

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: The Sunday of All Saints

- 9:00 a.m. Last Day of Church School
- 9:15 a.m. General Confession
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### 4: The Apostles' Fast begins

7:00 a.m. Matins

5: 7:00 a.m. Matins

6: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7: 7:00 a.m. Matins

8: 7:00 a.m. Matins

9: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 10: The Sunday of All Saints of North America

- 9:00 a.m. Informal Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

11: 7:00 a.m. Matins

12: 7:00 a.m. Matins

13: 7:00 a.m. Matins

14: 7:00 a.m. Matins

15: 7:00 a.m. Matins

16: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 17: The Third Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day

- 9:00 a.m. Informal Church School
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### 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 Ar-endacs; Thomas Batura; Paul Betts; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Richard Crane; Gowan Dacey; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora

Dionis; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; 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

Mary Galich; Nikola Nikola;  
Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov;  
Glen Niederhauser

#### June

- 4 Vincent Van Thanas (1964)
- 5 Melpomeni Kyriakou (2015)
- 6 Philip Cotmil (1953)  
Florence Tallcouch Beresky (2005)
- 7 Andrew Spero (1977)
- 8 Kristaq Ficami (1943)  
Vaska Thanas (1964)  
Lambi Fingelly (1971)  
Victoria Lika (1981)
- 9 Marion Dionis Nicholas (1998)

### Coffee Hour

Today: The Teuta Ladies' Society

10: Lunch with the Archbishop

17: ???

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

### Congratulations!

We congratulate the students and teachers of our Church School as they complete another year of studies of the Orthodox Faith.

**Many Years!**

**Për Shumë Vjet!**

### Condolences

On Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, **Glen Niederhauser** departed this life. He was the husband of *Vickie Jordhamo Niederhauser*, and the son-in-law of *Harry and Sandie Jordhamo*.

**Memory Eternal!**

**I Përjetshim Kujtimi!**

### News from Teuta

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** is holding its meeting after the Divine Liturgy today.

Please take note and plan to attend.

### Archbishop Nikon to visit St. George

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, His Eminence, **Archbishop Nikon** will be with us to make his annual Archpastoral visit.

Following the Liturgy, there will be a dinner in the Church Hall in honor of his visit.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person for adults, \$10.00 per person for those 18 and under, and free for the children of our Sunday School. See Laura Chadwick for tickets.

### Helping Trumbull Helps

**Trumbull Helps** will be preparing meals for the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission's* annual Summer Breakfast and Lunch program this summer, from June 25 through August 13.

To help them, we will be collecting **Juice Boxes** (any kind). They can be placed in the container in the Church Hall.

### Father's Day

We are preparing our annual **Father's Day** Commemorations.

Please submit names of your father, grandfather, step-father, god-father, brother, step-brother, or nephew (clearly indicating whether they are living or deceased) to a member of the Parish Council.

The names will be remembered in prayer during the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

All donations will be used for the beautification of the church.

### 2018 Youth Rally

The **2018 New England Youth Rally** will be held from August 13<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>, and is open to young people who have completed the fifth grade and have not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The application packet is now available on line at: <https://terryvilleorthodox-church.org/files/YouthRallyApplication-Packet2018.pdf>

### YTD Financial Statements Available

Financial Statements are now available for January 1, 2018 through May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please pick up your statement at the Candle Desk. As a reminder, as approved from the Annual Parish Meeting in January, the recommended minimum Stewardship donation for 2018 is \$9 per week or \$468 per year.

One new feature we now have is to email financial statements directly to parishioners instead of printing out and mailing statements. For those we have email addresses for, you received an email from Realm, the company that now manages our church management software. That email has the subject line, "Your giving statement from St. George Orthodox Church", and contains a link which you can click on to download your statement. This is a more efficient process and saves envelopes and postage expenses.

If you have an email address but still received a hard copy of your statement, please forward your email address to Luba Csernica, the Financial Secretary, at [luba.csernica@gmail.com](mailto:luba.csernica@gmail.com). We will update your profile in our software system and you will then be able to receive your financial statements electronically in the future.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will be used to purchase the **Juice Boxes** we are collecting for *Trumbull Helps* and the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission's Summer Breakfast and Lunch program*.

