

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: **The Sunday of Zacchaeus**

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

**22:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**23:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**24:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**25:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

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

**27:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### **28: The Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee**

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

**29:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**30:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**31:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

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

#### **2: The Meeting of our LORD in the Temple**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**3:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### **4: The Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee**

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

### 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; Jim Cernera; 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; Luba Geeza; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril & Patricia 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

Benjamin Masliuk; Bishop Mark (Forsberg);  
Richard Taylor, Jr.

#### January

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### Coffee Hour

**Today:** The Parish Council

**28:** Patty & Kiril Ivanov for Patty's Birthday

**Feb 4:** The Dionis Family in memory of James

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

### General Parish Meeting scheduled

There will be a **General Parish Membership Meeting** following the Divine Liturgy today. We will be electing Parish Council members and discussing important needs of our parish community.

Please plan to attend.

## Congratulations

Last Sunday, **Nicole Dionis**, wife of *Curt Dionis*, was enrolled as a Catechumen, in preparation for formally entering the Holy Orthodox Church. Her sponsor is *Laura Denisevich*.

**Many Years!**

**Për Shumë Vjet!**

## Konizmat

Today is the final day to submit bids for the **2018 Konizmat** Icons will be distributed next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Forms are available at the Candle Desk.

## Theophany House Blessings

*Father Dennis* will be now blessing homes in connection with the **Feast of the Theophany**.

The schedule has been mailed out, and is also available at the Candle Desk. If you cannot meet *Father* on the day you are scheduled, or if your name is not on the list and you would like him to bless your home, call him at (203) 598-4678.

## 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 on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Financial Statements available

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

## Offering Envelopes & Calendars available

The 2018 **Offering Envelopes** and **Wall Calendars** (*courtesy of Commerce Hill Funeral Home*) are now available at the Candle Desk.

## 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.

## Flu Season

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

## Pre-Lenten Memorial Service

The first **Memorial Saturday** of 2018 is February 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 Bove* as soon as possible.

## Valentine's Day Dance

There will be a **Valentine's Day Dance** in the Church Hall on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 p.m.

See the flyer printed on the back page of *The Martyr* for complete information.

## Charity Collection

This month, our **Charity Collection** will be sent to the **Hockey Has Heart** organization in Detroit, Michigan, which is collecting money to help **Fr. Dimitrie Vincent**, Pastor of our St. Thomas Church in Detroit, in his recovery from a spinal cord injury.

Please be generous!



**1 Timothy 4:9-15**

My son Timothy, this saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: for we work and are reviled for this reason, that we hope in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Command and teach these things. Let no man despise the fact that you are young, but be an example to the faithful by what you say and do, by love, faith, spirituality and chastity. Until I come, be diligent in reading, exhorting and teaching. Do not neglect the grace that is in you, granted to you as a speaker for God through the laying on of the hands of the priesthood. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

**Luke 19:1-10**

At that time as Jesus was passing through Jericho, behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; and he was a leading publican, and he was rich. And he was trying to see Jesus, to find out who He was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay in your house today." And he made haste and came down, and welcomed Him joyfully. And upon seeing it, all began to murmur, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood and said to the LORD, "Behold, LORD, I give one-half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

**1 Timotheut 4:9-15**

O bir Timothe, për të besuar është fjala dhe e denjë për t'u pranuar. Sepse për këtë edhe mundohemi edhe përbuzemi, sepse shpresuam në Perëndinë e gjallë, i cili është shpëtimtari i gjithë njerëzve, po më fort i besimtarëve. Këto porosit dhe mëso. Askush le të mos të të përbuzë për rininë tënde, po bëhu shembull i besimtarëve në fjalë, në shoqëri, në dashuri, në shpirt, në besim, në dëlirësi. Deri sa të vij, jepu pas leximit, pas këshillimit, pas mësimet. Mos ji i pakujdesshëm për dhuratën që është tek ti, e cila t'u dha me anë profesie, me vënien e duarve të pleqësisë mbi ty. Për këto kujdesu, në këto qëndro, që të shfaqet mbarësia jote tek të gjithë.

**Llukait 19:1-10**

Në atë kohë, Jisui hyri e shkante nëpër Jeriko. Edhe ja një njeri i quajtur me emrin Zakhe, i cili ishte kryetagrambledhës; dhe ishte i pasur. Edhe kërkonte të shihte Jisuin se cili është; po nuk mundej nga turma, sepse ishte i vogël në shtat. Edhe u sul përpara e hipi mbi një dru mani që ta shihte, sepse nga ajo udhë do të shkante. Edhe Jisui, si erdhi në atë vend, ngriti sytë dhe e pa atë, dhe i tha: "Zakhe, zbrit shpejt; sepse sot unë do të qëndroj në shtëpinë tënde." Edhe ai zbriti shpejt dhe e priti duke u gëzuar. Edhe të gjithë kur panë murmurisnin, duke thënë se hyri të rrijë te një njeri mëkatar. Edhe Zakheu qëndroi e i tha ZOTIT: "Ja, o ZOT, gjysmën e pasurisë sime tek po ua jap të varfërve, dhe në i kam marrë gjë njeriu me përdhunë, ia kthej për një katër." Edhe Jisui i tha "Sot u bë shpëtim në këtë shtëpi, sepse edhe ky është bir i Abrahamit. Sepse Biri i njeriut erdhi të kërkojë e të shpëtojë të humburën."