

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

**Today: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

**18:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

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

**21:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**22:** 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: Teuta Bazaar

**23: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**29:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

**30: Nineteenth 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 Ruszkowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian & Theodore Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

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

#### October

17 James Lowel (1963)  
18 Jennie Michele (1998)  
22 Dhora Adams (1963)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** ???

**23:** Kiril & Patty Ivanov and Mary Middlemass  
**30:** The Michael Family, in memory of Elsie Marko

**Nov. 6:** Katerina, Sofia and Shorena

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

### Father Dennis to be away

Father Dennis will be away next weekend to attend a memorial for his brother, David.

If there are any emergencies while he is away, contact an Orthodox Priest near you.

Fr. Sergei Bouteneff will be here on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

### News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** annual **Bazaar** will be held next Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This is **the** major fund-raising event for our Parish each year and there are many costs involved in putting it on. Please help us make it as much of a success as possible by making monetary donations to offset the costs of the *Bazaar*.

In addition, we need people to make items for the *Baked Goods Table*, as well as donations for the *Attic Treasures Table* and the *Take a Chance Table*. Also, please consider placing an ad in the **Program Booklet**. Forms are available at the Candle Desk.

Please see *Louise Gallagher* or *Susan Galich* if you can help.

### Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, October 25<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.

### Akathist and Adult Education

This Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Akathist and Adult Education session will **not** be held due to preparations for Saturday's Bazaar. We will resume next Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, with 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 year, we are studying the basics of the Orthodox Faith, starting by looking at and studying **The LORD's Prayer**.

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

### Order your Lakrors soon

If anyone would like to order a whole Lakror, please notify *Laura Chadwick* or *Laura Denisevich* as soon as possible.

### Parking for the Bazaar

Parishioners who are helping with the Bazaar on Saturday, should park their cars across the street on Bassick Road or pull in to the small lot in front of the Church. There will be someone there who can park your car across the street and retrieve it when you are ready to leave.

Don't be the reason we have to turn customers away!

### Join the Binky Patrol

On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the **Binky Patrol** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in our Church Hall to make blankets for critically ill or traumatized children. Admission is \$10.00 per person and a pot-luck dish. See *Sharon Buzi* for details and to register.

### 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. This is a change to the second Friday of the month from the usual third Friday because of the Teuta Ladies' Society Bazaar on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

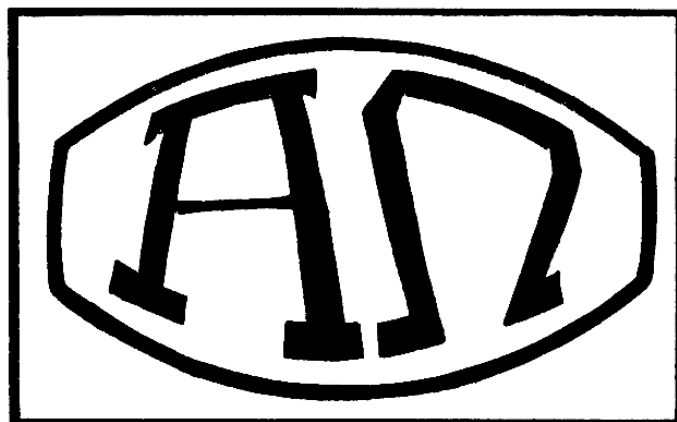
The focus of the meeting will be the *Eleventh Step*.

### Charity Collection

This month we are supporting the **Theological Student Fund** of our Albanian Archdiocese.

This Fund supports young men from our Archdiocese who are studying for the Priesthood as well as clergy and others who are continuing their education or who are travelling to Albania to support the Church there.

Please be generous!



**Titus 3:8-15**

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works: these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile. Avoid a factious man after warning him once or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

**Luke 8:5-15**

The LORD told this parable: "The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden underfoot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And

other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundredfold." When He had said this, He cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." But His disciples then began to ask Him what this parable meant. He said to them, "To you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience." When He had said this, He cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

### Titos 3:8-15

Bir Tito, për të besuar është fjala; dhe këto dua t'i vërtetosh, që të kujdesen ata që i kanë besuar Perëndisë të jenë të parë për punë të mira. Këto janë të mirat e të dobishmet për njerëzit. Po nga diskutime të marra, e gjenealogji njerëzish, e grindje, dhe luftra ligji largohu, sepse janë të padobishme e të kota. Nga njeriu heretik, si ta mësosh një herë e dy herë, hiq dorë, duke ditur se i tilli është i prishur, dhe mëkaton, sepse e ka dënuar veten. Kur të dërgoj Artemain ose Tihikon tek ti, shpejto të vish tek unë në Nikopol, sepse atje vendosa të dimëroj. Juristin Zina dhe Apolloin përcilli me kujdes, që të mos u mungojë atyre asgjë. Edhe le të mësojnë edhe tanët të jenë të parë për punë të mira për nevojat e domosdoshme, që të mos jenë të pafrytshëm. Të përshëndesin të gjithë ata që janë bashkë me mua. Përshëndeti ata që na duan në besim. Hiri qoftë bashkë me të gjithë ju. Amin.

### Llukai 8:5-15

ZOTI tha këtë paravollë: "Doli mbjellësi të mbillte farën e tij; dhe ndërsa ai po mbillte, ca farë ra pranë udhës, dhe u shkel, dhe zogjtë e qiellit e hëngrën. Edhe tjetër ra mbi gur, dhe sapo mbiu u

tha, sepse nuk kishte lagështirë. Edhe tjetër ra në mes të drizave, dhe si mbinë drizat bashkë me atë, e mbytën. Edhe tjetër ra në dhe të mirë, dhe si mbiu, dha pemë për një njëqind." Duke thënë këto, thërriste: "Kush ka veshë për të dëgjuar, le të dëgjojë." Edhe nxënësit e tij e pyetnin, duke thënë: "Ç'të jetë kjo paravoli?" Edhe ai tha: "Juve ju është dhënë të njihni fshehtësirat e mbretërisë së Perëndisë; po të tjerëve me paravoli, që duke parë të mos shohin edhe duke dëgjuar të mos kuptojnë. Edhe paravolia është kjo: Fara është fjala e Perëndisë. Ajo pranë udhës janë ata që dëgjojnë; pastaj vjen djalli dhe ngre fjalën prej zemrës së tyre, që të mos besojnë e të shpëtojnë. Edhe ajo mbi gur janë ata, të cilët, kur dëgjojnë, me gëzim e pranojnë fjalën; po këta s'kanë rrënjë; sepse ata besojnë për ca kohë, po në kohë ngasjeje largohen. Edhe ajo që ra tek drizat, këta janë ata që dëgjuan, po nga kujdesjet e nga pasuria dhe nga kënaqësitë e kësaj jete shkojnë e mbyten, e nuk bëjnë pemë. Edhe ajo që ra në dhe të mirë, këta janë ata që dëgjuan fjalën dhe e mbajnë në zemër të mirë e të pastër, dhe bëjnë pemë me durim." Duke thënë këto, thërriste: "Kush ka veshë për të dëgjuar, le të dëgjojë."