

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

5490 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611 ✕ Office: 203-268-1968 ✕ Hall: 203-268-4900

Archpriest Dennis Rhodes, Rector

749 Garfield Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06606 ✕ cell: 203-598-4678 ✕ email: DennisR648@hotmail.com

August 13, 2017

Up-coming Services and Events

- Today:** *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Leave-taking of the Transfiguration
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 14:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 15:** *The Dormition of the Virgin Mary*
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 20:** *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 21:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 22:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 23:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"
- 24:** 7:00 a.m. Matins
- 27:** *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
General Parish Meeting

Prayers for Blessings and Health

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.
Gregory Buzi II and his family, *testing his vocation*.
Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; George & Toni Barmashi; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle & Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Karen Marlin; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore

Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta, Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

William Coughlin; Robin Carlson

August

- 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 Teuta Ladies' Society
20: The Family of Florence Chala, on the First Anniversary of her death
27: The Parish Council

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

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The members of the **Teuta Ladies' Society** will meet during Coffee Hour today. On the agenda will be the next **Teuta Bazaar**, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st.

Please be sure to attend.

Condolences

We offer our condolences to *Tim and Laura Coughlin* on the death of Tim's brother **William**; and to *Joe and Laura Chadwick* on the death of their long-time friend **Robin Carlson**.

Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

Father Dennis away

Father Dennis will be away this week from Tuesday, August 15th, following the Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, until Saturday, August 19th. He will also be away Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, visiting family.

In his absence, daily services will not be held.

If there is an emergency while he is away, contact Fr. George Coca at 203-895-5464, or an Orthodox priest near you.

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.

General Parish Meeting scheduled

On Sunday, August 27th, there will be a **General Meeting** of our parish membership in the Church Hall following the Divine Liturgy.

Please plan to attend and participate!

Parish Finances

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

Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet

The new **Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet** for 2017/2018 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.

Let's help Trumbull Helps

Trumbull Helps, an organization in Trumbull that works to assist the *Trumbull Food Pantry* and the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission*, will be preparing 700 summer lunches for children at the *Rescue Mission* on August 19th. To help them, we will be collecting **juice boxes**. There is a collection box in the vestibule where you can place your donations.

Notification of illness

When you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please be sure to let Father Dennis know so he can visit. He can be reached at 203-598-4678.

Church Hall Rental

Please be aware of the following fees for the use of the Church Hall which have been adopted by the Parish Council.

For Church Members in good standing:

Church-related affair (such as baptism, wedding, shower or memorial)	\$200.00
Private party	\$300.00
Commercial purposes:	\$300.00
Non-profit group meetings	\$100.00
Kitchen only (Church-related or other)	Donation

For non-members

Church-related affair (such as baptism, wedding, shower or memorial)	\$300.00
Private party	\$500.00
Organizational meetings	\$100.00
Kitchen only (Church-related or other)	\$100.00

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **Spooner House**.

Please be generous!

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."

TRANSFIGURATION

