

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *The Sunday of the Prodigal Son*
The Sunday after the Meeting of our
LORD in the Temple

9:30 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. General Confession
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and One-year
Memorial Prayers for James
Dionis

5: 7:00 a.m. Matins

9: 7:00 a.m. Matins

10: 10:00 a.m. Memorial Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

11: *The Sunday of the Last Judgment*
(The last day to eat meat)

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

12: 7:00 a.m. Matins

13: 7:00 a.m. Matins

14: 7:00 a.m. Matins

15: 7:00 a.m. Matins

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins

17: 10:00 a.m. Memorial Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

18: *The Sunday of Forgiveness*

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Fr. Dimitrie Vincent; Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby

Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Deborah Garofalo; Luba Geeza; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Karen Marlin; Jeanine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Serge Mihaly; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Katherine Pando; Pat Perrotta, Judi Petro; Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Bishop Mark (Forsberg); Richard Taylor, Jr.;
Nico Mallozzi; James Pandeli

February

- 04 Loni Perestere (1974)
- 05 Anastasia ("Cile") Vissar (1999)
- 07 Olga Ellen Vani (1954)
- 10 Philip C. Cotmil (1979)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Dionis Family in memory of James

11: The Teuta Ladies' Society

18: ???

If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please sign up on the poster in the Church Hall.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to *Carol Jaworski* on the recent deaths of her cousins, **Nico Mallozzi** and **James Pandeli**.

Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

Father Dennis to be away

Father Dennis will be away from Monday afternoon, February 5th, to Thursday evening, February 8th. He will be representing our Albanian Archdiocese at the semi-annual meeting of the Orthodox Church in America's **Metropolitan Council**.

In his absence, Daily Matins will not be celebrated.

Also, if there is an emergency while he is away, contact *Fr. George Coca* at (203) 895-5464, or an Orthodox Priest near you.

Retreat at St. Dimitrie's Church

This Saturday, February 10th, St. Dimitrie Church in Easton will host a retreat with **Dr. Albert Rossi**, who will speak on "*Keeping the Faith in Turbulent Times.*"

The retreat will begin at 12:30 p.m., with a light lunch offered at 12:00 noon.

Parish Stewardship

At the General Meeting of our parish membership last Sunday, it was decided that the minimum annual stewardship contribution is raised to \$9.00 per person per week, for an annual total of \$468.00.

Those who give more are asked to increase their contribution by a minimum of %10.

Please take note of this change.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** treasurer, *Sue Galich*, is currently collecting 2018 Society dues in the amount of \$10.00.

Also, the Society's annual **Papandia** celebration will be held next Sunday, February 11th.

Financial Statements available

Corrected **Financial Statements** for 2017 are now available at the Candle Desk. Pick yours up today.

Flu Season

This year's flu season seems to be quite severe. Let's all be especially careful not to spread the virus.

News from the Women's Council

The *Orthodox Women's Council's* annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) is continuing through March. (Please note, sweat pants will work for the 18-year-olds).

If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

Pre-Lenten Memorial Service

The first **Memorial Saturday** of 2018 is this Saturday, February 10th. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated that morning and the names of all departed friends and family members of our parishioners will be remembered.

Please submit the names of the people you would like remembered and a \$10.00 donation to *Vi Bowe* as soon as possible.

Valentine's Day Dance

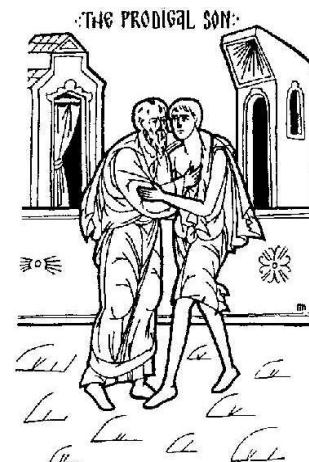
There will be a **Valentine's Day Dance** in the Church Hall on Saturday, February 17th, starting at 6:00 p.m. The event will be catered by *Andini's Restaurant* in Orange.

Admission is \$40.00 per person. Contact *Nardi Tollkuçi* at (203) 895-4263 for reservations.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support **Spooner House**, an organization in Shelton that assist needy people in our area.

Please be generous!



1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are fitting. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of anyone. Food is for the belly, and the belly for food, but God will destroy both the one and the other. Now, the body is not for immorality, but for the LORD, and the LORD for the body. For God has raised up the LORD and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of a prostitute? By no means! Or do you not know that one who cleaves to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For the two, it is said, shall be one flesh. But he who cleaves to the LORD is one spirit with Him. Flee immorality. Every sin a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, who you have from God – and that you are not your own? For you have been bought at a great price. Glorify God therefore in your body and in your soul which both are God's.

