

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

**Today: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

**Aug 1: Beginning of the Dormition Fast**

**3:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**4:** 7:00 a.m. Matins

**5:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

**6: The Transfiguration of our LORD**

9:15 a.m. General Confession

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Fruit

**13: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Leave-taking of the Transfiguration**

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### Prayers for Blessings and Health

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria.*

Gregory Buzi II and his family, *testing his vocation.*

*Those who are sick:* Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; 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; William Coughlin; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle & Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Karen Marlin; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta, Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter;

Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Violet Polena; Protodeacon Gregory Hatrak

#### July

30 Pauline Sotir (1977)

Constantine ("Koch") Marko (2007)

31 Pandi Phillips (1951)

#### August

3 Louis Pando (1969)

Doxa Arthur (1975)

4 Andoni Peters (1987)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** The Buzi Family

**Aug 6:** ???

**13:** The Teuta Ladies' Society

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

### Father Dennis away

Father Dennis will be away on retreat from tomorrow, Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, he will be at the New England Youth Rally from next Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

In his absence, daily services will not be held.

If there is an emergency while he is away, contact Fr. George Coca at 203-895-5464, or an Orthodox priest near you.

### Dormition Fast

The **Dormition Fast** begins on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the celebration of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Virgin Mary.

According to the Tradition of the Church, we observe this Fast by abstaining from meat (including poultry and eggs), dairy, fish, olive oil and wine. Fish is permitted on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

While many people relax these rules, it is important that we do as much as we can, so that we can properly prepare ourselves spiritually for this great Feast of our LORD's Mother.

Please remember that **Coffee Hour** is a Church function. Therefore, during any fasting season, no meat is to be served at Coffee Hour.

### The Feast of the Transfiguration

Next Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our LORD**. On this day, grapes and other fresh fruits are traditionally blessed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Please bring your fruits and place them on the table in the center of the Church to be blessed.

### News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The next meeting of the **Teuta Ladies' Society** will be held during Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda will be the next **Teuta Bazaar**, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please be sure to attend.

### Let's help Trumbull Helps

**Trumbull Helps**, an organization in Trumbull that works to assist the *Trumbull Food Pantry* and the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission*, will be preparing 700 summer lunches for children at the *Rescue Mission* on August 19<sup>th</sup>. To help them, we will be collecting **juice boxes**. There is a collection box in the vestibule where you can place your donations.

### Coffee Hour sponsors needed

From now on, when no one has signed up to sponsor Coffee Hour, only coffee will be available after the Divine Liturgy, but no food (unless something is left over from another event).

Please consider signing up soon.

### Notification of illness

When you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please be sure to let Father Dennis know so he can visit. He can be reached at 203-598-4678.

### Parish Finances

Be sure to take a look at the sign at the Candle Desk which shows our current month's income and expenses.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **Trumbull Food Pantry**.

Please be generous!

### MIRACLE OF LOAVES AND FISH



**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Brethren, I beseech you, by the name of our LORD Jesus Christ, that you all say the same thing, and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be perfectly united in one mind and one purpose. For I have been informed about you, my brethren, by those of the house of Chloe, that there are quarrels among you. Now this is what I mean: each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in Paul's name? I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Caius, lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. I baptized also the household of Stephanas. I am not aware of having baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News, not with the skill of eloquence, lest the Cross of Christ be made useless.

**Matthew 14:14-21**

At that time when Jesus saw a large crowd, out of compassion for them He cured their sick. Now when it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a desert place and the hour is already late; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you yourselves give them some food." They answered Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fishes." He said to them, "Bring them here to me." And when He had ordered the crowd to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowd. And all ate and were satisfied; and they gathered up what was left over, twelve baskets full of fragments. Now the number of those who had eaten was five thousand men, not counting women and children. And immediately afterwards He made His disciples get into the boat and cross ahead of Him, while He dismissed the crowd.

**1 Korinthianëve 1:10-18**

Vëllezër, ju lutem juve, në emrin e ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht, që të thoni të gjithë të njëjtën gjë, dhe të mos ketë përçarje ndërmjet jush, por të jeni të bashkuar ngushtë në të njëjtën mendje e në të njëjtin mendim. Sepse më treguan për ju, vëllezër, njerëzit e Kloes, se ka grindje ndërmjet jush. Edhe këtë e them se secili prej jush thotë: "Unë jam i Pavlit," dhe: "Unë i Apolloit," dhe: "Unë i Qefait," dhe: "Unë i Krishtit." Ndarë qenka Krishti? Mos Pavli u kryqëzua për ju? Apo në emrin e Pavlit u pagëzuat? Falënderoj Perëndinë, se asnjë prej jush s'kam pagëzuar, veç Krispit dhe Gait; që të mos thotë ndonjë prej jush, se në emrin tim e pagëzova. Pagëzova edhe shtëpinë e Stefanait; veç këtyre nuk di nëse pagëzova ndonjë tjetër. Sepse Krishti nuk më dërgoi që të pagëzoj, po që të ungjillëzoj, jo me dituri fjale, që të mos dalë i kotë kryqi i Krishtit. Sepse fjala e kryqit për ata që humbasin është marrëzi, po për ne që shpëtojmë është fuqi Perëndie.

**Matheut 14:14-21**

Në atë kohë, kur doli Jisui, pa shumë njerëz, dhe iu dhimbs për ta, dhe shëroi të sëmurët e tyre. Edhe si u ngrys, i erdhën pranë nxënësit e tij, e i thanë: "Vendi është i shkretë dhe koha tani ka shkuar. Lësho turmën, që të shkojnë nëpër kryefshatrat të blejnë të ngrëna për veten e tyre." Por Jisui u tha atyre: "Nuk kanë nevojë të shkojnë. Jepuni ju atyre të hanë." Edhe ata i thonë atij: "Nuk kemi këtu veçse pesë bukë dhe dy peshq." Edhe ai tha: "M'i sillni mua ato këtu." Edhe urdhëroi turmat të rrinë mbi bar, dhe mori të pesë bukët e të dy peshqit, dhe ngriti sytë përpjetë në qiejt dhe bekoj; dhe pasi i theu, ua dha bukët nxënësve, dhe nxënësit turmave. Edhe hëngrën të gjithë e u ngopën; dhe ngritën tepricën e copave, dymbëdhjetë kofinë plot. Edhe ata që hëngrën ishin rreth pesë mijë burra, veç grave e fëmijëve. Edhe përnjëherë Jisui i shtrëngoi nxënësit e tij të hyjnë në lundër, dhe të shkojnë përtej më përpara se ai, deri sa të lëshojë turmat.