *Sunday of St. John of the Ladder*

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. John, Silver Ln.

19: 7:00 a.m. Matins

20: 7:00 a.m. Matins

21: 7:00 a.m. Matins
6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

22: 7:00 a.m. Matins

23: 7:00 a.m. Matins
7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

24: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

25: *Annunciation to the Virgin Mary*

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Holy Unction at Three Saints Church, Ansonia

Prayers for Blessings and Health

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.

Nicole Dionis, *our Catechumen*.

Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Fr. Dimitrie Vincent; Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred & Michael Ar-endacs; Thomas Batura; Paul Betts; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Richard Crane; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Deborah Garofalo; Luba Geeza; 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; Jeannine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Serge Mihaly; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Katherine Pando; Pat Perrotta, Judi Petro; Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

James Balta; Lawrence Beck;
Matushka Barbara Kucynda; Eileen Bochino;
Vangel Michael

March

- 11 Magdalina Karoli (1959)
- 12 Konstandina D. Joseph (1962)
- 13 Charles George (1962)
Metropolitan Theofan (S. Noli) (1965)
- 14 Catherine Panoli (2014)
- 15 Pandora Nastes Nicholas (1999)
Thomas William Soter (2011)
- 16 Ligor Lazar (1951)
Harriet Atanas Lambert (2001)

Coffee Hour

Today: ?????????????????????????????????

18: ?????????????????????????????????

25: ?????????????????????????????????

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

Condolences

Yesterday, March 10th, our parishioner, **Vangel Michael**, departed this life.

Vangel was the husband of *Diana Chala Michael*, the father of *Laura Coughlin* and *Jonathan Michael*, and the grandfather of *Kelly and TJ Coughlin* and *Alexandria Michael*.

Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

Great Lent 2018

We are now in the season of **Great Lent**.

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.

Readers Wanted

We are looking for people to read the Epistle during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

If you would like to help with this, please speak with Father Dennis.

Special Lenten Services

On Wednesdays, **The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. during the Lenten season, followed by a pot-luck Lenten supper.

Those who plan to receive Holy Communion at the evening Presanctified should prepare by fasting from all food and drink at least from noon of that day.

Little Compline and Salutations to the Virgin will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

News from the Women's Council

The Women's Council's annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) is continuing through March. If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

Sunday Lenten Vespers Services

On the Sundays of Great Lent, 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.

- Today at St. John Church on Mill Hill Ave. in Bridgeport.
- March 18th at St. John Church on Silver Ln. in Stratford
- March 25th Unction at Three Saints Church in Ansonia

Lenten refreshments will be served following all services.

Myrrhbearing Women

It's that time again for our **Myrrhbearing Women** to gather to decorate the *Petafi* (*Christ's Tomb*).

Great and Holy Friday is on April 6th. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the decorating will take approximately 2 hours.

Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact *Pauline Dionis* at 203-261-0611.

Trumbull Helps

Trumbull Helps a local organization that assists many people in need in our area, will be using our kitchen on Saturday, March 24th, to prepare a meal for the residents of the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission*.

See the flyer on the back page for complete details.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support **Bridgeport Rescue Mission**, an organization that assist needy people in our area.

Please be generous!

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest who has passed into the heavens, let us hold fast our profession of faith. For we have not a high priest unable to pity our weaknesses, but One tried as we are in all things, save sin. Let us then approach the Throne of grace with confidence, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in matters pertaining to God, so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to have compassion on the ignorant and erring, because he himself also is beset with weakness, and therefore must make offerings for sin in his own behalf as in behalf of the people. And no one invests himself with this honor: only one who is called by God takes it, as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself with the High Priesthood, but glorified the One who had spoken to Him, "You are my Son. In this day have begotten You." As He says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedek."

Mark 8:34-39

The LORD said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes with the holy Angels in the glory of His Father." And He said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the Kingdom of God coming in power."

Hebrenjve 4:14-5:6

Vëllezër: Duke pasur pra një kryepriфт të madh që depërtoi qiejt, Jisuin, të Birin e Perëndisë, le të mbajmë rrëfimin tonë. Sepse s'kemi kryepriфт që të mos mund t'i vijë keq për dobësitë tona, po kryepriфт që u nga në të gjitha si ne, përveç se nuk mëkatoi. Le t'i afrohem pra me guxim frontit të hirit, që të marrim përdëllim dhe të gjejmë hir për ndihmë në kohë nevoje. Sepse çdo kryepriфт që merret prej njerëzve, vihet kryepriфт për njerëzit në punët që kanë të bëjnë me Perëndinë, që të bjerë dhurata e therorë për mëkate; të cilit mund t'i vijë keq për ata që janë të paditur e të gënjyer; sepse edhe ai vetë është veshur me dobësi. Edhe prandaj ka detyrë, si për popullin, kështu dhe për veten e tij, të bjerë theror për mëkate. Edhe asnjë nuk e merr këtë nder prej vetes së tij, po ai që thirret nga Perëndia, si Aroni. Kështu edhe Krishti nuk e lavdëroi veten e tij që të bëhet kryepriфт, po ai që i foli: "Ti je Biri im, unë sot të kam lindur". Sikurse edhe në tjetër vend thotë: "Ti je priфт për gjithë jetën sipas rregullit të Melkisedekut".

Marku 8:34-9:1

ZOTI u tha: "Kush të dojë të vijë pas meje, le të mohojë veten e tij dhe le të ngrerë kryqin e tij, dhe le të më vijë pas. Sepse kush të dojë të shpëtojë shpirtin e tij, do ta humbasë; po kush të humbasë shpirtin e tij për shkakun tim dhe të ungjillit, ky do ta shpëtojë. Sepse ç'dobi do të ketë njeriu, në fitoftë gjithë botën, dhe të dëmtojë shpirtin e tij? Apo ç'do të japë njeriu për këmbim të shpirtit të tij? Sepse cilitdo që t'i vijë turp për mua dhe për fjalët e mia në këtë brez të përdalë e fajtor, edhe të birit të njeriut do t'i vijë turp për atë, kur të vijë në lavdinë e Atit të tij bashkë me engjëjt e shenjtë." Edhe u thoshte atyre: "Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, se janë disa prej këtyre që rrinë këtu, që nuk do të provojnë vdekje, deri sa të shohin mbretërinë e Perëndisë të ardhur me fuqi."