Please be generous!

**Hebrews 11:33-12:2**

Brethren, all of the saints by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies. Women had their dead returned to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and beatings, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, they were cut to pieces, they were put to the test, they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, anguished, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy) wandering in deserts, mountains, caverns and holes in the ground. And all of these, in spite of the positive witnessing of faith, failed to receive what was promised, for God was keeping something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us. And so, having such a cloud of witnesses over us, let us get rid of every burden, and of the sin entangling us, and run with endurance to the fight proposed to us, contemplating the author and final end of faith, Jesus.

**Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

The LORD said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I in turn will disown before my Father in heaven. Anyone who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me, is not worthy of me." Then Peter addressed Him saying, "Behold, we have left all and followed You; what then shall we have?" And Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you that you who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last now will be first."

**Hebrenjve 11:33-12:2**

Vëllezër, gjithë shenjtorët me anë të besimit mundën mbretëri, punuan drejtësi, fituan premtime, thurën gojë luanësh, shuan fuqinë e zjarrit, shpëtuan nga gojë e thikës, morën fuqi nga dobësitë, u bënë të fortë në luftë, thyen ushtritë e të huajve. Gra morën të vdekurit e tyre të ngjallur; dhe të tjerë u munduan, sepse nuk pritën shpëtimin, që të fitonin një ngjallje më të mirë; Dhe të tjerë u provuan me të përqeshura e me të rrahura, po edhe me të lidhura e me burg. U vranë me gurë, u sharruan, u nganë, vdiqën prerë prej thike; endeshin lart e poshtë veshur me lëkurë dhensh, e me lëkurë dhish, duke pasur nevojë, duke pasur shtrëngime, duke hequr keq,—ata për të cilët bota nuk ishte e denjë;— duke shkuar andej e këtej nëpër shkretëtira e nëpër male e nëpër shpella e nëpër vrimat e dheut. Edhe këta të gjithë, ndonëse morën dëshmi të mirë me anë të besimit, nuk morën premtimin, sepse Perëndia pati urdhëruar që përpara një gjë më të mirë për ne, që të mos bëhen të përsosur pa ne. Prandaj dhe ne, të rrethuar prej një reje kaq të madhe dëshmitarësh, le të hedhim tej çdo barrë dhe mëkatin që na pushton lehtë, dhe me durim le të sulemi në rrugën që është përpara nesh, duke shikuar tek Jisui që është kryet dhe fundi i besimit.

**Matheu 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

ZOTI u tha nxënësve të tij: "Kushdo që të më pohojë përpara njerëzve, edhe unë do ta pohoj atë përpara Atit tim që është në qiejt. Por këdo që të më mohojë përpara njerëzve, do ta mohoj edhe unë atë përpara Atit tim që është në qiejt. Ai që do të atin ose të ëmën më tepër se mua, nuk është i denjë për mua; edhe ai që do bir a bijë më tepër se mua, nuk është i denjë për mua. Edhe ai që nuk merr kryqin e tij e nuk vjen pas meje, nuk është i denjë për mua." Atëherë u përgjigj Pjetri e i tha atij: "Ja ne tek i lamë të gjitha, dhe erdhëm pas teje. Vallë, ç'do të jetë për ne?" Edhe Jisui u tha atyre: "Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, se ju që më erdhët pas, në krijesën e re, kur të rrijë i Biri i njeriut mbi fronin e lavdisë së tij, do të rrini edhe ju mbi dymbëdhjetë frone duke gjykuar të dymbëdhjetë fiset e Izraelit. Edhe kushdo që la shtëpi, a vëllezër, a motra, a atë, a nënë, a grua, a bij, a ara, për hir të emrit tim, do të marrë njëqind për një, dhe do të trashëgojë jetë të pasosur. Po shumë të parë do të jenë të fundit, dhe të fundit të parë."