

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

**Today: 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. Glory to God for All Things

**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

**16:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**17:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**11:** 6:00 p.m. Glory to God for All Things

**19:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**20:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. The Inexhaustible Cup

**21:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

**22: Sunday of the Paralytic**

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 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; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; 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 Ruskowski; 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**

Helen Tallcouch; Pandeli Jordhamo

**May**

08 Olga Cotmil (2000)

09 Dhimitra Leka (2011)

11 Stephen Peters (1992)

Vasil Michael (1984)

Polixeni (Paula) Nicholas (1997)

10 Virginia Morcone (2013)

12 Connie Rafail (1966)

James Gallagher (2009)

13 Dorothy Naum Csordas (2004)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** 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.*

### Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all of the Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers of our parish community.

*Many Years!*

*Për Shumë Vjet!*

### Bible Study

This Wednesday, the Akathist Hymn, **Glory to God for All Things** and **Bible Study** will be held as usual. The *Akathist* 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.

### Focus Group scheduled

The next **Focus Group** meeting for our *Natural Church Development* program will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Put your name on the sign-up sheet at the Candle Desk if you would like to participate.

### Participate the CROP Hunger Walk

We plan to participate in the local **CROP Hunger Walk**, which will be held on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Bridgeport. This Walk will help to end hunger in the United States and around the world.

Speak to *Laura Coughlin* if you are interested.

### 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, 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 **CROP Hunger Walk** program of *Church World Service*. that raises funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

### Special Guest

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, **Archimandrite Juvenaly (Repass)** will be with us to speak about the missionary work he will be doing in Guatemala.

### Thank you!

We extend our thanks to the many people who helped to make Lent, Holy Week and Pascha beautiful and meaningful celebrations:

- *Pauline Dionis* for decorating the Holy Cross for the Petafi.
- The "Myrrhbearing Women" —*Mary Dilulio, Louise Karoli Gallagher, Dolores Nauchy, JoAnne Soter, Pauline Dionis* and *Jean Brideau*—who decorated the Petafi on Holy Friday morning, along with their assistants, *John Dilulio* and *Bob Lazar*.
- *Louise Karoli Gallagher*, who the Petafi flowers in memory of her husband *James Gallagher* and *James & Katherine Karoli*.
- *Jennifer Goetz* for decorating the Church for Holy Pascha.
- *Ron Dougiello* of *Commerce Hill Funeral Home* in Bridgeport for the lilies that beautify the inside of the Church.
- The *Teuta Ladies Society* for the beautiful red eggs.
- Cantors *Van Michael* and *Charles Soter* and their assistants *Greg Buzi II* and *Peter Dacey* for their dedication and singing at every service.
- The *Choir* and its Directors, *Karen Masek* and *Laura Chadwick* for their preparation and singing throughout Holy Week and Pascha.
- Our volunteer readers.
- *Bob Lazar* for his assistance in the sanctuary.
- The *Altar Servers* for their time and assistance.
- *Sue Galich* and her helpers for organizing the Children's Egg Hunt and Coffee Hour.

Those who simply came to pray and celebrate the services.

*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 5:12-20**

In those days by the hands of the Apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people (and with one accord, they all would meet in Solomon's portico; but of the rest, no one dared to associate with them, yet the people made much of them. And the multitude of men and women who believed in the LORD continued to increase), so that they carried the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and pallets, in order that, as Peter went by, at least his shadow would fall upon some of them. And crowds also came to Jerusalem from neighboring towns, and they brought the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits — and all of them were healed. But the High Priest rose up, and all his supporters (that is, the members of the Sadducean sect), and being filled with hatred, they laid their hands upon the Apostles and threw them into the public jail. But during the night, an angel of the LORD opened the doors of the prison, and led them out, saying, "Go, and standing in the Temple, speak to the people all the words of this life."

**John 20:19-31**

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." And after eight days, His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Bring here your finger, and see my hands; and bring here your hand, and put it into my side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My LORD and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed." Many other signs also Jesus worked in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

### Veprat e Apostujve 5:12-20

Në këto ditë, me anë të duarve të Apostujve bëheshin shumë shenja e çudira në mes të popullit; dhe ishin me një mendje të gjithë në portikun e Solomonit. Edhe nga të tjerët asnjë s'guxonte të bashkohej me ta; por populli i madhëronte ata. Edhe shtoheshin më shumë duke besuar në ZOTIN turma burrash e grash; aq sa nxirrnin jashtë nëpër rrugë të sëmurët, dhe i vinin mbi shtresa e mbi shtrate, që kur të shkonte Pjetri të paktën hija e tij të zinte ndonjë nga ata. Edhe mblidhej në Jerusalem edhe shumica e qyteteve për rreth, dhe sillnin të sëmurët edhe ata që ngiteshin prej frymësh të ndyra, të cilët shëroheshin të gjithë. Atëhere u ngrit kryepriifti dhe gjithë ata që ishin bashkë me të, të cilët ishin prej sektit të Saduqenjve, dhe u mbushën me smirë; edhe vunë duart e tyre mbi Apostujt, dhe i vunë në burgun publik. Po një engjëll i ZOTIT natën hapi dyert e burgut, dhe si i nxori jashtë, u tha: "Shkoni, dhe rrini e i flisni popullit në tempull gjithë fjalët e kësaj jete."

### Joani 20:19-31

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." Edhe pas tetë ditësh përsëri ishin brenda nxënësit e tij, edhe Thomai me ata. Vjen Jisui, ndonëse dyert ishin mbyllur, dhe ndenji në mes e tha: "Paqe mbi ju." Pastaj i thotë Thomait: "Sill gishtin tënd këtu, dhe shih duart e mia; dhe sill dorën tënde e vëre në brinjën time, dhe mos u bëj i pabesë, po besnik." Edhe Thomai u përgjigj, e i tha: "ZOTI im dhe Perëndia im." Jisui i thotë: "Sepse më pe, besove. Lum ata që nuk panë dhe besuan." Edhe shumë çudira të tjera bëri Jisui përpara nxënësve të tij, të cilat nuk janë shkruar në këtë libër. Po këto u shkruan që të besoni se Jisui është Krishti, i Biri i Perëndisë, dhe duke besuar të keni jetë në emrin e tij.