

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *Sunday of the Paralytic*

9:30 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. General Confession
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

8: 7:00 a.m. Matins

9: 7:00 a.m. Matins

10: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

11: 7:00 a.m. Matins

12: 7:00 a.m. Matins

13: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

14: *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman* *Mother's Day*

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

15: 7:00 a.m. Matins

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins

17: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

18: 7:00 a.m. Matins

19: 7:00 a.m. Matins

20: 12:00 p.m. Sophie Masek's Baptism
4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

21: *Sunday of the Blind Man* *SS. Constantine & Helen*

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
12:00 p.m. Madelyn Leighton's Baptism

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Gregory Buzi II and his family, *testing his vocation*.

Dimitri Ndini (*USMC*), *serving 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; Arlene Bunnell; Jim Cenera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle & Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; 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; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Jolanda Barber; Cindy Davis; Georgika Boria

May

7 Emily Adam (1987)

8 Olga Cotmil (2000)

9 Dhimitra Leka (2011)

10 Virginia Morcone (2013)

11 Stephen Peters (1992)

Vasil Michael (1984)

Polixeni (Paula) Nicholas (1997)

12 Connie Rafail (1966)

James Gallagher (2009)

12 Dorothy Naum Csordas (2004)

Coffee Hour

Today: ???

14: ???

21: 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.

Condolences

We express our condolences to the family of **Georgika Boria**, who departed this life on Monday, May 1st.

Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

News from the Women's Council

The annual dinner meeting of the **Women's Council** will be at 5:30 p.m. on *Tuesday, May 16th* at the *Red Lobster Restaurant* on Main Street in Bridgeport.

Today is the last day to make reservations, so please contact Nadia Murad directly with your reservation so she can make the necessary arrangements. There will be NO preorder of meals—we will order off the menu when we are there.

You can reach Nadia at 203-922-1126 or avonladynads1@yahoo.com.

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 14th.

All donations will be used for the beautification of the Church.

Notification of illness

When you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please be sure to let Father Dennis know so he can visit. He can be reached at 203-598-4678.

Parish Finances

Be sure to take a look at the sign at the Candle Desk which shows our current month's income and expenses.

Cemetery Visitations

On Saturday, May 27th, we will visit our local cemeteries to bless the graves. The schedule will be as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. Lakeview Cemetery, Bridgeport (*starting at Fr. Kovachi's grave site*)
- 1:00 p.m. Oaklawn Cemetery, Fairfield
- 2:30 p.m. Gate of Heaven, Trumbull

If there are other cemeteries you would like Father Dennis to visit for grave blessings, please contact him to make arrangements.

Summer Hours

We will be observing **Summer Hours** again this year. Beginning on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m. This will continue through Labor Day, September 3rd. Weekday Liturgies will continue to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **CROP Hunger Walk** program of *Church World Service* that raises funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

Please be generous!

<i>Christ is risen!</i>	<i>Indeed, He is risen!</i>
<i>Krishti u-ngjall!</i>	<i>Vërtet u-ngjall!</i>
<i>Χριστὸς ἀνέστη!</i>	<i>Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!</i>
<i>Христос воскрес!</i>	<i>Восстину воскрес!</i>
<i>Hristos a înviat!</i>	<i>Adevărat a înviat!</i>

Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

In those days it came to pass that Peter, while visiting all of them, came to the saints living at Lydda. And he found there a certain man named Aeneas who had been lying in bed for eight years, since he was a paralytic. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ is healing you: get up and make your bed." And he got up immediately. And all the inhabitants of Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw him, and they were converted to the LORD. Now in Joppa there was a certain woman disciple named Tabitha, which translated means Dorcas, and she devoted herself to good works and almsgiving. But it happened at that time that she fell ill and died; and they washed her and laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda is close to Joppa, the disciples, hearing Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Come to us without delay." And Peter got up and went with them, and on his arrival, they led him to the upper room, and all the widows stood around him weeping, showing him the gowns and cloaks Dorcas used to make for them. But Peter, putting them all out, knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!" And she opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. Then Peter gave her his hand and raised her up, and calling the saints and the widows, he gave her back to them alive. And it became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the LORD.

