

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: Pascha—The Resurrection of Christ

11:00 p.m. Nocturne, Procession,  
Matins and Paschal Liturgy

11:00 a.m. Paschal Agape Vespers

#### 2: Bright Monday

##### Great Martyr George (transferred)

10:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

3: 7:00 a.m. Matins

4: 6:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers

#### 5: Bright Thursday

##### Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup

10:00 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

6: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 8: Thomas Sunday

##### Mother's Day

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: 6:00 p.m. Akathist Hymn

12: 7:00 a.m. Matins

13: 7:00 a.m. Matins

14: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 15: Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Memorial  
Prayers for Helen Tallcouch

### 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; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Florence Chala; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; 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 & Michael 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 Ruzskowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; 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

Diana Breaz; Helen Tallcouch; Pandeli Jordhamo

#### May

- 01 Theodore D. Yapo (1964)
- 02 Olga Lazar (1992)
- 04 Kaliroi Dionis (1974)
- Pandora Thanas Panoli (2006)
- 05 Meropi (Mary) Nichio (2009)
- 07 Emily Adam (1987)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** Paschal Easter Egg Hunt

**8:** The Polena Family, in memory of Eleanore

**15:** The Tallcouch Family, in memory of Helen

**22:** The Nani Family, in honor of Kosta's  
Nameday

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

### Congratulations!

We extend our congratulations to **Donna (Elizabeth) Kerma** and **Ildi (Ilia) Begolli** who were received into the Holy Orthodox Church yesterday, Donna through the Sacrament of Chrismation and Ildi through the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation.

Donna's Godmother is *Laura Coughlin*.

Ildi's Godfather is *Nardi Tollkuci*.

**Many Years! Për Shumë Vjet!**

### Bible Study

This Wednesday, **Paschal Vespers** and **Bible Study** will be held. **Vespers** will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m., followed by **Bible Study** at about 7:00 p.m., lasting until about 8:00 p.m.

### Help the Trumbull Food Pantry

The **Trumbull Food Pantry** needs help. They are looking for donations of shampoo and conditioner, detergent, deodorant, sanitary pads, canned fruit, Pasta-Roni, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, canned carrots, canned peas, canned mixed vegetables and canned whole white potatoes, sliced.

There is a box in the Church vestibule where donations can be placed.

### Easter Egg Dye available

Red Easter Egg dye from Greece and Icon Egg wraps are available for purchase at the Religious Store in the Church Hall.

### Easter Egg Hunt

We will have our traditional **Easter Egg Hunt** after Paschal Vespers on Easter Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for donations of candy and plastic eggs in preparation. See *Sue Galich* if you can help.

### Mother's Day Dance

There will be a **Mother's Day Dance** in the Church Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Contact *Aida Kalapo* (203-685-7231) or *Nardi Tollkuci* (203-895-4263) for information and details.

### Mother's Day

We are preparing our annual **Mother's Day Commemorations**.

Please submit names of your mother, grandmother, step-mother, god-mother, sister, step-sister, or niece (clearly indicating whether they are living or deceased) to a member of the Parish Council. The names will be remembered in prayer during the Divine Liturgy on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be used for the beautification of the Church.

### Lakror for sale

Order your **Lakrors**—**Leek, Spinach and Sauerkraut**—now at a cost of \$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, May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 *Fifth Step*.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **Trumbull Food Pantry**, an organization in that assists needy people in our area.

Please be generous!

*Christ is risen!*

*Indeed, He is risen!*

*Krishti u-ngjall!*

*Vërtet u-ngjall!*

*Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!*

*Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!*

*Христос воскрес!*

*Восстину воскрес!*

*Hristos a înviat!*

*Adevărat a înviat!*

**Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8**

In the preceding book, Theophilus, I was concerned with everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day He was taken up, after giving commandments through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles He had chosen. To them also He showed Himself alive after His Passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about God's Kingdom. And while eating with them, He told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise, "of which you have heard," He said, "by my mouth. For while John baptized with water, you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit within a few days." Now those gathered there questioned Him, asking, "LORD, is it now that You will restore the kingdom to Israel?" But He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or the proper moments the Father has set by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and even to the very ends of the earth."

**John 1:1-17**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world knew Him not.

He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him He gave the power of becoming children of God; to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory (glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and of truth. John bore witness concerning Him, and cried, "This was the One of whom I said, 'He who is to come after me has been set above me, because He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, grace for grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

***At the Agape Vespers***

**John 20:19-25**

When it was late, that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the LORD. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the LORD." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side I will not believe."

