

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:45 a.m. General Confession

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

**8:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**9:** 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

**10:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**11:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**12:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### **13:** *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**14:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

#### **15:** *Nativity Fast (Advent) begins*

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

**16:** 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

**17:** 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

**18:** 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

**19:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### **20:** *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

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*), *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; Serge Bouteneff; Debi Broadus; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James

Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle Galich; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; June Lopen; Nicolas Lucas; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Deborah Owen; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Stephen Phillips; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruskowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; John Szalkowski; Christian & Theodore Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

David Rhodes; William Hurd; Christine Morrison;  
Archimandrite Alexander (Pihach)

#### November

- 6 Peter Simon (1945)  
Charles James (1948)  
Efterpi George (1999)  
Peter V. Thanas (2010)
- 8 Persephone ("Fanny") Fingelli (2001)  
Kay Thanas (2013)
- 11 Vangjel Athanas (1959)  
Hane Goures (1954)  
Donald D. Tait (2001)
- 12 Anna Peristere (1964)  
Maria F. Taylor (2009)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** Katerina, Sofia and Shorena  
Greta, Carla and Jason, in honor of Elsie  
Gartsu's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**13:** Matthew Morrison, on the 40<sup>th</sup> Day since his  
mother, Christina's death.

**20:** ???

**27:** ???

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

### Saint Nectarios Vespers

This afternoon **Great Vespers** for the **Feast of Saint Nectarios of Aegina** will be celebrated at *Christ the Savior Church* in Southbury, Conn. The service will begin at 4:00 p.m., with *Archbishop Nikon* presiding. As usual, there will be a procession with the relics of the saint, anointing with oil and prayers for the sick. Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall.

### Akathist and Adult Education

This Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Akathist Hymn, "**Glory to God for All Things**" at 6:30 p.m. with our Adult Study group following at approximately 7:00 p.m.

This week, we will be viewing the movie, **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**" by C. S. Lewis, which our Spiritual Book Club members have read.

Come for the service. Come for the study group. Come for both.

### Teuta News

The next meeting of the **Teuta Ladies' Society** will be held during Coffee Hour next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, November 18<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 the meeting will be the *Eleventh Step*.

### Youth Retreat

On Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a retreat for young people in grades 6 through 12 at All Saints Orthodox Church, 205 Scarborough Street in Hartford. It will begin with Vespers at 6:00 p.m., and include dinner, an activity and talk, and end with Compline at 9:00 p.m.

Contact Fr. James Parnell at (914) 573-8051 for details.

### Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Pan-Orthodox Unction Service

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the faithful of our Orthodox parishes of Greater Bridgeport will gather for an Advent **Holy Unction Service** here at St. George Church, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Light Lenten refreshments will served in the Church Hall following the service.

### Charity Collection

This month we are supporting the **Binky Patrol**.

This is an organization that makes small blankets for critically ill and traumatized children in our area.

Please be generous!



**Galatians 1:11-19**

Brethren, I give you to understand that the Good News that was announced to you by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was it taught to me by man, but I received it by a revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of the way I lived before in Judaism: how I persecuted the Church of God and ravaged it beyond measure. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my nation, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased Him who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed Apostles before me, I retired into Arabia and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James, the LORD's brother.

**Luke 8:41-56**

At that time behold, there came a man named Jairus to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. And it happened as He went that He was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a loss of blood, and had spent all her livelihood on

physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; and at once her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with Him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon You, and You ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceived that power had gone out from me." But the woman, seeing she had not escaped notice, came up trembling, and falling down at His feet, declared to Him in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been healed instantly. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." While He was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble Him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved." And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But He said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed at Him, knowing she was dead. But He, making them all get out, and taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, "Girl, arise!" And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Galatianëve 1:11-19**

Vëllezër, ju bëj të ditur, se ungjilli që u predikua prej meje nuk është sipas njeriut; sepse as unë s'e mora prej njeriu, as nuk u mësova prej njeriu, po nëpërmjet zbulësës së Jisu Krishtit. Sepse keni dëgjuar për qëndrimin tim dikur në Judaizëm, se tej mase përndiqja kishën e Perëndisë dhe e shkatërroja atë. Dhe dallohesha në Judaizëm më tepër se shumë moshatarë në kombin tim, sepse isha më tepër i zellshëm për traditat e etërve të mi. Po kur i pëlqeu Perëndisë, i cili më ndau që nga barku i nënës dhe më thirri me anë të hirit të tij, që të zbulojë Birin e tij tek unë, që ta ungjillëzoj atë ndër kombet, menjëherë nuk u këshillova nga mish ose nga gjak, as nuk u ngjita në Jerusalem tek ata që qenë apostuj para meje, por shkova në Arabi, dhe përsëri u ktheva në Damask. Pastaj, pas tre vjetësh u ngjita në Jerusalem, për të takuar Pjetrin; dhe qëndrova pranë atij pesëmbëdhjetë ditë. Edhe tjetër nga apostujt nuk pashë, veçse Jakovin, vëllanë e ZOTIT.

**Llukai 8:41-56**

Në atë kohë, ja tek erdhi një njeri që quhej Jair—dhe ky ishte i pari i sinagogës—e ra ndër këmbët e Jisuit, e i lutej të hynte në shtëpinë e tij; sepse kishte një bijë të vetme, rreth dymbëdhjetë vjeç, dhe ajo po vdiste. Edhe ndërsa ai ishte duke shkuar, turmat po e shtrëngonin. Edhe një grua, që kishte rrjedhje gjaku dymbëdhjetë vjet, e cila kishte prishur gjithë pasurinë nëpër mjekët, po

nuk mundi të shërohej as prej ndonjërit, u afrua nga prapa dhe preku cepin e rrobës së tij; dhe menjëherë iu ndal rrjedhja e gjakut. Edhe Jisui tha: "Kush që ai që më preku?" Edhe ndërsa po mohonin të gjithë, Pjetri dhe ata që ishin bashkë me të thanë: "Mjeshtër, turmat të shtypin e të shtrëngojnë, dhe ti thua: Kush që ai që më preku?" Po Jisui tha: "Dikush më preku, sepse unë mora vesh se një fuqi doli prej meje." Edhe gruaja kur pa se nuk u fsheh dot, erdhi duke u dridhur, dhe i ra ndër këmbë, e i rrëfeu përpara gjithë popullit për çfarë pune e preku, dhe se u shërua përnjëherë. Edhe ai i tha asaj: "Guxim, bijë, besimi yt të shpëtoi; shko në paqe." Edhe kur ai po fliste ende, vjen një njeri prej të parit të sinagogës e i thotë se jot bijë vdiq; mos e mundo mësuesin. Po Jisui kur dëgjoi, u përgjigj: "Mos ki frikë; veç beso, dhe do të shpëtojë." Edhe si hyri në shtëpi, nuk la asnjë të hynte brenda, përveç Pjetrit dhe Jakovit dhe Joanit, dhe të atit të vajzës dhe së ëmës. Edhe të gjithë po qanin e ulërinin për atë. Edhe ai tha: "Mos qani; nuk vdiq, por po fle." Edhe e përqeshnin, duke ditur se vdiq. Po ai, si i nxori jashtë të gjithë, e kapi prej dore, dhe thirri duke thënë: "O vashëz, ngrihu." Edhe asaj i erdhi shpirti prapë, dhe u ngrit përnjëherë; dhe Jisui urdhëroi t'i jepnin asaj të hajë. Edhe prindërit e saj u habitën; po ai i porositi të mos i thonë njeriu se ç'u bë.