

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

- Today: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
The Sunday after the Transfiguration
 9:00 a.m. Informal Church School
 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Memorial Prayers for Florence Chala
- 18:** 12:00 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
- 20:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
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- 22:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 23:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 24:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 25:** 11:00 a.m. Bettencourt Baptism
 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- 26: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 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; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Janet Youngblood

August

- 12 Florence Chala (2016)
- 13 Meropi (Mary) Atanas (1978)
- 14 Archpriest Sotir Tollkuchi (1954)
- 16 Margaret Pando (1992)
- 17 George Polena (1947)
- John Nichio (1976)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Michael Family, in memory of Florence Chala

19: ???

26: ???

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

Congratulations

Yesterday, August 11th, **Ryan Joseph Moras** was received in to the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. His sponsors were *Wayne Moras* and *Timothy & Sam Tiedemann*.

Ryan is the son of *Michael & Dana Moras* and the grandson of *Melissa & Wayne Moras*.

Also, at the same time Ryan's mother, **Dana Marie Moras**, was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Confession and Chrismation. Her sponsor was *Melissa Moras*.

Many Years! *Për Shumë Vjet!*

Father Dennis away

Father Dennis will be away at the *New England Youth Rally* from this afternoon through next Saturday, August 18th.

In his absence, daily services will not be held.

Father Sergei Bouteneff has agreed to cover any emergencies that might occur while he is away. Any member of the Parish Council will be able to contact him.

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.

Charity Collection

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

Please be generous!



1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal set upon my Apostleship in the LORD. My defense against those who question me is this: have we not a right to eat and to drink? Have we not a right to take around with us a sister woman, as do the other Apostles, and the brethren of the LORD, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have not the right of exemption from manual labor? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Who tends the flock and does not drink of the flock's milk? Do I speak these things on human authority? Or does not the Law also say these things? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain." Is God concerned about the oxen, or does He say this simply for our sakes? These things were written for us. For he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes, in the expectation of partaking of the fruit. If we have sown for you spiritual things, is it such an affair if we reap from you material things? If others share in this right over you, why should it not rather go to us? Yet, we have not used this right, but we bear all our expenses, lest we be a hindrance to Christ's Good News.

Matthew 18:23-35

The LORD told this parable: "The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who desired

to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him millions. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt. But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a small amount, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' But he would not; but went away and threw him into prison until he would pay what was due. His fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, 'Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you begged me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on you?' And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he would pay all that was due to him. So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts."

1 Korinthianëve 9:2-12

Vëllezër, në mos jam apostull mbi të tjerë, po së paku mbi ju jam; sepse në ZOTIN vula e apostolisë sime jeni ju. Përgjigja ime për ata që më gjykojnë, kjo është. Mos nuk kemi edhe ne pushtet të hamë e të pimë? Mos nuk kemi edhe ne pushtet të marrim me vete një grua nga motrat, si dhe apostujt e tjerë, dhe vëllezërit e ZOTIT, dhe Qefai? Apo vetëm unë dhe Varnava nuk kemi pushtet të mos punojmë? Cili shkon ndonjëherë në luftë me shpenzimet e veta? Cili mbjell vresht, dhe nuk ha nga fruti i tij? Ose cili kullot grigjë, dhe nuk ha nga qumështi i grigjës? Mos i flas unë këto vetëm si njeri? Apo nuk thotë këto edhe ligji? Sepse në ligjin e Moisiut është shkruar: “Nuk do t’i lidhësh gojën kaut që shin.” Mos për qetë ka kujdes Perëndia? Apo për ne në të vërtetë e thotë këtë? Sepse për ne u shkrua, se ai që lëron, me shpresë duhet të lërojë; dhe ai që shin, shin me shpresë se do të ketë pjesë në shpresën e tij. Ne, nëse mbollëm tek ju gjërat shpirtërore, punë e madhe është po të korrim gjërat tuaja të mishta? Në qoftë se të tjerë marrin pjesë të këtij pushteti mbi ju, a nuk duhet më tepër ne? Po ne nuk e përdorëm këtë pushtet, por i durojmë të gjitha, që të mos sjellim ndonjë pengesë në ungjillin e Krishtit.

Matheu 18:23-35

ZOTI tha këtë paravola: “Mbretëria e qiejve ngjan me një njeri mbret, që deshi të lajë llogaritë me

shërbëtorët e tij. Edhe kur zuri të lajë llogaritë, i prunë një huamarrës që i detyrohej dhjetë mijë talanta. Edhe pasi ai nuk kishte t’i lante, i zoti urdhëroi të shitet ai dhe gruaja e tij dhe të bijtë e gjithë ç’kishte, dhe të lahej detyrimi. Po shërbëtori i ra ndër këmbë, e i lutej, duke thënë: ‘Zot, bëhu zemërgjerë me mua, dhe do të t’i laj të gjitha.’ Edhe të zotit, si iu dhimbs për atë shërbëtor, e lëshoi, dhe ia la detyrimin. Po ai shërbëtor, si doli, gjeti një nga shokët e tij shërbëtorë që i detyrohej atij njëqind dinarë; dhe si e zuri, po e mbyste, duke thënë: ‘Më laj ç’detyrim më ke.’ Atëherë pra shoku i tij shërbëtor i ra ndër këmbë, e i lutej, duke thënë: ‘Bëhu zemërgjerë me mua, dhe do të t’i laj të gjitha.’ Edhe ai nuk donte, po shkoi dhe e vuri në burg, deri sa t’i lante detyrimin. Edhe shokët e tij shërbëtorë, kur panë se ç’u bë, u helmuan fort; dhe erdhën e i rrëfyan të zotit gjithë sa u bënë. Atëherë i zoti e thirri pranë e i tha: ‘Shërbëtor i lig, gjithë atë detyrim ta lashë ty, sepse m’u lute. A nuk duhej edhe ti ta përdëlleje shokun tënd shërbëtor, siç të përdëlleva edhe unë ty?’ Edhe i zoti u zemërua, edhe e dha në duart e atyre që mendojnë, deri sa të lante gjithë detyrimin që i kishte atij. Kështu edhe Ati im qiellori do t’jua bëjë juve, në mos ua falshi prej zemrës suaj gjithësecili të vëllait fajet e veta.”