### Veprat e Apostujve 1:1-8

Fjalën e parë, o Theofil, e bëra për gjithë sa nisi Jisui të bëjë e të mësojë, deri në atë ditë që u ngjit lart në qiell, pasi me anë të Shpirtit të Shenjtë u la porosi apostujve që pati zgjedhur; tek të cilët edhe e tregoi veten e tij të gjallë me shumë shenja pas pësimit të tij, duke u dukur ndër ata dyzet ditë, e duke folur për punët e mbretërisë së Perëndisë. Edhe duke u mbledhur bashkë me ata i porositi të mos ndahen nga Jerusalemi, por të presin premtimin e Atit që dëgjuat prej meje, u tha. Sepse Joani pagëzoi me ujë, por ju do të pagëzoheni me Shpirt të Shenjtë jo shumë ditë pas këtyre. Ata pra, kur u mblodhën bashkë me të, e pyesnin duke thënë: “Зот, vallë, në këtë kohë do t’ia japësh mbretërinë Izraelit?” Edhe ai u tha atyre: “Nuk është puna juaj të njihni kohët a motet, të cilët i ka vënë Ati në pushtetin e tij. Por do të merrni fuqi, kur të vijë Shpirti i Shenjtë mbi ju; dhe do të më jeni dëshmitarë edhe në Jerusalemi edhe në gjithë Judenë edhe në Samari edhe deri në fund të dheut.”

### Joani 1:1-17

Në fillim ishte Fjala, dhe Fjala ishte me Perëndinë, dhe Fjala ishte Perëndi, kjo ishte që në fillim me Perëndinë. Të gjitha u bënë me anë të saj; dhe pa atë nuk u bë asgjë që është bërë. Në atë ishte jetë, dhe jeta ishte drita e njerëzve. Edhe drita ndriçon në errësirë dhe errësira nuk e kuptoi. Qe një njeri i dërguar nga Perëndia, me emrin Joan. Ky erdhi për dëshmi, që të japë dëshmi për Dritën, që të besojnë të gjithë me anë të tij. Ai nuk ishte Drita, por qe dërguar që të japë dëshmi për Dritën. Ishte Drita e vërtetë, që ndrit çdo njeri kur vjen në botë. Ishte në botë, dhe bota u bë me anë të tij; po bota

nuk e njohu atë. Erdhi tek të tijtë, dhe të tijtë nuk e pritën atë. Edhe sa e pritën, atyre u dha pushtet të bëhen bij Perëndie, atyre që besojnë me anë të tij. Ata nuk lindën prej gjakrash, as prej dashurimi mishi, as prej dashurimi burri, po prej Perëndie. Edhe Fjala u bë mish, dhe qëndroi ndër ne—dhe pamë lavdinë e tij, lavdi si të vetëmlinduri prej Atit—plot me hir e me të vërtetë. Joani jep dëshmi për të, dhe bërtiti, duke thënë: “Ky është ai për të cilin thashë: ‘Ai që vjen pas meje është më i madh se unë, sepse ishte përpara meje.’” Edhe të gjithë ne morëm nga plotësia e tij, dhe hir në vend hiri. Sepse ligji u dha me anë të Moisiut, po hiri dhe e vërteta u bë me anë të Jisu Krishtit.

### Në Mbremesorja e Dashurisë

#### Joani 20:19-25

Të parën e javës, si u ngrys, dhe dyert ishin mbyllur atje ku ishin mbledhur nxënësit nga frika e Judenjve, erdhi Jisui dhe ndenji në mes, dhe u thotë atyre: “Paqe mbi ju.” Edhe si tha këtë, u tregoi atyre duart dhe brinjën e tij. U gëzuan pra nxënësit kur panë ZOTIN. Edhe Jisui u tha atyre përsëri: “Paqe mbi ju. Siç më dërgoi Ati, edhe unë ju dërgoj ju.” Edhe si tha këtë, fryu dhe u thotë atyre: “Merrni Frymë të Shenjtë. Kujtdo që t’u falni mëkatet, u janë falur atyre; kujtdo që t’ua mbani, u janë mbajtur atyre.” Po Thomai, një nga të dymbëdhjetët, që quhet Binjak, nuk ishte bashkë me ata, kur erdhi Jisui. Nxënësit e tjerë pra i thoshin: “Pamë ZOTIN.” Po ai u tha atyre: “Në mos pafsha në duart e tij shenjën e gozhdëve, dhe të vë gishtin tim në shenjën e gozhdëve, dhe të vë dorën në brinjën e tij, s’kam për të besuar.”