

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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February 8, 2026

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Feb 8** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr Sergei  
**Feb 15** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr George followed by 40 day memorial service for Alice Vasil - Last day to donate Ham or Turkey  
**Feb 22** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy w/ Fr Sergei and Fr George - Forgiveness Sunday

### 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; Frank Chamberlain; Kerri Christenson; Tina Ciambriello, Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; Joan Coughlin; Keith Cryan; 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; Kimberly Orosz; Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; Molly Sabas; David Schutte; Engjell Skenderaj; Charles & Joann Soter; Joshua Stevens; Ted Tallcouch; Cheryl Themel; William Thomas; 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

40 days

Alice Vasil

February

- 08 Krisanthi Peters (2023)  
Christy Lambert (2019)  
10 Philip C. Cotmil (1979)  
12 Vangel Theodos (1985)  
Pauline George (2013)  
13 Priftëresha Victoria Polena (1947)  
14 Vincent Theodos (1973)  
Vasilo (Olga) Schutte (2002)

### Lenten Brunch Fundraiser

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. Sun, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to reserve your attendance. 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.

### Konizmat Icon Auction

"Bids" are to be submitted and will be collected beginning the weekend of **Jan 11**, and continue through Sunday, **Feb 8**. The icons will be assigned - based on the highest and/or earliest received bid.

Icons will be available to take home the following weekend, **Sunday Feb 8**.

Icons are to be returned back to church on **Sunday, March 1** (Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy - the 1st Sunday of Great Lent).

### Teuta Meeting Feb 22

The next Teuta Meeting is scheduled for **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.

### FOCUS Bridgeport Center launched its Kickoff Meeting on Jan 23

As you remember, our Church School (as part of our St. Nicholas Party), collected donations of Christmas gifts for 3rd graders at Beardsley Elementary School in Bridgeport. This was a coordinated FOCUS project with Holy Ghost and St. John's Orthodox Churches in Bridgeport.

FOCUS (Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter) has the following Mission Statement: *As an expression of Christ's love, FOCUS exists to serve the poor by bringing together Orthodox Christian churches and community partners to provide Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter and other assistance to address the needs of local communities.*

FOCUS North America currently has set-up 12 Centers around the country, Bridgeport being the most recent addition.

Please see the church website for the latest FOCUS projects that we are able to participate in.

### Ham and Turkey Drive

As we did in prior years, over the next 3 months (from November 2025 through mid-February 2026), St. George will be collecting frozen hams and turkeys. They can be placed in the church's freezers located in the Church Hall Storage Room.

This charity project's intent is to donate the hams and turkeys to local soup kitchens during February 2026 - this is typically when food donations are low. **We will target to deliver them after Valentines Day, Feb 14, 2026.**

Click onto the following link to view the News Update from last year's donations: <https://www.stgeorgetrumbull.org/news/2624/frozen-turkeys-and-hams-delivered-feb-17-2025/>

Thank you again for your continued support of our various Charity efforts throughout each year!

### 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.

### 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"***