

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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December 20, 2020

Upcoming Services* and Events

Dec 20 - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Dec 24 - 4:30 pm - Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil
(details listed in the body of the bulletin)

Dec 27 - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
***RSVP to:**

Laura Chadwick by 3:00pm the Saturday prior to the Sunday service if you are attending. Admission is on a first come, first serve basis.
Laura's cell/email - 203.218.1552 lchad@att.net

Prayers for the Blessing

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

Father Gregory Buzi on his journey in the monastery.

Those who are sick: Mitered Archpriest Michael Koblosh, Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar Paul Betts; Alexis Black; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Anthony Cordero; George and Carmen Costa; Renate Deer, Judy Delaney, Armando Dias; Ashley Federline, Patti Fischer; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Peter Gallo; Luba Geeza; Mike Green; Nancy Hurd; Patricia Ivanov; George Jones; Sug Jones; Shirley Jordan; Isabella Kerma; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Jeannine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Kathy Meahlenbrock; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Pat Perrotta, John Rafail, Helen Reh, David Schutte; Anthony Sica; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Sue & Thomas Spero; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; John Towne; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Michael Wilson.

If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please

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Prayers in Memoriam

40 days

Luke Hosking
MaryAnn Kendall
Florence Jordhamo

December

- 20 Andromaqi Kosta Theodos (1939)
Gloria Ruseski (2018)
- 23 Peter Athanas (2003)
- 24 Lena Costa (1972)
- 25 Harry Kamberis (1948)
Thomas Tallcouch (1971)
Theresa Goures (1980)
Andromaqi Guri (1985)
Elaine Marko (1988)
George Polena (2004)
- 26 Kulla George Jordhamo (1988)
Theodore Michael (1991)

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service - a Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil - will take place December 24 at 4:30PM. We hope we can accomplish the service in about 90 minutes. Those planning to receive communion, should fast from noon on December 24.

Everyone planning to come **must** contact Laura Chadwick. We will take "reservations" up to 3:00 pm December 23 and any cancellations up until 12:00 noon on Dec 24 thus giving time to contact any folks on the waitlist.

There will be **NO LITURGY ON CHRISTMAS DAY** this year. This gives us a chance to perform the proper cleaning to maintain our safety protocols.

Video of St. Nicholas Day Parties Past

Due to the COVID pandemic, St. George was not able to hold the annual St. Nicholas Day party for the parish children. As a small replacement to this event, a short video was prepared with some photos from past years. Please click onto the following link to view the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyB8KP4lXnE>

Many thanks to Jim Bowe for his reading of the Christmas poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" along with his two great-grandchildren, Caelyn and Christian for their supporting roles. To Erin Galich for her video work, and especially to Melissa Galich for all her editing work assembling the video. Also, a final thank you to parishioners who forwarded photos to be shared.

Suggested Dress Attire

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we will be running the heat while keeping the windows open for proper ventilation. With the cold weather approaching, please dress accordingly when attending church services.

2021 Wall Calendars

2021 Wall calendars are available at the candle desk, one per household. Our thanks go out to Dave Dougiello and the Commerce Hill Funeral for this gift.

Church School Sermonette

Monthly Sermonette for Church School posted on St. George's YouTube Channel

Fr. Sergei is providing a video Sermonette each month for the Church School. The video is being posted along with weekly sermons on St. George's YouTube Channel. All parishioners are also invited to view it each month.

St. George's YouTube Channel address is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvDnJSwwf_fvezBVH7P8u0bq

Update on St. George/Holy Ghost Discussions

Over the last year or so, Holy Ghost Church in Bridgeport and St George Church in Trumbull have been having conversations about a possible unification. Covid has interfered with this exploration, but a joint committee of the two parishes is still meeting periodically via Zoom under the chairmanship of Fr John Kreta Chancellor of the Diocese of New England, with the participation of Father Joseph Gallick, General Secretary of the Albanian Archdiocese

On Monday, December 7 at Zoom meeting was held with the two committees, and with a result, a few action steps were discussed.

1. Father Kreta will update Metropolitan Tikhon, who now oversees both dioceses as locum tenens, and seek his approval for our continuing efforts.
2. A summary of efforts thus far will be sent to the February meetings of the Diocesan Councils of the Albanian Archdiocese and the Diocese of New England.
3. A summary of our meeting is to be included in the parish bulletin of both parishes.
4. When pandemic conditions improve, we will explore a way to return to celebrating the Divine Liturgy together once a month.

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 .