

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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January 5, 2025

Upcoming Services and Events

- Jan 5** - 9:45 am General Confession
- 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of the water
- Jan 6** Theophany transferred to January 12
- Jan 12** 9:45 am Church school children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Feast of Theophany (transferred from January 6) followed by 2 year memorial for Shirley Jordan
- Jan 19** 10:00 am TBA
- Jan 25** Baptism of Elira Joy Buzi
- Jan 26** 9:45 am Church school children meet w/Fr Sergei

Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.
Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate
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, Rosemary Delaney, 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; Nezar Nassif, 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.

Prayers in Memoriam

[40 Days](#)

William Jay Czoch

[January](#)

- 07 Vasil Cici (1955)
Dora George Theodos (1983)
- 08 Helen M. Nasse Liolin (2002)
Bishop Mark (Forsberg) (2018)
- 11 Eleanor Lillian Phillips (1987)

Special Reminder No Memorials

In accordance with the Orthodox Church teachings, Memorials cannot be held between Christmas day (December 25th) and Theophany (January 6th).

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Faith and Family Night

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Join us on **Saturday, February 15** for "Faith and Family Night", as the Bridgeport Islanders face off against the Providence Bruins at Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport, CT. The event will feature a pre-game seminar led by Bishop JOHN Abdalah (AOCANA), with guest speaker Rev. Peter Orfanakos (GOArch), on the theme "All You Need Is Love"

Doors open at 2:45 PM, with seminar beginning shortly after 3 PM, followed by puck drop at 5 PM.

Tickets are \$27 plus fees, with net proceeds going to support IOCC's hurricane relief efforts. Each ticket includes center ice seats, early stadium access, a post-game photo on the ice, and an Islanders hat. Plus, if you purchase your tickets before January 31, you'll be entered to win exciting door prizes! Churches bringing 50 or more attendees will also receive a special gift basket from the Islanders!

If you're interested in joining a Pan-Orthodox choir to sing God Bless America or have children who would like to participate in the intermission entertainment, or have any questions, please contact:

Kyle Laham (kyle.laham@stnicholasbridgeport.org).

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a historic gathering of Orthodox Christians from across New England and the Tri-State area.

The Feast of Theophany

The celebration of the Feast of Theophany is being transferred from **Monday, Jan 6th to Sunday, Jan 12th.**

We will be blessing the water on **Sunday, Jan 5th** at the end of Divine Liturgy, with the intention of passing out holy water bottles on January 12th.

Please remember to bring your empty plastic Holy Water bottles to church for Holy Water. These bottles will be filled during the week of Jan 5th, and will be available to take home on Sunday, January

12th. If you still have Holy Water in the bottle from last year, you may water a potted plant.

Collecting Frozen Hams and Turkeys

From now through early February 2025), 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 2025 - this is typically when food donations are low. We will target to deliver them after Valentines Day, Feb 14, 2025.

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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