

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *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 and Rite of Forgiveness

19: *Great Lent begins*

7:00 a.m. Matins

20: 7:00 a.m. Matins

21: 7:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

22: 7:00 a.m. Matins

23: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

24: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

25: *The Sunday of Orthodoxy*

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and 3-year Memorial Prayers for Tanya Valis.

4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. Dimitrie's, Easton

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; 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; Jeannine 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; James Balta Kevin Donnelly

February

- 12 Vangel Theodos (1985)
Pauline George (2013)
- 13 Priftëresha Victoria Polena (1947)
- 14 Vincent Theodos (1973)
Vasilo (Olga) Schutte (2002)
- 15 Marianthi Vasil (1992)
- 17 Cile Thanos (1966)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Teuta Ladies' Society and Voula Zargos, in memory of her husband Vasili.

18: ???

25: The Valis Family, in memory of Tanya.

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

Papandia Celebrations

We congratulate today the members of the **Teuta Ladies' Society** on their annual *Papandia Observance*.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy:

- to the *Buzi Family* on the death in December of their friend, **Kevin Donnelly**; and
- to *Shirley Jordan* on the death last Saturday of her cousin **James Balta**.

Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

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.

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.

Valentine's Day Dance

There will be a **Valentine's Day Dance** in the Church Hall this 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, which must be made today.

Financial Statements available

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

Sunday Lenten Vespers Services

On the Sundays of Great Lent, Vespers is celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in various parishes in the Greater Bridgeport area. Here is the list of those services for this year.

- February 25th at St. Dimitrie's Church in Easton.
- March 4th at our own St. George Church.
- March 11th at St. John's Church on Mill Hill Ave. in Bridgeport.
- March 18th at St. John's Church on Silver Ln. in Stratford
- March 25th Unction at Three Saints Church in Ansonia

Lenten refreshments will be served following all services.

Youth Rally dates announced

The annual **New England Youth Rally** for 2018 will be held at St. Methodius Faith and Heritage Center in New Hampshire from August 13th through the 18th.

Flu Season

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

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 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food does not commend us to God. For neither shall we gain any advantage if we eat, nor suffer any loss if we do not. And yet, beware lest perhaps this right of yours become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if a man sees you who "have knowledge" sitting at table in a place dedicated to idols, will not his conscience, weak as it is, be emboldened to eat idol offerings? And through your "knowledge" the weak one will perish, the brother for whom Christ died. Now, when you sin in this way against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore if food scandalizes my brother, I will never again eat any more meat so as not to scandalize my brother. Am I not an Apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus our LORD? Are you not my work in the LORD? And if to others I am not an Apostle, yet to you I am. For you are the seal set upon my Apostleship in the LORD.

Matthew 25:31-46

The LORD said, "At that time when the Son of Man shall come in His majesty, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory; and before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to

those on His right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you have me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the just will answer Him, saying, 'LORD, when did we see You hungry, and feed You; or thirsty, and give You to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and take You in; or naked, and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And answering, the King will say to them, 'Amen I say to you, every time you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.' Then He will say to those on His left hand, 'Go away from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his ministers. For I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer and say, 'LORD, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Amen I say to you, as long as you did not do it for one of these least ones, you did not do it for me.' And these will go into everlasting punishment, but the just into everlasting life."

1 Korinthianëve 8:8-9:2

Vëllezër, po të ngrënët nuk na afron tek Perëndia; sepse edhe sikur të hamë, nuk do të kemi gjë më shumë; as sikur të mos hamë, nuk do të kemi gjë më pak. Po shikoni se mos pushteti juaj bëhet pengesë për të dobëtit. Sepse në të paftë ndonjë ty që ke dituri, se rri në tryezë në tempull idhujsh, ndërgjegja e atij që është i dobët, a nuk do të marrë guxim të hajë therorët e idhujve? Edhe kështu për diturinë tënde do të humbasë vëllai i dobët, për të cilin Krishti vdiq. Edhe kur mëkatoni ju kështu ndaj vëllezërive, dhe plagosni ndërgjegjen e tyre të dobët, në Krishtin keni mëkatuar. Prandaj në qoftë se ngrënia ime skandalizon tim vëlla, s'kam për të ngrënë mish për gjithë jetën, që të mos skandalizoj tim vëlla. A nuk jam apostull? A nuk jam i lirë? A nuk e pashë unë Jisu Krishtin, ZOTIN tonë? Në mos jam apostull mbi të tjerë, po së paku mbi ju jam; sepse në ZOTIN vula e apostolisë sime jeni ju.

Matheut 25:31-46

ZOTI u tha: "Kur të vijë Biri i njeriut në lavdinë e tij, dhe gjithë engjëjt e shenjtë bashkë me të, atëherë do të rrijë mbi fronin e lavdisë së tij. Edhe do të mblidhen përpara tij gjithë kombet; dhe do t'i ndajë ata nënë nga tjetri, siç ndan bariu dhentë nga kecat. Edhe do të vërë dhentë në të djathtë dhe kecat në të majtë. Atëherë mbreti do t'u thotë atyre që rrinë në të djathtë të tij: 'Ejani të bekuarit e tim. Eti, trashëgoni mbretërinë që

është bërë gati për ju që kur se është themeluar bota. Sepse pata uri e më dhatë të ha; pata etje, e më dhatë të pi; i huaj isha, e më morët në shtëpi; i zhveshur, e më veshët; u sëmura, dhe erdhët të më shihni; isha në burg, dhe erdhët tek unë.' Atëherë të drejtët do t'i përgjigjen, duke thënë: 'ZOT, kur të pamë ty duke pasur uri e të ushqyem? Apo duke pasur etje, e të dhamë të pish? Edhe kur të pamë të huaj, e të morëm nëpër shtëpira? Apo të zhveshur, e të veshëm? Edhe kur të pamë të sëmurë ose në burg, dhe erdhëm tek ti?' Edhe mbreti do të përgjigjet e do t'u thotë atyre: 'Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, gjithë sa i bëtë njërit prej këtyre vëllezërve të mi më të vegjël, ma keni bërë mua.' Atëherë do t'u thotë edhe atyre që rrinë në të majtë: 'Ikni prej meje, të mallkuar, në zjarr të pasosur, që është bërë gati për djallin e për engjëjt e tij. Sepse pata uri, e s'më dhatë të ha; pata etje, e s'më dhatë të pi; isha i huaj, e nuk më morët brenda; i zhveshur, dhe nuk më veshët; i sëmurë e në burg, dhe nuk erdhët të më shihni.' Atëherë do t'i përgjigjen edhe ata, duke thënë: 'ZOT, kur të pamë ty duke pasur uri, a duke pasur etje, a të huaj, a të zhveshur, a të sëmurë, a në burg, e nuk të shërbyem?' Atëherë do t'u përgjigjet e do t'u thotë atyre: 'Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, gjithë sa nuk i bëtë njërit prej këtyre më të vegjëlve, as mua nuk ma keni bërë.' Edhe këta do të shkojnë në mundim të përjetshëm; dhe të drejtët në jetë të përjetshme."