

The Martyr

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In Memoriam

40 days ~ John Babich, Jean Thanas

- 21 Theodore Athanas (1977)
22 Jimi Vani (1951)
23 Costantino Schutte (1958)
Nicholas Schutte (1980)
Robert Vissar (1964)
*Archpriest Eugene Vansuch
(2008)
24 Constandin K. Vassil (1964)
25 *Prifteresha Helen Tallcouch
(1979)
26 Frosina Vissar (1964)
Kosta Vangel (1963)
27 Kosta Lika (1975)
28 Julia Peters (1997)

Teuta News/Information

March 22nd - Teuta Meeting: Vi Bowe collecting 2009 membership dues

Prayers for Blessings

Christy Adams; **Joyce** Athanas; **John** Balga; **Elvira** Chadwick; **Charles Michael** Csernica; **Monica** Demetri; **Charles** Dougiello, Sr.; **Bob** Herman; **Richard** Hirst; **Nicholas** Hotova; **Diane** Hoffmeyer; **the child Aisalyn** Hurd; **William** Kohlbacker; **Violeta** Kosdandini; **Meni** Kyriacou; **Katherine** LaBache; **Christy** Lambert; **Elizabeth** Lambro; ; **Rita** Lazar; **Dhimitra** Leka; **John** Louis, Sr.; **Louise** Moran; **Theodore** Morrison; **Meropi** (Mary) Nichio; **Minnie** Phostole; **Pandora** Plasa; **Eleanor** Polena; **Mark** Sabatino; **David** Schutte; **Gloria** Simo; **Tessie** Sotir; **Joanne** Tallcouch; **Peter**

Thanas; **Mary**, **Peter** Themel; **Allana**, **Christy**, **Stephen & Leonora** Thomas; **Vincent J.** Torre; **Mitchell** Trotta; **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



Congratulations!

We heard that both the Dilulio and Nichio families recently welcomed baby granddaughters into the world!

Hanna Dilulio and Malia Jules Green (and their respective parents) are doing well.

We wish them all continued health. Looking forward to the photographs!

Pussy Willows

Once again we will be needing pussy willow braches – 18”to 24” long – for our services marking the Lord’s Entry into Jerusalem.

The Gospel says that those who went out to meet Jesus came with “palms and branches of trees.”

Coffee Hour: Building Community

Today ????

Mar. 29 The Families of +John Babich and +Jean Thanas

Call Laura Chadwick 268-2865 to sponsor a coffee hour

Memorials and the Paschal Season

Please call to mind that according to Orthodox teaching, from Lazarus Saturday (April 11) to “the Day of Rejoicing” (the Tuesday after Thomas Sunday – April 28) there are no memorial services to be served in the church – our departed will only be commemorated at *Proskomedia* (Liturgy of Preparation).

Women's Council

The Women’s Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches of Greater Bridgeport will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Saturday, March 28, 1:30 pm at Holy Ghost Church, 1510 East Main Street, Bridgeport.

Our Guest Speaker will be Bob Klancko.

Since Biblical knowledge is an essential part of our faith, and all we do is based on the Bible, Bob will take us on a journey with the Bible. From his extensive collection of Bibles, he will trace its history and embellish it with copies for all to see and examine. He will also explain why the Gospels are used in our services and show examples of antique Gospels of the past.

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Our parish is hosting the Bridgeport Area Orthodox Churches at the Vespers of Sunday, March 29. We will need help with the hospitality – see Gloria Athanas or Diana Michael

Recognition

We would like to recognize:

- The **Teuta** Ladies stewardship of prayer – the sponsorship of the two parish-wide memorials each year. The first one was held February 21.
- **Mary Nikola** for cleaning and pressing the purple appointments for the church
- **Van Michael** for his continued service as Cantor for the weekly Lenten Saturday Vespers
- **Pandora and Jim Dionis** for their beautification of the cross for this Sunday's worship.

Furniture/Household items Needed

This is a very exciting time for many VA Connecticut veterans who have been homeless. Soon they will be moving into their own apartments.

Furniture in good (lightly used) condition and household items are needed to make these apartments a home.

