

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Upcoming Services and Events

Dec 24 - 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Compline and Carol Sing

Dec 25 - 10:00 am - Liturgy of Christmas and Carol Sing

Dec 26 - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Jan 2 - 9:45 am - General Confession
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Please note the above Christmas schedule is tentative assuming there are no changes in the COVID guidelines from the State or Town.

Prayers for the Blessing

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

Father Gregory Buzi on his journey in the monastery.

Military Deployment: Father James Parnell; Jason Gartsu

Those who are sick: Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Marion Hricus Bichun, Alexis Black; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Julie Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George and Carmen Costa; Diane Cryan; Renate Deer, Charlie Demetri; Armando Dias; Brody Federline; Patti Fischer; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Linda Vasil Gilbert; Mike Green; Nancy Hurd, Patty Ivanov; George Jones; Sug Jones; Shirley Jordan; Isabella Kerma; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Jonathan Lubin, Carole Lundquist; Jeannine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Kathy Meahlenbrock; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Wayne Moras Jr, Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Walter Ostrowski, Pat Perrotta, John Rafail, Helen Reh, David Schutte; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Sue & Thomas Spero; Ted Tallcouch; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Michael

Wilson; Dona-lyn Wales.

If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at kimobrien720@gmail.com.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Very Rev. Father Michael Macura
Archpriest John Loejos
Helen Leka Brown

December

26 Kulla George Jordhamo (1988)

Theodore Michael (1991)

27 Elpinichi Costa (1969)

Emilia Gregory (1993)

30 Andromaqi Bedgio (1993)

31 Violet Polena Hotova (1998)

January

01 Richard Nichio Sr (2021)

Memorials

In accordance with the Orthodox Church teachings, Memorials cannot be held between Christmas day (December 25th) and Theophany (January 6th).

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Memory Eternal

St George was saddened to learn that the Very Rev. Father Michael Macura reposed in the Lord on Saturday, December 18th at St. Vincent's Hospital (Bridgeport). Fr. Michael served for 17 years at the Saint John the Baptist Church (Silver Lane, Stratford). St. George fondly remembers Fr. Michael from the Bridgeport region Pan-Orthodox Lenten services, and a few times when Fr. Michael helped out during our need by providing coverage for some emergency services. *Memory Eternal!*

Thank you

Below is a thank you note from Juxhin and Livia Shkurti - the seminarian from Albania who is studying at St. Vladimir's Seminary. St. George ear-marked it's November monthly charity for the Shkurtis

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope this email finds you all well. My wife and I got your present this morning and we are most thankful for your generosity. We want to thank all the wonderful community of St George from our hearts and we wish to all of you Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

God Bless you all and hoping to see you soon.

In Christ,

Juxhin and Livia Shkurti

House Blessings Postponed

Once again, out of an abundance of caution, the traditional January House blessing is postponed to the Spring - after Pascha.

We will, however, hold services of Theophany and the Blessing of water!

December Charity Tray

This month's Charity collection will be for the Trumbull Food Pantry. Since we collected very little for them over the summer, we hope to make a significant difference this month. Please be generous.

Coffee Hour

Please note there will be no more coffee hours in 2021. We will resume again in January 2022 pending COVID-19 conditions.

Pop Up Shop

Our very own parish artist, Jim Bowe, has been busy painting and creating projects over the past year.

With the Teuta Bazaar being canceled for the second year in a row, Jim has generously offered to put his works on display for purchase in the church hall.

All proceeds will benefit St George.

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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