

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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December 22, 2024

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Dec 22** 9:45 am Church school children meet w/Fr Sergei  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
- Dec 24** 4:00 pm Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil followed by Christmas carols
- Dec 25** 10:00 am Church open until 11:00 am for anyone wishing to light a candle
- Dec 29** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy with Bishop Nikodhim
- Jan 5** 9:45 am General Confession  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of the water
- Jan 6** Theophany transferred to January 12

### Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.  
Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate  
Very Rev. Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne Aleandro  
Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk  
Matushka Evelyn Kreta  
Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim  
*Those who are sick:* Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Sandra Bike; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Caitlyn; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Rebecca Chapin; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Mary Dilulio; Mallory Ferrari; Patti Fischer; Yekta Fridkia; Louise

Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; Donna Kerma, Christy Kobeli; Mia Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Timothy McCormick; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Mary Nikola; Kimberly Orosz; Philip Pepin; Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; David Schutte; Molly Sabas; Charles & Joann Soter; Ted Tallcouch; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Mary Valis; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Michael Wilson

*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](#)

William Jay Czoch

[December](#)

- 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)  
27 Elpinichi Costa (1969)  
Emilia Gregory (1993)

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

### Prayer for our Jubilee Year

On Sunday, January 5th, we will have a Prayer for our Jubilee Year.

Jan 5th is the first Sunday of 2025, and the beginning of the calendar year in which we will be celebrating St. George's 100th Anniversary. ***As a reminder, our 100th Anniversary celebration will be held on June 22nd.***

You can view the prayer on St. George website or pick up a copy at the candle desk.

### The Feast of Theophany

The celebration of the Feast of Theophany is being transferred from **Monday, Jan 6th** to **Sunday, Jan 12th**.

We will be blessing the water on **Sunday, Jan 5th** at the end of Divine Liturgy, with the intention of passing out holy water bottles on January 12th.

Please remember to bring your empty plastic Holy Water bottles to church for Holy Water. These bottles will be filled during the week of Jan 5th, and will be available to take home on Sunday, January 12th. If you still have Holy Water in the bottle from last year, you may water a potted plant.

### Vesperal Liturgy - Christmas Eve

The Parish Council and Fr Sergei decided to celebrate the feast of the **Nativity of Christ** (Christmas) with a *Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil* on **Tuesday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 PM**. For those planning on taking Communion, in preparation, they should begin their fast by noon of December 24th. For those following the livestream services, a service booklet is available on our website. Booklets will be available for those coming for the Vesperal Liturgy at the church. There will be no church services on Wednesday, Dec 25th, but

the church will be open from 10 to 11 AM for those who wish to offer prayers and or put up a candle.

### Collecting Frozen Hams and Turkeys

From now through early February 2025, St. George will be collecting frozen hams and turkeys. They can be placed in the church's freezers located in the Church Hall Storage Room.

This charity project's intent is to donate the hams and turkeys to local soup kitchens during February 2025 - this is typically when food donations are low. We will target to deliver them after Valentines Day, Feb 14, 2025.

### Open Position Parish Council

Beginning January 1, 2025 there will be an opening on the Parish Council for **Recording Secretary**. This involves taking and transcribing notes at the council and parish body meetings. The notes are kept in the Council Binder and forwarded to the council members and Bishop Nikodhem via Barry.

Please see Louise Gallagher for any questions. Thank you, Louise, for your 10 years of service!

### December Charity Tray

Our December 2024 Charity Tray will be dedicated to **Trumbull Helps**. This organization's goal is to make a difference by providing meals at the **Bridgeport Rescue Mission**, supporting the **Trumbull Food Pantry**, and coming together as a community to help others.

### 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.

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