If you have items to donate please call **Jennifer DeGaetano** at the Errera Community Care Center at (203) 500-5613.

Up-coming Events/Services

- Today** 9:30 AM Church School
10 AM Liturgy – Sunday of the Cross
4:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Park Ave., Bpt.
- Mar. 25 9:30 AM Liturgy: **Annunciation**
- Mar. 28 1:30 PM Women's Council at Holy Ghost Church
NO SATURDAY VESPERS

- Mar. 29 10 AM Liturgy – St. John of the Ladder followed by a memorial for +John Babich and +Jean Thanas
4:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. George, Trumbull.
- Apr. 04 5:00 PM Great Vespers followed by personal confession.
- Apr. 05 9:30 AM Church School
10 AM Liturgy – Sunday of Mary of Egypt.
4:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Unction – St. Mary's Nativity – Waterbury – Bishop NIKON scheduled to preside.
- Apr. 11 9:30 AM Liturgy: Lazarus Saturday.
5 PM Vespers followed by the preparation of palms and pussy willows
- Apr. 12 9:30 AM General Confession & Church School
10AM Liturgy" Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem ("Palm Sunday")
7PM Bridegroom Matins
- Apr. 13 7PM Bridegroom Matins
- Apr. 14 7PM Bridegroom Matins
- Apr. 15 7PM Unction
- Apr. 16 9:30 AM Liturgy of the Last Supper
7PM Matins of the Crucifixion
- Apr. 17 9AM Decoration of the "petafi"
3PM Vespers: Taking down from the Cross
7PM Matins: Lamentations
- Apr. 18 9:30 AM Liturgy
11PM Nocturne and procession
Paschal Liturgy
- Apr. 19 11AM Paschal Vespers followed by egg hunt, weather permitting
- Apr. 20 9:30 AM Liturgy
- Apr. 23 9:30 AM Liturgy: St. George
- Apr. 26 9:30 AM Church School
10 AM Liturgy – Thomas Sunday



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FORCC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut (FORCC) with its true meaning of FELLOWSHIP has successfully united Orthodox churches in our state to work together as a team to promote the Orthodox Faith throughout Connecticut.

The FELLOWSHIP has appointed six (6) members of good standing to administer the FORCC Scholarship program. Presentation of this Scholarship Award will be given out each year at the FORCC's annual dinner.

Below is a description of the FORCC Scholarship explaining SPONSORSHIP, PURPOSE, QUALIFICATIONS, and SELECTION OF CANDIDATES, and REQUIREMENTS.

SPONSORSHIP: This Scholarship is made available to any high school graduate entering college for the first time and is an Orthodox parishioner of any one of the churches who are members of FORCC.

PURPOSE: To promote and influence any boy/girl who is highly qualified in all the requirements and needs financial aid, and who is outstandingly and actively involved in the Orthodox Faith.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must meet all requirements per attached Schedule A.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES: A Scholarship Committee composed of six FORCC members, chairman and co-chairman of the Board, will study all applications and will base their final decision in compliance with the above. All applications will remain confidential.

(All applications are assigned a number. Selections by the committee are made only by the assigned number on the application and not by name or name of church.) Applications are available at:

<http://www.forcc.org/scholarship.html>

REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO BE ACCEPTED:

(All ITEMS listed below must be included when an application is submitted and must be received by the FORCC Chairman on or before June 1, 2009.

Otherwise, applications not completed or received after June 1st will be rejected)

1. Form B completed and signed by your parish priest.
2. Form C completed and signed by your parish priest
3. Letter of Acceptance from College/University you will attend
4. Transcript from your school
5. Letters of Recommendation (school, priest, etc.)
6. Letter of your introduction to the FORCC committee
7. Wallet-size Picture
8. Must be a High School graduate
9. Entering College/University for the first time
10. Your Church must be a member of FORCC - Please check with your parish priest to verify membership.
11. You must be in good standings with your Church

Please Note:

Please make sure that all information requested by FORCC Scholarship committee is completed and returned by:

Monday, June 1, 2009 to Eva Vaniotis

Applications submitted or postmarked after June 1 will not be accepted



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