

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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December 14, 2025

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Dec 14** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr Danaks  
St Nicholas party to follow in  
the church hall
- Dec 21** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr George
- Dec 24** - 4:00 pm - Vesperal [Liturgy](#) of St. Basil  
Fr. Sergei
- Dec 25** - 10:00 am - Nativity of our Lord. Church open  
from 10:00-11:00 am for prayer and  
candle lighting
- Dec 28** - 10:00 am - Reader Service

### Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.  
Very Rev. Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne Aleandro  
Father Sergei Bouteneff  
Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk  
*Those who are sick:* Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred  
Arendacs; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Sandra  
Bike; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Arley Broadus,  
Debi Broadus; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain;  
Kerri Christenson; Tina Ciambriello, Marianna Coca;  
Anthony Cordero; Keith Cryan; Charlie Demetri; Mary  
Dilulio; Mallory Ferrari; Patti Fischer; Anita Flynn; Yekta  
Fridkia; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Mike  
Green; Harry Jordhamo; Christy Kobeli; Mia Kovachi;  
Violet Laska; June Lopen; JR Martikainen; Thomas  
Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Timothy McCormick;  
Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Mary Nikola;  
Kimberly Orosz; Philip Pepin; Pat Perrotta, George  
Piazza; Molly Sabas; David Schutte; Charles & Joann  
Soter; Joshua Stevens; Ted Tallcouch; Cheryl Themel;  
William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre;  
Mary Valis; Stephan Valis; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale

**If anyone should be added or removed from this list,  
please contact Kim O'Brien at  
[kimbrien720@gmail.com](mailto:kimbrien720@gmail.com).**

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### [40 Days](#)

Larissa Chapin

#### [December](#)

- 14 Priest Llambi Michael (1955)  
Nisi Athanas (1959)
- 15 Caroline Theodos Kardos
- 16 Theodora Spiro (1939)
- 17 Theodora (Dhora) M. Polena (2003)  
Aphrodita (Frieda) Jones (2006)
- 18 Elias Nikola (1977)  
Peter Atanas (1970)
- 19 Mary Albrecht (1972)  
Olga Theodos Peters (2001)
- 20 Andromaqi Kosta Theodos (1939)  
Gloria Ruseski (2018)

### 2025 Year-to-date Contribution Statements

A [2025 Year-to-date Contribution Summary](#), that includes  
donations received through Sunday, November 9th,  
were emailed to parishioners on Thursday, December  
4th.

For those who have not provided us with an email  
address, those statements have been printed and if they  
were not picked up at church on Sun, Dec 7th, they were  
physically mailed Tues, Dec 9th.

If you have an email address, we would appreciate it if  
you would forward it to us so we may use it, rather than  
utilizing physical mail. If you have any questions or  
corrections, please contact the Financial Secretary, Luba  
Csernica: email: [luba.csernica@gmail.com](mailto:luba.csernica@gmail.com) ; text or call:  
203-414-8141.

Thank you for your continued support of St. George!

### Teuta News

Out of the Bazaar proceeds, Teuta has donated \$10,000 to the church. The distribution will be \$5000 for the general fund and \$5000 for the future fund. We will also use some of the profit to tackle some much needed projects so stay tuned.

Thank you to everyone who showed their support. We truly appreciate all of you!

Many years to the Teuta Society! - they remain the major organizer of fund-raising and fellowship events for the parish.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Nancy Poltrack** who was received into the Orthodox Church on Sunday, Dec 7th during Divine Liturgy. Nancy participated in the Service of Reception of Converts on Sat, Dec 6th, and the sacrament of Holy Chrismation on Sunday. **Pauline Dionis** served as Nancy's sponsor. *May God grant Nancy and her family Many Years!*

### Faith & Family Night: Sun, Jan 11th for a hockey game

Faith and Family Night is returning to Total Mortgage Arena on Sunday, January 11th at 3PM for a hockey game between the Bridgeport Islanders and the Hartford Wolf Pack.

*Net proceeds from a hockey jersey raffle will go to support / benefit FOCUS Bridgeport* and its efforts to serve the poor by bringing together Orthodox Christian churches and community partners to provide Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter and other assistance to address the needs of local communities. The jersey raffle table will be located outside of Section 100 in the Arena.

Click onto the following link to view what FOCUS

Bridgeport is all about:

<https://focusnorthamerica.org/bridgeport/>

If you purchase your tickets by January 1st, you'll be entered to win Brandon Lake concert tickets, and every ticket comes with a free Bridgeport Islanders hat.

St. George Church will also have the chance to receive a special Bridgeport Islanders raffle basket if 50 or more members sign up through St. George.

After the game, patrons are welcome to stick around to meet the entire Bridgeport Islanders team and to get autographs!

Please see our website to purchase tickets and download the flyer.

### December Charity Tray

For the month of December we will continue our monthly Charity Tray to support the **Binky Patrol**.

This is an organization that makes comforting blankets for critically ill and traumatized children nationally, with a local Monroe-Trumbull Chapter that supports organizations in our area.

### Buy-a-Brick Fundraiser

**We will be collecting orders until the end of the 2025 calendar year, December 31, 2025.** The patio will be built in the spring or early summer next year (2026).

Complete details are available by visiting our website.

If you have any questions, please see or contact Curt Dionis at [curtstg@yahoo.com](mailto:curtstg@yahoo.com) or text/call on his mobile: 203-446-7195. Forms are available downstairs or at the candle desk.

### Pastoral Emergency Care

If there is an emergency, and you would like a priest to contact you, call Bill Kovachi at 203-449-4404.

***"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"***