

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

**Today: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Prefeast of the Transfiguration**

9:00 a.m. Informal Church School

9:45 a.m. General Confession

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

6: The Transfiguration of our LORD

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Fruit

7: 7:00 a.m. Matins

8: 7:00 a.m. Matins

9: 7:00 a.m. Matins

10: 7:00 a.m. Matins

11: 10:30 a.m. Moras Baptism

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

**12: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
The Sunday after the Transfiguration**

9:00 a.m. Informal Church School

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

18: 11:30 a.m. Davis Baptism

**19: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
The Sunday after the Dormition**

9:00 a.m. Informal Church School

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Fr. Dimitrie Vincent; Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Thomas Batura; Paul Betts; Alexis Black; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Gowan Dacey; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba

Geeza; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril & Patricia Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Jeanine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Barbara Maynard; Jaimie McCarvill; Serge Mihaly; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Dolores Nauchy; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Katherine Pando; Pat Perrotta, Judi Petro; Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Jean Nelson; Janet Youngblood

August

07 George R. Polena (1975)

08 David Kerma (2005)

09 Stephen Vissar (1973)

10 Deborah Peters (1969)

11 George Thanasi (1966)

Philip Stephan (1971)

Coffee Hour

Today: Bri & Gal

12: The Michael Family, in memory of Florence Chala

19: ???

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

Services for Dormition

Please note that, again this year, there will be no services at St. George for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary** on August 15th. Father Dennis will be at the annual *New England Youth Rally* at that time.

Please check with an Orthodox Church near you for the time of services.

Dormition Fast

We are now in the **Dormition Fast**.

During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the celebration of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Virgin Mary.

According to the Tradition of the Church, we observe this Fast by abstaining from meat (including poultry and eggs), dairy, fish, olive oil and wine. Fish is permitted on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

While many people relax these rules, it is important that we do as much as we can, so that we can properly prepare ourselves spiritually for this great Feast of our LORD's Mother.

Please remember that **Coffee Hour** is a Church function. Therefore, during any fasting season, no meat is to be served at Coffee Hour.

Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet

The new **Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet** for 2018/2019 is now posted on the wall in the Church Hall.

Take a look today and sign up to host a Coffee Hour in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one.

Parish Finances

Be sure to take a look at the sign at the Candle Desk which shows last month's income and expenses.

Helping Trumbull Helps

Trumbull Helps will be preparing meals for the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission's* annual Summer Breakfast and Lunch program this summer, from June 25 through August 13.

To help them, we are collecting **Juice Boxes** (any kind). They can be placed in the container in the Church Hall.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will be used to benefit the **Red Cross** in Korça Albania.

Please be generous!



*Let us believers, as we radiantly
celebrate the Prefeast,
go out to meet the Transfiguration
of Christ,
and let us cry, "The day of inspired
joy is near;
the Master ascends Mount Tabor
to make the beauty of His divinity
shine forth."*

Troparion of the Prefeast of the Transfiguration

1 Corinthians 4:9-15

Brethren, I think God has set forth us the Apostles last of all, as men doomed to death, so that we would become a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, but we are without honor! To this very hour, we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and have no fixed home. And we labor, working with our own hands. We are reviled and we bless, we are persecuted and we bear with it, we are maligned and we console; we have become as the refuse of this world, the scum of all until this present time. I write these things, not to put you to shame, but to admonish you as my dearest children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, you have not many fathers. Therefore, I beg you, be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Matthew 17:14-21

At that time a man approached Jesus, and threw himself on his knees before Him, saying, "LORD, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting." Now while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and on the third day He will rise again."

1 Korinthianëve 4:9-16

Vëllezër, më duket se Perëndia ne apostujt na tregoi për më të fundit e njerëzve, si të dënuar me vdekje; sepse u bëmë lojë në botë, në engjëjt e në njerëzit. Ne jemi të marrë për Krishtin, e ju të mençur në Krishtin; ne të dobët, e ju të fortë; ju të lavdëruar, e ne të përçmuar. Deri në këtë orë edhe uri kemi, edhe etje kemi, edhe të zhveshur jemi, edhe me shuplaka rrihemi, edhe endemi andej e këtej, edhe mundohemi duke punuar me duart tona; kur përqeshemi, bekojmë; kur ndiqemi, durojmë; kur shahemi, lutemi; u bëmë si të fshirat e botës, si mbeturinat e të gjithëve deri tani. Nuk i shkruaj këto për t'ju turpëruar ju, por ju këshilloj si bij të mi të dashur. Sepse edhe sikur të keni dhjetë mijë mësues në Krishtin, po nuk keni shumë etër; sepse unë ju linda në Krishtin Jisu me anë të ungjillit. Ju lutem juve pra të bëni siç bëj unë.

Matheu 17:14-23

Në atë kohë, një njeri erdhi pranë Jisuit e i ra në gjunjë, duke thënë: "Зот, përdëlle tim bir, sepse e zë sëmundja e hënës, dhe heq keq; sepse shumë herë bie në zjarr, e shumë herë në ujë. Edhe e çova te nxënësit e tu, por nuk mundën ta shërojnë." Edhe Jisui u përgjigj e tha: "O brez i pabesë dhe i shtrembër, deri kur do të jem bashkë me ju? Deri kur do t'ju duroj ju? Sillmani mua atë këtu." Edhe Jisui e qortoi atë, dhe djalli doli nga ai, dhe djali u shërua që në atë çast. Atëherë nxënësit erdhën pranë Jisuit veçan, e thanë: "Pse ne nuk mundëm ta nxjerrim atë?" Edhe Jisui u tha atyre: "Për pabesinë tuaj. Sepse me të vërtetë po ju them juve: Në paçi besim sa një kokërr sinapi, do t'i thoni këtij mali: Shko së këtejmi atje, dhe do të shkojë, dhe nuk do të ketë gjë që të mos mund ta bëni ju. Edhe ky komb nuk del veç me falje e me agjërim." Edhe ndërsa ata po sillshin përçark në Galile, Jisui u tha atyre: "I Biri i njeriut do t'u dorëzohet njerëzve. Edhe do ta vrasin atë, dhe të tretën ditë do të ngjallet."