

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Upcoming Services and Events

**Jan 9** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy with the blessing of the church

**Jan 16**- 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Jan 23** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

**Jan 30** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

### Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.  
Father Gregory Buzi on his journey at the monastery.  
*Military Deployment:* Father James Parnell; Jason Gartsu  
*Those who are sick:* Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Marion Hricus Bichun, Alexis Black; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Julie Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George and Carmen Costa; Renate Deer, Charlie Demetri; Armando Dias; Brody Federline; Patti Fischer; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Linda Vasil Gilbert; Mike Green; Nancy Hurd, Patty Ivanov; George Jones; Sug Jones; Shirley Jordan; Isabella Kerma; Violet Laska; June Lopen; Jonathan Lubin, Carole Lundquist; Jeannine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Kathy Meahlenbrock; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Wayne Moras Jr, Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Walter Ostrowski, Pat Perrotta, John Rafail, Helen Reh, David Schutte; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Sue & Thomas Spero; Ted Tallcouch; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Michael Wilson; Voula Zargos

*If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at [kimobrien720@gmail.com](mailto:kimobrien720@gmail.com).*

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Bruce Lazar

Very Rev. Father Michael Macura  
Archpriest John Loejos

#### January

- 11 Eleanor Lillian Phillips (1987)
- 12 Billy Arthur (1976)
- 13 Theodore Leka (1972)  
Andromaqi (Anna) Kovachi (1990)  
George (A. Thanes) Athanas (2001)
- 14 Thimi Bedgio (1951)  
Louis A. Leka, Jr. (1944)
- 15 Priftëresha Virginia Kovachi (1992)  
Della Theodos (2014)

### Condolences

St. George was saddened to learn of the death of Bruce Lazar. He was the son of the late Peter Lazar. Bruce was the nephew of Mary Lazar-Bindner, and a cousin once removed of Bob and Bill Lazar. We offer our condolences to his mother, Rita, wife Diane and their four children, and to the extended Lazar family. *Memory Eternal!*

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

### Mask Mandate

Due to the highly transmissible COVID-19 Omicron variant that is going around, the Parish Council has decided we will return to requiring mask wearing at services and conduct temperature checks upon entry into the church.

We will continue to adjust and adapt our policies as circumstances change. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we strive to keep each other healthy and safe.

### Holy Water

On Thursday, January 6th, on the Feast of Theophany, Fr. Sergei conducted the Great Blessing of Water. Due to COVID concerns, the celebration of the Feast of Theophany will be transferred to Sunday, January 9th. We are asking parishioners NOT to bring their own bottles for Holy Water again this year; Fr. Sergei bottled Holy water with proper COVID protections after the service. Bottles of Holy Water will be available beginning Sunday, January 9th with one bottle available per household

### Community Christmas Card

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the St George Community Christmas Card:

*Mary Nikola and Dolores Tait* wish to extend their best to everyone at St. George. We apologize for the error.

### Thank You Notes

Please see the bulletin board in the vestibule to read all the wonderful notes that were sent to the 'St George Elves' regarding the delivery of the care packages that were given to our shut-ins on December 12.

### House Blessings Postponed

Once again, out of an abundance of caution, the traditional January Houseblessing is postponed to the Spring - after Pascha.

### January Charity Tray

This month's Charity collection will be for the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). Those of you that have your blue Offering Envelope may put it in the tray.

### Coffee Hour

Please note there will be no coffee hour until further notice.

### 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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