Luke 15:11-32

The LORD told this parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his possessions between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth and traveled to a far country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a severe famine over that country, and he began to suffer from it. And he went and joined one of the local landowners, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. And he longed to fill himself with the pods the pigs were eating, but no one offered to give them to him. But when he had

come to his senses, he said, 'How many hired men in my father's house have bread in abundance, while I am perishing with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men."' And he got up and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him, and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; because this my son was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came close to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the servants he asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe.' But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to beg him. But he answered and said to his father, 'Look, these many years I have been serving you, and have never disobeyed any of your orders; and yet, you have never given me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours comes, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you have killed for him the fattened calf!' But he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours; but we were bound to make merry and rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life; he was lost, and is found.'"

1 Korinthianëve 6:12-20

Vëllezër, të gjitha më lejohen, por jo të gjitha sjellin dobi; të gjitha më lejohen, por unë nuk sundo hem prej ndonjë gjëje. Gjellët janë për barkun dhe barku për gjellët; por Perëndia edhe këtë edhe ato do t'i prishë. Po trupi nuk është për imoralitetin, por për ZOTIN, dhe ZOTI për trupin. Dhe Perëndia edhe ZOTIN e ngjalli, edhe ne do të na ngjallë me anë të fuqisë së tij. A nuk e dini se trupat tuaj janë pjesë të Krishtit? Të marr pra unë pjesët e Krishtit, e t'i bëj ato pjesë prostitute? Qoftë larg! A nuk e dini se ai që bashkohet me të përdalën është një trup me të? Sepse "do të jenë, thotë, të dy në një mish". Po ai që bashkohet me ZOTIN, është një shpirt me atë. Largoni imoralitetin. Çdo mëkat që bën njeriu, është jashtë trupit; po ai që bën imoralitet, mëkaton në trupin e vet. Apo nuk e dini se trupi juaj është tempull i Shpirtit të Shenjtë që rri në ju, të cilin e keni nga Perëndia, dhe nuk jeni të vetvetes? Sepse u bletë me çmim; lavdëroni pra Perëndinë me trupin tuaj, edhe me shpirtin tuaj, që janë të Perëndisë.

Llukait 15:11-32

ZOTI u tha këtë paravoli: "Një njeri kishte dy bij. Edhe më i vogli nga ata i tha të atit: 'Atë, jepmë pjesën e pasurisë që më takon të marr.' Edhe ai u ndau pasurinë. Edhe pas pak ditësh më i vogli mblodhi gjithë ç'pati, e iku në dhe të huaj në një vend të largët; dhe atje shpërndau pasurinë e tij duke shkuar jetë plangprishësi. Edhe si i prishi ai të gjitha, u bë një zi e madhe në atë vend, dhe ai zuri të mos kishte më. Atëherë shkoi e u ngjiti pas një qytetari të atij vendi; dhe ky e dërgoi në arat e tij të kulloste derra. Edhe dëshironte të mbushte

barkun e tij me lendet që hanin derrat; po askush nuk i jepte. Edhe si erdhi në vete, tha: 'Sa punëtorëve të tim eti u tepron bukë e unë po humbas nga uria! Do të ngrihem e do të shkoj tek im atë, dhe do t'i them: "O atë, mëkatova në qiell dhe përpara teje, edhe nuk jam më i denjë të quhem biri yt. Më bëj si një nga punëtorët e tu.'" Edhe u ngrit e erdhi tek i ati. Edhe kur ai ishte ende larg, i ati e pa dhe i erdhi keq, dhe u sul dhe e përqafoi atë, dhe e puthi. Edhe i biri i tha: 'O atë, mëkatova në qiell dhe përpara teje, dhe nuk jam më i denjë të quhem biri yt.' Po i ati u tha shërbëtorëve të tij: 'Nxirrni jashtë stolinë e parë dhe vishjani, dhe i vini unazë në dorë dhe këpucë në këmbët. Edhe sillni viçin e ushqyer dhe thereni, edhe le të hamë e të gëzohemi. Sepse ky biri im që i vdekur, e u ngjall përsëri; dhe që i humbur, e u gjet.' Edhe zunë të gëzoheshin. Edhe djali më i madh ishte në arë; dhe kur erdhi e u afrua në shtëpi, dëgjoji këngë e valle. Edhe thirri një nga shërbëtorët dhe e pyeste: 'Ç'janë këto.' Edhe ai i tha se ka ardhur yt vëlla, dhe yt atë theri viçin e ushqyer, sepse e priti të shëndoshë. Edhe ai u zemërua dhe nuk donte të hynte brenda. I ati pra doli, e i lutej. Edhe ai u përgjigj e i tha të atit: 'Ja tek po të shërbej kaq vjet, dhe kurrë nuk dola nga urdhëri yt; dhe kurrë nuk më dhe një keq, që të gëzohem bashkë me miqtë e mi. Po kur erdhi ky yt bir që hëngri pasurinë bashkë me të përdalat, i there viçin e ushqyer.' Edhe ai i tha: 'O djalë, ti je përherë bashkë me mua, dhe gjithë të miat janë të tuat. Edhe duhej të gëzoheshim e të ngazëlloheshim, sepse ky yt vëlla që i vdekur, e u ngjall përsëri; dhe që i humbur, e u gjet.'"