

# The Martyr

**Konizmat 2009 distribution!**

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## Prayers for Blessings

**Christy Adams; Joyce Athanas; John Babich; John Balga; Elvira Chadwick; Ruth Cryan; Charles Michael Csernica; Monica Demetri; Charles Dougiello, Sr.; Bob Herman; Richard Hirst; Nicholas Hotova; Diane Hoffmeyer; the child Aisalyn Hurd; Violeta Kosdandini; Meni Kyriacou; Katherine LaBache; Christy Lambert; Elizabeth Lambro; ; Rita Lazar; Dhimitra Leka; John (Sr.) Louis; Louise Moran; Theodore Morrison; Meropi (Mary) Nichio; Minnie Phostole; Pandora Plasa; Mark Sabatino; David Schutte; Gloria Simo; Tessie Sotir; Joanne Tallcouch; Jean & Peter Thanas; Mary, Peter Themel; Christy, Stephen & Leonora Thomas; Vincent J. Torre; Mitchell Trotta; Jack Usner; Aphrodita (Rita) Vangel.**



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

## In Memoriam

- 40 days ~ *Mary Pistola, Antigone Adams, Linda K. Boland, Nina Denisevich*
- 10 *Philip C. Cotmil (1979)*
- 12 *Vangel Theodos (1985)*
- 13 *Prifteresha Victoria Polena (1947)*
- 14 *Vincent Theodos (1973)*  
*Vasiló (Olga) Schutte (2002)*
- 15 *Marianthi Vasil (1992)*

## House Blessing 2009

Father Sergei has completed the original (scheduled) itinerary for house blessings. Those who postponed are now invited to call to make an appointment for February. Please remember that Great Lent starts March 1, and there will be no house blessings until after Pascha.



## Coffee Hour: Building Community

**Today** Annual Meeting  
 Feb. 15 ????  
 Feb. 22 ????  
 Mar. 01 Lakruar Luncheon  
 Call Laura Chadwick 268-2865 to sponsor a coffee hour

## Up-coming Events/Services

**Today** 9:30 AM Church School  
 10 AM Liturgy – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – followed by annual celebration of the Teuta Ladies Patronal Feast day.  
**Parish Body Annual Meeting**  
 Feb. 15 9:30 AM Church School  
 10 AM Liturgy – Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
 Feb. 21 9:30 AM Liturgy: **Memorial**  
 Feb. 22 9:30 AM Church School  
 10 AM Liturgy – Sunday of the Last Judgment – **Last day to eat meat.**  
**Mar. 01** 9:30 AM Church School  
 10 AM Liturgy followed by Vespers with the rite of forgiveness – **followed by our traditional “Lakruar luncheon.”**  
 Mar. 02 **Lent begins – no meat or dairy**  
 Mar. 07 9:30 AM Liturgy: **St. Theodore**  
 5:00 PM Great Vespers followed by personal confession.  
 Mar. 08 9:30 AM **General Confession** and Church School  
 10 AM Liturgy – Sunday of Orthodoxy – **return of the konizmat icons**  
 4:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers

*If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you.*

*What we call failure is not the falling down, but the staying down.*

*-Mary Pickford*

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## CrossRoad 2009

High school juniors and seniors, before you decide what to do with the rest of your life, decide what to do with your summer! The Office of Vocation & Ministry (OVM) at Hellenic College is now accepting applications from high school students in graduating classes 2009 and 2010 for its CrossRoad summer institute. Due to overwhelming interest from qualified candidates,



CrossRoad will offer two sessions! Students from the United States and Canada are invited to take part in an exciting summer vocations exploration program designed to help them discern their life callings and match their

God-given gifts with the needs of the world. Now in its sixth year, CrossRoad combines the greatest gifts of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology through faculty instruction and participation, an enthusiastic staff of graduate students, the beautiful campus overlooking Boston and of course the exciting city of Boston itself. Students will participate in daily classes with Orthodox faculty and attend Vespers each evening at neighboring parishes in the Boston area. CrossRoad, one of the many unique programs sponsored by the OVM, is funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., Leadership 100 and through the generosity of the greater Orthodox community. Applications may be downloaded from the CrossRoad website at <http://crossroad.hchc.edu/>, or received by mail by calling the office at 617-850-1309. Furthermore, the OVM has produced a DVD featuring the CrossRoad experience which has been sent to each parish and is available on the CrossRoad website. Applicants must currently be in their junior or senior year of high school. Each accepted applicant receives a full scholarship and is only responsible for travel costs to/from Boston.

**Application Deadline is March 1, 2009.**

## Women's Council

The Women's Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Greater Bridgeport will hold its next Regular Monthly Meeting on Saturday, February 28, 1:30 pm, St. Nicholas Church, 5854 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

## Spinning Mothers: Breast Cancer Fund Raiser

As in years past, Penny Lazor will be participating in the SpinOdyssey fund-raiser, which benefits the American Cancer Society's breast cancer research program. This year, in another venue, she is joined by Eleni Weaver.

The big event takes place on March 1, 2009 – both Eleni and Penny will be riding for all six hours.

Last year, SpinOdyssey raised over \$500,000 for the American Cancer Society's (ACS) breast cancer research. This year, their goal is to raise \$550,000.00.

Please consider contributing to an outstanding cause and supporting either of our young mothers. In today's challenging economy, no donation is too small. **ANY** support directly benefits the ACS breast cancer research.

You can support **Eleni** on line:

<http://www.active.com/donate/SpinOdyssey2009/EleniWeaver>

or **Penny**, with a choice:

1) Online at:

<http://www.active.com/donate/SpinOdyssey2009/SO2009PLazor>

2) If you would rather donate directly rather than online, please write your check to the American Cancer Society and send it to Penny at 15 Gerardo Drive Monroe, CT 06468. She will submit the check at the event and you will get the appropriate tax receipt.

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