John 5:1-15

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem, by the gate of the sheep, a

pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these were lying a great multitude of the sick, blind, lame, and those with shriveled limbs, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord used to come down at certain times into the pool, and the water was stirred. And the first to go down into the pool after the stirring of the water was cured of whatever infirmity he had. Now a certain man was there who had been thirty-eight years under his infirmity. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been in this state a long time, He asked him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred; for while I am coming another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet and walk." And at once the man was cured. And he took up his pallet and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; you are not allowed to take up the pallet." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him then, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet and walk?'" But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd in the place. Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are cured. Sin no more, lest something worse happen to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Veprat e Apostujve 9:32-42

Në ato ditë Pjetri, duke shkuar nëpër gjithë ato vende, zbriti edhe tek shenjtorët që ishin në Lidë. Edhe atje gjeti një njeri që e quanin Enea, i cili ishte një i paralizuar që dergjej tetë vjet në shtrat. Edhe Pjetri i tha: "Enea, Jisu Krishti të shëron. Ngrihu dhe shtro shtratin tënd." Edhe ai përnjëherë u ngrit. Edhe e panë atë gjithë ata që rrinin në Lidë e në Saron, dhe u kthyen në ZOTIN. Edhe në Jopë ishte një nxënëse që quhej Tavità, që e përkthyer do me thënë Sorkadhe; ajo ishte plot me punë të mira e me lëmosha që bënte. Edhe në ato ditë qëllloi të sëmuret e të vdesë; dhe si e lanë e vunë në një dhomë të sipërme. Edhe pasi Lida ishte afër Jopës, nxënësit, kur dëgjuan se Pjetri është në të, dërguan dy burra tek ai, duke iu lutur atij të mos përtojë të vijë deri tek ata. Edhe Pjetri u ngrit e shkoi bashkë me ta; sapo erdhi atë e ngjitën në dhomën e sipërme dhe i dolën përpara gjithë gratë e veja duke qarë e duke treguar këmishë e rroba, të cilat i bënte Sorkadhja, kur ishte bashkë me to. Po Pjetri, pasi i nxori të gjithë jashtë, u ul në gjunjë dhe u fal; dhe si u kthye nga trupi, tha: "Tavità, ngrihu." E ajo hapi sytë e saj, dhe kur pa Pjetrin, u ngrit e ndenji. Edhe ai i dha dorën dhe e ngriti; dhe pasi thërriti shenjtorët e të vejat, e nxori përpara të gjallë. Edhe kjo u mor vesh nëpër gjithë Jopën; dhe shumë veta besuan në ZOTIN.

Joani 5:1-15

Në atë kohë, Jisui u ngjit në Jerusalem. Edhe në Jerusalem afër derës së dhenve është një pellg uji që quhet Hebraisht Betesdà, dhe ka pesë kamare. Në këto dergjej një turmë e madhe të sëmurësh, të verbrish, të çalësh, të paralizuarish që pritnin lëvizjen e ujit. Sepse kohë pas kohe zbriste një engjëll në pellg dhe trazonte ujin; ai pra që të hynte më përpara pas trazimit të ujit, bëhej i shëndoshë prej çfarëdo sëmundjeje që të kishte. Edhe atje ishte një njeri, që kishte i sëmurë tridhjetë e tetë vjet. Jisui kur e pa këtë se po dergjej, dhe mori vesh se tashmë prej shumë kohe ishte i sëmurë, i thotë: "A do të bëhesh i shëndoshë?" I sëmuri iu përgjigj: "Zot, s'kam njeri të më vërë në pellg kur trazohet uji; sepse kur vij unë, një tjetër zbrit përpara meje." Jisui i thotë: "Çohu, ngri shtratin tënd, dhe ecë." Edhe përnjëherë njeriu u bë i shëndoshë, dhe ngriti shtratin e tij, dhe ecte. Edhe atë ditë ishte e shtunë. Judenjtë pra i thoshin atij që u shërua: "Është e shtunë. Nuk është e udhës të ngresh shtratin." Ai iu përgjigj atyre: "Ai që më shëroi më tha: Ngri shtratin tënd dhe ec." E pyetën pra: "Cili është ai njeri që të tha: 'Ngri shtratin tënd dhe ec!'" Po ai që u shërua nuk e dinte cili është; sepse Jisui u shmang, se kishte shumë popull në atë vend. Pastaj Jisui e gjen atë në tempull, dhe i tha: "Ja tek u bërë i shëndoshë; mos mëkato më, që mos të të bëhet ndonjë gjë më e keqe." Njeriu pra shkoi dhe lajmëroi Judenjtë se ai që e bëri të shëndoshë është Jisui.