

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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April 2, 2023

Upcoming Services and Events

- Apr 2 -** 9:15 am General Confession
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy followed by 40 day memorial for Vanjgo 'Petri' Konstantini. A brunch style coffee hour will be hosted by the family.
- Apr 8 -** 4:00 pm - Palm Sunday Vespers
- Apr 9 -** 9:15 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday
7:00 pm - Bridegroom Service
- Apr 10 -** 7:00 pm - Bridegroom Service
- Apr 11 -** 7:00 pm - Bridegroom Service
- Apr 12 -** 7:00 pm - Matins & Unction
- Apr 13 -** 7:00 pm - Matins with Passion Gospel Readings
- Apr 14 -** 3:00 pm - Vespers: Taking down from the Cross
7:00 pm - Matins: Lamentations
- Apr 15 -** 11:00 pm - Midnight Paschal Liturgy
- Apr 16 -** 11:00 am - Paschal Vespers - Children's Egg Hunt to follow after Vespers

Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.

Fr. Ceraphim, Matushka Faith and family

Father Gregory Buzi on his journey in the monastery.

Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim

Military Deployment: Robert Buckles

Those who are sick: Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Teresa Brice; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Dave Bunnell; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Julie Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Renate Deer, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Jenna Dionis; Patti Fischer; Miles Flynn, Louise Karoli

Gallagher; Patrick Gallo; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; George Jones; Bill Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen; Jonathan Lubin, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Kimberly Orosz; Walter Ostrowski, Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; John Rafail, Nadia Reh binder, David Schutte; Kelly Small; Charles & Joann Soter; Ted Tallcouch; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Fr Andrew Tregubov Mary Valis; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Lee Wojcak; Michael Wilson

If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at kimbrien720@gmail.com.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Nancy C. Peters
Vanjgo 'Petri' Konstantini

April

- 02 Vasil George (1951)
04 Fotios M. Vasis (1954)
Pulo Themel (1964)
Alexandra Panoli (1966)
06 Jimi Tallcouch (1954)
07 Irakli Naum (1931)
Peter Tushi Nichio (1959)
Joyce Athanas (2010)
08 Dhimokli Athanas (1977)
Meropi Cici Yapo (1994)

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Condolences

St George was saddened to learn that **Nancy Peters** passed away on March 23rd "after a prolonged illness". We offer our condolences to her family. *Memory Eternal!*

Pussy Willow Cuttings Needed

If you have pussy willow bushes on your property, or know of anyone who has them, please watch for the budding and cut them, storing them in a cool, dark, dry place.

They are needed for **Palm Sunday** which is **April 9th** this year.

April Charity

For the month of April we will be collecting for **The Thomas Merton Center**. The Thomas Merton Center is committed to providing a loving, safe and hope-filled community atmosphere that responds to the needs of its guests. Respecting the dignity of each person, we reflect to the individual and the community our shared responsibility to love and support one another. We believe the sharing of a hot meal is an invitation to come in and share in a place where one can belong; respect and love are mutually given and received; each person is valued and not to be judged; and healing life's hurts is possible with people who care. Collaboration with other agencies and people is essential to meeting the needs of those we serve.

Candy donations needed

The Parish is having its **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** following the Paschal Vespers on Sunday, April 16th (weather permitting). We are requesting candy donations to support the Egg hunt. We have plenty of plastic eggs so there is no need to donate those. The candy donations should be brought to church by Good Friday, April 14th. There will be a box in the vestibule for the donations.

No Memorials

According to Orthodox teaching, no Memorial Services may be served in the Church from Lazarus Saturday (April 8th) until the Tuesday after Thomas Sunday (April 25th).

Similarly, there are no funerals/burial services served from Holy Thursday (April 13th) through Bright Monday (April 17th).

Our departed will only be commemorated at the Proskomedia (Liturgy of Preparation).

April 23 Parish Discussion

At our January Parish body meeting, our parishioners established an intention to focus efforts on obtaining a full-time priest. A suggestion was made to hold regular discussions at coffee hour on the 4th Sunday of every month to generate ideas, enlist support, and keep track of progress toward this end. The third of these follow up discussions will be held **Sunday, April 23**. All are encouraged to attend.

Teuta Meeting

There will be a Teuta meeting on April 2 during coffee hour. There are lots of activities in the works. New members are welcome!

Upcoming Vespers Schedule

Sunday, April 2nd - 5th Sunday of Lent - St Mary of Egypt

4PM Vespers (Holy Unction Service) Three Saints Church, Ansonia (CTD & OCAGB)

Pastoral Emergency Care

If there is an emergency, and you would like a priest to contact you, call Father Sergei at 203-331-2251 (cell), 203-713-6007 (home) or Bill Kovachi at 203-449-4404.

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