

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: *The Sunday of Orthodoxy*

9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Icon Procession  
and 3-year Memorial Prayers  
for Tanya Valis.

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

**26:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**27:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**28:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

**Mar 1:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**2:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

**3:** 11:00 a.m. Moras Baptism

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### **4:** *St. Gregory Palamas*

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:45 a.m. General Confession

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and One-Year  
Memorial Prayers for Bill Vasil

4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. George

**5:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**6:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**7:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

**8:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**9:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

**10:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### **11:** *Sunday of the Holy Cross*

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. John, Mill Hill

### Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Nicole Dionis, *our Catechumen.*

*Those who are sick:* Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Fr. Dimitrie Vincent; Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Thomas Batura; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cernera; 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; Kiril Ivanov; 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

James Pandeli; James Balta;  
Lawrence Beck; Matushka Barbara Kucynda

#### February

25 Zoitsa Misto Boria (1994)  
Tatyana Valis (2015)  
26 Anastas Kosta (1963)  
27 George Tochy (1954)

Dorothy Atanas Louis (2000)

Todd Christopher Buzi (2001)

28 Olympia Tallcouch Henry (1989)

Jeffrey Mark Louis (1999)

**March**

1 Charles C. Sotir (1984)

2 Miche Sotir (1953)

3 Koli Lazar (1960)

Mike Costa (1964)

**Coffee Hour**

**Today:** The Valis Family, in memory of Tanya.

**Mar. 4:** ???

**11:** ???

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

**Great Lent 2018**

We are now in the season of **Great Lent**.

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.

**Special Lenten Services**

On Wednesdays, **The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. during the Lenten season, followed by a pot-luck Lenten supper.

Those who plan to receive Holy Communion at the evening Presanctified should prepare by fasting from all food and drink at least from noon of that day.

**Little Compline and Salutations to the Virgin** will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

**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 Women's Council's annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) is continuing through March. If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

**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.

- Today at St. Dimitrie Church in Easton.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> at our own St. George Church.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John Church on Mill Hill Ave. in Bridgeport.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John Church on Silver Ln. in Stratford
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Unction at Three Saints Church in Ansonia

Lenten refreshments will be served following all services.

**Trumbull Helps**

**Trumbull Helps** a local organization that assists many people in need in our area, will be using our kitchen on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, to prepare a meal for the residents of the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission*.

If you would like to help them, watch *The Martyr* for details.

**Charity Collection**

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

Please be generous!



**Hebrews 11:24-40**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, denied he was a son of Pharaoh's daughter – choosing to be afflicted with God's people rather than to have the enjoyment of sin for a time, estimating the indignities suffered by Christ to be of greater value than the Egyptians' treasures; for he was considering the reward. By faith, he left Egypt not fearing the king's wrath; for he persevered as if he were seeing the One who cannot be seen. By faith, he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the one who destroyed the first-born might not touch these. By faith, they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry land—whereas the Egyptians attempting it were swallowed up. By faith, the walls of Jericho fell after people had gone around them for seven days. By faith, Rahab the prostitute who had received the spies in peace, did not perish with the unbelievers. And what more shall I say? For time will be too short to speak of Gideon, of Barak, of Samson, of Jephthah, of David and of Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies. Women had their dead restored to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and blows, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, cut to pieces, put to the question, killed

by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, distressed, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves and holes in the ground. And none of these, despite the positive witnessing of faith, received what was promised, for God had something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

**John 1:43-51**

At that time, Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the One of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and said of him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathanael said to Him, "Where do You know me from?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him and said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God, You are the King of Israel." Answering, Jesus said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you believe. Greater things than these shall you see." And He said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**Hebrenjve 11:24-40**

Vëllezër: Me anë të besimit Moisiu, si u bë i madh, mohoi të quhej i biri i së bijës së Faraonit; sepse zgjodhi më tepër të heqë keq bashkë me popullin e Perëndisë, se të ketë kënaqësi mëkati për pak kohë; duke konsideruar dhunën e Krishtit për pasuri më të madhe se thesarët në Egjipt; sepse shikonte në shpërblim. Me anë të besimit la Egjiptin pa pasur frikë për zemërimin e mbretit; sepse qëndroi si duke parë të padukshmin. Me anë të besimit bëri pashkën dhe spërkatjen e gjakut, që të mos i ngiste ata ai që vriste të parëlin-durit. Me anë të besimit shkuan nëpër Detin e Kuq si nëpër tokë, veprim të cilin kur e provuan Egjiptianët, u mbytën. Me anë të besimit ranë muret e Jerikosë, si u rrethuan shtatë herë. Me anë të besimit Rahaba e përdalë nuk humbi bashkë me ata që s'bindeshin, pasi priti zbuluesit me paqe. Edhe ç'të them më? Sepse nuk do të më arrijë koha të tregoj për Gedeonin, për Barakun e Samsonin, dhe Jeftanë, për Davidin e Samuilin dhe profetët, të cilët me anë të besimit mundën mbretëri, punuan drejtësi, fituan premtime, thurën gojë luanësh, shuan fuqinë e zjarrit, shpëtuan nga gojë e thikës, morën fuqi nga dobësitë, u bënë të fortë në luftë, thyen ushtritë e të huajve. Gra morën të vdekurit e tyre të ngjallur; dhe të tjerë u munduan, sepse nuk pritën shpëtimin, që të fitonin një ngjallje më të mirë; Dhe të tjerë u provuan me të përqeshura e me të rrahura, po edhe me të lidhura e me burg. U vranë me gurë, u sharruan, u nganë, vdiqën prerë prej thike;

endeshin lart e poshtë veshur me lëkurë dhensh, e me lëkurë dhish, duke pasur nevojë, duke pasur shtrëngime, duke hequr keq,—ata për të cilët bota nuk ishte e denjë; - duke shkuar andej e këtej nëpër shkretëtira e nëpër male e nëpër shpella e nëpër vrimat e dheut. Edhe këta të gjithë, ndonëse morën dëshmi të mirë me anë të besimit, nuk morën premtimin, sepse Perëndia pati urdhëruar që përpara një gjë më të mirë për ne, që të mos bëhen të përsosur pa ne.

**Joani 1:43-51**

Në atë kohë, Jisui deshi të dalë në Galile; dhe gjen Filipin e i thotë: "Eja pas meje." Edhe Filipi ishte nga Betsaidaja, nga qyteti i Andreas dhe i Pjetrit. Filipi gjen Nathanailin, dhe i thotë: "Kemi gjetur atë për të cilin shkroi Moisiu në ligj dhe profetët, të birin e Josifit nga Nazareti." Edhe Nathanaili i tha: "A mund të dalë ndonjë gjë e mirë nga Nazareti?" Filipi thotë: "Eja dhe shih." Jisui pa Nathanailin duke ardhur tek ai, dhe thotë për të: "Shih një Izraelit i vërtetë, tek i cili nuk ka gënjeshtër." Nathanaili i thotë: "Që ku më njeh?" Jisui u përgjigj e i tha: "Para se të të thërrisë Filipi, kur ishe nën drurin e fikut, unë të pashë." Nathanaili u përgjigj e i thotë: "Rabi, ti je Biri i Perëndisë, ti je mbreti i Izraelit." Jisui u përgjigj e i tha: "Sepse të thashë se të pashë nën drurin e fikut beson? Do të shohësh më të mëdha se këto." Pastaj i thotë: "Me të vërtetë, me të vërtetë po ju them juve, që tani e tutje do të shihni qiellin të hapur dhe engjëjt e Perëndisë duke u ngjitur e duke zbritur mbi të Birin e njeriut."