# The Martyr

# St. George Orthodox Church

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#### February 9, 2025

## Upcoming Services and Events

- Feb 99:45 am Church school children meet<br/>w/Fr Sergei10: 00 am Divine Liturgy
- Feb 16 TBD
- Feb 23 9:45 am Church school children meet w/Fr Sergei
  - 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

# **Prayers for the Blessing**

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, captive in Syria.

Very Rev. Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne Aleandro

Father Danaks Rhodes

Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk

Matushka Evelyn Kreta

# Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim

Those who are sick: Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aquilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Sandra Bike; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Caitlyn; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Rebecca Chapin; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Tina Ciambriello, Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Diane Cryan, Charlie Demetri; Mary Dilulio; Mallory Ferrari; Patti Fischer; Yekta Fridkia; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; Donna Kerma, Christy Kobeli; Mia Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Timothy McCormick; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Mary Nikola; Kimberly Orosz; Philip Pepin; Pat Perrotta, Sandy Philippo; George Piazza; David Schutte; Molly Sabas; Charles & Joann Soter;

Ted Tallcouch; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Mary Valis; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Michael Wilson

If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at kimobrien720@gmail.com.

**Prayers in Memoriam** 

#### <u>40 Days</u>

Archbishop Anastasios Dennis Shutte

### **February**

- 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)*
- 15 Marianthi Vasil (1992)

# **Parish Body Meeting**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Sunday**, **February 23**, after Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to attend.

#### 100th Anniversary Journal

It's time to begin work on the 100th Anniversary journal that will commemorate this milestone in the life of St. George. We will need everyone to reach out to businesses they frequent for ads, and submit ads that feature your best wishes, tributes to family members, etc. Start getting your pictures and ideas ready. More details will be coming out shortly. If you would like to be on the journal committee or can help the committee by scanning photos, helping others organize their ad, etc., please contact Laura Coughlin or Curt Dionis. Let's work together to make this a success!

# Valentine's Day Dance

There will be a Valentine's Day Dance held on **Saturday, Feb 15th** in the Church Hall. This is a fundraising event for St. George.

Doors will open at 6PM, and dinner will be served at 7PM. Tickets are \$50 per person. Children 12 and under are \$20 per person.

The last day to call/confirm is **Wednesday, Feb 12th.** Please confirm with <u>Nardi at 203-895-4263</u> or <u>Aida at 203-685-7231</u>

Faith and Family Night – Sat, Feb 15th

The St. George community has been invited to be part of **a** historic Orthodox Christian gathering at **"Faith and Family Night"** on **Sat, Feb 15!** This unique event will unite Orthodox Christians from across New England and the Tri-State area, allowing us to witness and celebrate the unity of our faith in a public setting. The evening features a hockey matchup between the Bridgeport Islanders and the Providence Bruins at **Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport, CT.** 

Details are available in an invite, announcement and flyer located at the back of the church. in addition it can be found in the Announcement section of our website.

#### **Buy a Brick Fundraiser**

St. George is undertaking a special fundraising project as a parish during our Centennial Year (2025). The fundraiser is called "Buy A Brick."

The fundraiser is being used to finance the building of a <u>"Prayer Patio"</u> on our church grounds.

The patio will be constructed with concrete brick pavers of a red brick color. To support the construction cost, *personalized engraved bricks* can be purchased to be part of the permanent patio.

Donors may purchase personalized brick pavers as a way to permanently honor individuals, their family, and even to memorialize their deceased family members who were members of the St. George parish over the past 100 years.

We have set a goal to get a minimum of 100 bricks donated by our 100 year Anniversary celebration, which will be on June 22, 2025. We will be collecting orders for the next 6 months, until the end of June 2025. The patio will not be built by the Anniversary celebration, but we will order the bricks to build the patio shortly after our Centennial Celebration.

Complete details with order forms are available at the candle desk, the 100th anniversary table in the church hall, or on our website.

#### February Charity Tray

This month's charity tray is dedicated 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 Father Sergei at 203-331-2251 (cell), 203-713-6007 (home) or Bill Kovachi at 203-449-4404.