

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Memorial Prayers for Florence Chala

27: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
28: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for all Things"  
29: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
30: 7:00 a.m. Matins

#### Oct. 2: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

3: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
4: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
5: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for all Things"  
6: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
7: 7:00 a.m. Matins  
8: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 9: Sixteenth 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; 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; Christine & Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Deborah Owen; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruskowski; 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; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Florence Chala; Robert Volpe

#### September

25 Dimitri Ndini (1983)  
27 Olga Otto (1977)  
29 Shpresa (Theresa) Blowers

### Coffee Hour

Today: The Michael Family, in memory of Florence

Oct. 2: The Church School

9: ???

16: ???

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

### No Matins service tomorrow

Father Dennis will be attending a workshop at St. Tikhon's Seminary tomorrow. As a result, Matins will not be celebrated.

### LaBache Scholarship Recipients

We congratulate the following young people who are receiving scholarships from the *Thomas and Katherine LaBache Scholarship Fund*:

- *Jacqueline Goetz*
- *Kristen Babich*
- *Hope Caliendo*
- *Timothy Coughlin*
- *Luiza Tollkuci*
- *Kristina Tollkuci*
- *Jonathan Avila*
- *Eve Wight*
- *Andrew Cryan*

*Many Years!*

*Për Shumë Vjet!*

### Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

This Tuesday, September 27<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 Bible Study

This Wednesday, September 28<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 year, we will be studying the basics of the Orthodox Faith. We will begin by looking at and studying **The LORD's Prayer**.

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

### Orthodox Education Day

Father Dennis will be attending **Orthodox Education Day** at St. Vladimir's Seminary this Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone would like to go with him, let him know.

Also, Great Vespers will not be celebrated that afternoon because Father will be away.

### FORCC Banquet

The 23<sup>rd</sup> **Annual FORCC Benefit Dinner** will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on Park Avenue in Bridgeport. **Louis A. Zagami**, Development Officer of *International Orthodox Christian Charities*, will be the guest speaker.

Menu options include chicken or stuffed fish fillet. Tickets are \$35 per person for adults and \$10 per person for children and must be purchased by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adult tickets purchased between October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be \$45.00 per person. **No tickets will be sold at the door!**

See *Father Dennis* or *Bob Lazar* for information.

### Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, October 14<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 *Tenth Step*.

### News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** annual **Bazaar** will be held on 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*.

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

Also, please consider placing an ad in the **Program Booklet**. Forms are available at the Candle Desk.

### Charity Collection

This month we are again supporting the **Rett Syndrome Research Trust** which raises funds for research into *Rett Syndrome*, the disease that took *Eva Karajani* from us three years ago this month.

Please be generous!

**2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4**

Brethren, the One who strengthened you and us in Christ, who anointed us, is God, who also stamped us with His seal and gave us the Spirit as a pledge in our hearts. Now, I call God to witness against my soul that it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but rather we are fellow-workers in your joy, for in faith you stand. I made up my mind not to come to you again in sorrow. For if I make you sad, who can gladden me; save the very one who is grieved by me? And I wrote to you as I did, that when I come I may not have sorrow upon sorrow from those who ought to give me joy: for I trust in all of you that my joy is a joy to all of you. For I wrote to you in much affliction and anguish of heart, with many tears, not that you might be grieved, but that you might know the great love I have for you.

**Luke 5:1-11**

At that time, Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, He began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at Your word I will lower the net." And when they had done so, they caught a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they called to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O LORD," for he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed Him.

**2 Korinthianëve 1:21-2:4**

Vëllezër, ai që na forcon ne bashkë me ju në Krishtin, e që na leu me vaj, është Perëndia, i cili edhe na vulosi, edhe na dha unazën e Shpirtit në zemrat tona. Edhe unë thërres dëshmitar Perëndinë në shpirtin tim, se për t'ju kursyer nuk erdha më në Korinth. Jo se kemi pushtet mbi besimin tuaj, po se jemi bashkëpunëtorë të gëzimit tuaj; sepse qëndroni në besim. Edhe me veten time vendosa këtë, të mos vij përsëri tek ju me hidhërim. Sepse në ju hidhërofsha unë, e cili është ai që më gëzon, në mos qoftë ai që hidhërohet prej meje? Edhe jua shkrova këtë, që, kur të vij, të mos kem hidhërim nga ata që duhej të kisha gëzim; duke besuar për të gjithë ju, se gëzimi im është i ju të gjithëve. Sepse me shumë hidhërim e dhimbje zemre ju shkrova me shumë lot, jo që të hidhërohemi, por që të njihni dashurinë që kam me tepricë për ju.

**Llukai 5:1-11**

Në atë kohë, Jisui qëndronte pranë liqenit Gjenisaret. Edhe pa dy lundra duke qëndruar pranë bregut të liqenit; dhe peshkatarët dolën nga ato, e lanin rrjetat. Edhe ai hyri në njërin nga lundrat, në atë që ishte e Simonit, dhe iu lut atij të largohej pak prej tokës. Edhe si ndenji mësonte turmën nga lundra. Edhe si pushoi së foluri, i tha Simonit: "Sill lundrën në ujëra të thella, dhe hidhni rrjetat tuaja, që të zini peshq." Edhe Simon i përgjigj e i tha: "Mësues, gjithë natën u munduam, dhe nuk zumë gjë; po për fjalën tënde do ta hedh rrjetën." Edhe si bënë këtë, mbyllën brenda një mori të madhe peshqish, dhe rrjeta e tyre po çirrej. Edhe u bënë me shenjë shokëve që ishin në lundrën tjetër, që të vinin e t'u ndihmonin; dhe ata erdhën, dhe mbushën të dy lundrat, kaq sa ato zunë të fundoseshin. Edhe Simon Pjetri, kur pa, ra në gjunjët e Jisuit, duke thënë: "Dil prej meje, ZOT, sepse jam njeri mëkatar." Sepse habi e pushtoi atë dhe ata që ishin bashkë me të, për gjahun e peshqve që zunë; gjithashtu edhe Jakovin e Joanin, të bijtë e Zevedheut, të cilët ishin shokë të Simonit. Edhe Jisui i tha Simonit: "Mos ki frikë, se pastaj do të gjuash njerëz." Edhe si sollën lundrat në tokë, i lanë të gjitha dhe shkuan pas tij.