

The Martyr

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Sunday of the Cross

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Welcome to Visitors

We warmly welcome those who are visiting and praying with us today. You are encouraged to come forward at the conclusion of the Liturgy at the veneration of the cross to introduce yourself to Father Timothy. Please come downstairs as well for coffee hour to meet our parishioners. We look forward to visiting with you.

Prayers in Memoriam

- 08 *William Henry Peristere* (1965)
- 10 *Pandora Michael Kerma* (1985)
- Vrisidha Constantine* (1994)
- 11 *Magdalena Karoli* (1959)
- 12 *Konstandina D. Joseph* (1962)
- 13 *Charles George* (1962)
- *Metropolitan Theofan (S. Noli* 1965)

Up-coming Services/Events

- Today:** 9:30 AM Church School
10 AM Liturgy
- Mar. 13 5 PM Great Vespers & Confession
- Mar. 14 9:30 AM Church School
10 AM Liturgy
- Mar. 20 5 PM Great Vespers & Confession
- Mar. 21 9:30 AM Church School
10 AM Liturgy
- Mar. 25 9:30 AM Liturgy (Annunciation)
- Mar. 27 9:30 AM Liturgy (Lazarus)
5 PM Great Vespers & Confession
- Mar. 28 9:30 AM General Confession
10 AM Liturgy (Palm Sunday)

Prayers for Blessings/Health

Christy Adams; Christopher Adams; Joyce Athanas; Kirsten Battachio (USMC); **Paul Betts; Thomas Buzi; Eva, Monica Demetri; Charles Dougiello, Sr.; Jason Gartsu; Richard Hirst; Nicholas Hotova; Diane Hoffmeyer; Meni Kyriacou; Katherine LaBache; Christy Lambert; Elizabeth Lambro; Dhimitra Leka; Pauline Longo; John Louis, Sr.; Barbara Evans Maynard; Kelly Montagna; Louise Moran; Theodore Morrison; Peter Naum; James Pando; Minnie Phostole; Pandora Plasa; Eleanor Polena; Mark Sabatino; David Schutte; Gloria Simo; Charles (Basil) Soter; Tessie Sotir; Joanne Tallcouch; Peter Thanas; Mary, Peter Themel; Christy, Michael, Thalia & Leonora Thomas; Vincent J. Torre; Aphrodita (Rita) Vangel; Galina Voronin.**

As a community of Faith our prime responsibility is to support one another – in both faith and action. Prayer combines both. Please submit the name of the person for whom you wish to pray – and remember that when the prayers have been answered, to take that name off the list as well

Teuta Ladies News

- * The next Teuta meeting will be March 14 following Liturgy. Teuta will also be sponsoring coffee hour, so members are asked to bake.
- * The Women's Council of Eastern Orthodox Christian Churches of Greater Bridgeport will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Saturday, March 20, 1:30 pm at St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church, 5458 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

A Few Thoughts

The Feast of the Cross demands from us a confession of faith. As human beings



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we are shaped by those things we believe and trust. We believe in a loving God who sacrifices his only-begotten son to save us from our violent and fearful ways with the command to "follow him". We believe that this is the way to peace and that we each must become peacemakers by following Christ. We believe that we cannot retaliate evil for evil, or an eye for an eye. We believe that the mercy and forgiveness which Christ extends to us from the cross must also then likewise be extended to one and all freely without condition. We believe in patience for Christ is patient with his disciples who are fearful and reluctant to follow, often misunderstanding his plan. During the Lenten season may we rediscover and again confess, trust and believe in the Jesus who was crucified for us the way of the cross.

Other Announcements

Many thanks to Pandora and Jim Dionis for their beautification of the cross for this Sunday's worship.

Coffee Hour

We are always in need of people to sign-up and sponsor coffee hour so please call Laura Chadwick, 268-2865 to sign-up.

Parish Directory

We want to update our parish directory and so to that end a form has been created for this and is at the candle desk. Please take one and fill it out and return it back to the candle desk at your earliest convenience.

Shut-ins

If you know of someone who is a shut-in or at a healthcare facility or nursing home and would like a visit. Please let Fr. Timothy know.

2010 PAN-ORTHODOX Lenten Vespers Schedule

3rd Sunday of Lent – March 7

- ❖ St. John the Baptist Church - 364 Mill Hill Avenue - Bridgeport

4th Sunday of Lent – March 14

- ❖ St. Mary's Church – 10 Oakwood Street – Bridgeport

5th Sunday of Lent – March 21

- ❖ OCA CT Deanery Unction Service – Three Saints Church – 26 Howard Avenue - Ansonia

All Services are at 4:00 p.m.

March Charity – An Appeal for Assistance

On Friday, Feb. 26, a fire broke out in the home of Fr. Gregory Becker. Fr. Gregory has been servicing the parish of St. Elia in Jamestown, NY of our Albanian Archdiocese. Most of his things were destroyed or ruined by the fire and so on behalf of the archdiocese we are raising money to assist him in his loss.

Lenten Outreach Project

Our Church School is sponsoring a food drive to help restock our local food pantries. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule or downstairs in the church hall.



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