

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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February 22, 2026

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Feb 22** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy w/ Fr Sergei and Fr George - Forgiveness Sunday. Forgiveness Vespers follows immediately after Divine Liturgy  
Last day to reserve brunch tickets
- Mar 1** - 9:45 am - General Confession  
Divine Liturgy w/Fr Sergei  
Lenten Brunch in church hall
- 4 pm - Lenten Vespers at St. John the Baptist (Bridgeport)

### 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; Judy Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Kerri Christenson; Tina Ciambriello, Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; Joan Coughlin; 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; Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; Molly Sabas; David Schutte; Engjëll Skenderaj; Charles & Joann Soter; Joshua Stevens; Ted Tallcouch; Cheryl Themel; Paulette Todisco;

Margaret Torre; Mary Valis; Stephan Valis; 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

#### February

- 22 Anastasia Adams (1964)  
Theodore A. Thanos (1993)
- 23 Dhori Vero (1959)  
Pandi Constantine (1963)  
Nicholas Panayotes Adam (1991)
- 24 Efthalia Tallcouch (1983)  
Margarita Nikola (1997)
- 25 Zoitsa Misto Boria (1994)  
Tatyana Valis (2015)
- 26 Vangjo 'Petri' Kostandini (2023)  
Anastas Kosta (1963)  
Eileen Bochino (2018)
- 27 George Tochy (1954)  
Dorothy Atanas Louis (2000)  
Todd Christopher Buzi (2001)
- 28 Olympia Tallcouch Henry (1989)  
Jeffrey Mark Louis (1999)

### Return Icons for Sunday of Orthodoxy - Sun, Mar 1st

Please return all Konizmat icons by next Sunday, March 1st, the *Sunday of Orthodoxy*, so that we may include them in our procession. Thank you!

**Lenten Brunch Fundraiser – the last day to reserve a ticket is today, Sun Feb 22nd**

The Teuta Ladies will be sponsoring a Lenten Brunch fundraiser on **Sunday, March 1**, in lieu of coffee hour.

The buffet will feature many traditional Albanian Lenten specialties.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children 12 and under. Please send payment to the Teuta Society, care of St. George.

**Tickets are available at the candle desk, or you can call or text Diane Cryan @ 203-520-2811 to reserve a ticket by Sunday, February 22.**

**Teuta Meeting Today – Sun, Feb 22**

The next Teuta Meeting is scheduled for today, **Sunday, February 22**. This meeting will be to finalize plans for an upcoming brunch and to discuss the kitchen cleaning project.

Please try to attend.

**February Charity Tray**

For the months of January and February we will dedicate our charity tray to **IOCC**. As the humanitarian aid and development agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, IOCC works in cooperation with the Orthodox Church and other partners to serve people in need, in the spirit of Christ's love. By God's grace, IOCC strives to equip those we serve to continue to improve their own lives and communities. Their Mission IOCC, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Orthodox Church to respond.

**Great Lent & Lenten Fasting**

This year, Great Lent begins tomorrow, Monday, Feb 23rd. During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. 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. 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 the Great Feast of our Lord's Resurrection.

**Schedule for 2026 Sunday Lenten Vespers**

Schedules from both the "Orthodox Clergy Assoc of Greater Bridgeport", and the "Connecticut Deanery" for Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers are available on our website, and hard copies are available at the back of the church.

**Daylight Saving Time begins Sun, Mar 8th**

As a reminder, Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8th. At 2AM, clocks need to be turned forward 1 hour to 3AM.

**Presanctified Liturgy sung by St. Vladimir Chorale - Fri, Mar 13th @ 6:30PM**

Below please find an invite from the CT Deanery:

*Dear Brothers, We here at **Christ the Savior (Southbury)** extend an invitation to you and the faithful of your parishes to join us on Friday, March 13th at 6:30 pm for the **Presanctified Liturgy sung by St. Vladimir's Chorale**. We will have a Lenten meal afterwards. Please help us get the word out as this is also a fundraiser for the seminary. Thank you Brothers! In Christ, Fr. Moses (Locke)*

**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"***