

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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January 26, 2025

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Jan 26** 9:45 am Church school children meet w/Fr Sergei  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Churching of Elira Joy Buzi
- Feb 2** 9:45 am General Confession  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy celebrating Meeting of the Lord ("Papandia")  
Coffee hour sponsored by the Teuta ladies
- Feb 9** 9:45 am Church school children meet w/Fr Sergei  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

### Prayers for the Blessing

Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana  
Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.  
Very Rev. Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne Aleandro  
Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk  
Matushka Evelyn Kreta  
Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim  
*Those who are sick:* Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Sandra Bike; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Caitlyn; Jim Cerner; 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, 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 [kimbrien720@gmail.com](mailto:kimbrien720@gmail.com).*

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Dennis Shutte  
William Jay Czoch

#### January

- 28 Psalt Stavros (Steve) C. Tallcouch (1997)  
P. Vangel (Vinnie) Soter (2012)
- 29 Maria Koli Kovachi (1960)
- 30 Heracli Theodos (1970)  
Archilea (Archie) P. Themel (1997)  
James Dionis (2017)
- 31 Archpriest Christo A. Costa (1992)

#### February

- 01 Alexandra Cotmil (1947)

### 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.

*"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"*

The last day to call/confirm is **Wednesday, Feb 12th**. Please confirm with **Nardi** at [203-895-4263](tel:203-895-4263) or **Aida** at [203-685-7231](tel:203-685-7231)

### Parish Body Meeting

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

### 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 "Prayer Patio" 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.

### Konizmat Icon Auction

Once again we will engage in the annual secular ritual of the **Konizmat Icon Auction**. His Grace, Bishop Nikodhim, is encouraging all of his Archdiocesan parishes to have "Icon Sunday." "Bids" are to be submitted and will be collected beginning the weekend of **Jan 5**, and continue through **Sun, Jan 26th**. The icons will be assigned - based on the highest and/or earliest received bid. Icons will be available to take home the following weekend, **Sun Feb 2**. Icons are to be returned back to church on **Sun Mar 24** (Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy). The Icon Bid form is available both on our website, and in the church Vestibule.

### January 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.

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