

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: *St. Gregory Palamas*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School  
9:45 a.m. General Confession  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and One-Year Memorial Prayers for Bill Vasil  
4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. George
- 5:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
**6:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
**7:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified  
**8:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
**9:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations  
**10:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers  
**11: *Sunday of the Holy Cross***  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. John, Mill Hill  
**12:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
**13:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
**14:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified  
**15:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
**16:** 7:00 a.m. Matins  
7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations  
**17:** 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers  
**18: *St. John of the Ladder***  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
4:00 p.m. Vespers at St. John, Silver Ln.

### Prayers for Blessings and Health

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.  
Nicole Dionis, *our Catechumen*.

*Those who are sick:* Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Fr. Dimitrie Vincent; Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; 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; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Deborah Garofalo; 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; Steven Malandra; Karen Marlin; Jeannine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarrill; Vangel Michael; 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

James Balta; Lawrence Beck;  
Matushka Barbara Kucynda; Eileen Bochino

#### March

- 4 Vasilika Rotta (2000)  
7 Vasil (William) Vasil (2017)  
8 William Henry Peristere (1965)  
10 Pandora Michael Kerma (1985)  
Vrisidha Constantine (1994)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** The Vasil Family, in Memory of Bill.

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**18:** ?????????????????????????????????

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

### Congratulations!

Yesterday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Wayne Joseph, III**, and **Greyson Cole Moras** were received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. Their Godparents were *Michael & Dana Moras* and *Chad & Holly Walter*.

The boys are the children of *Wayne & Lauren Moras* and the grandchildren of *Wayne & Melissa Moras*.

**Many Years! Për Shumë Vjet!**

### Condolences

On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, our parishioner, **Eileen Bochino**, departed this life.

Eileen was the mother of *Jeff Jaworski* and grandmother of *Jason Jaworski* and *Amy Leighton*.

**Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!**

### Great Lent 2018

We are now in the season of **Great Lent**. During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

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. 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 the Great Feast of our LORD's Resurrection.

### Readers Wanted

We are looking for people to read the Epistle during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

If you would like to help with this, please speak with Father Dennis.

### Special Lenten Services

On Wednesdays, **The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. during the Lenten season, followed by a pot-luck Lenten supper.

Those who plan to receive Holy Communion at the evening Presanctified should prepare by fasting from all food and drink at least from noon of that day.

**Little Compline and Salutations to the Virgin** will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

### News from the Women's Council

The Women's Council's annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) is continuing through March. If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

### Sunday Lenten Vespers Services

On the Sundays of Great Lent, Vespers is celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in various parishes in the Greater Bridgeport area. Here is the list of those services for this year.

- Today at our own St. George Church.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John Church on Mill Hill Ave. in Bridgeport.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John Church on Silver Ln. in Stratford
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Unction at Three Saints Church in Ansonia

Lenten refreshments will be served following all services.

### Trumbull Helps

**Trumbull Helps** a local organization that assists many people in need in our area, will be using our kitchen on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, to prepare a meal for the residents of the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission*.

If you would like to help them, watch *The Martyr* for details.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support **Bridgeport Rescue Mission**, an organization that assist needy people in our area.

Please be generous!

**Hebrews 1:10-2:3**

"You in the beginning, O LORD, did found the earth, and the heavens are works of Your hands. They shall perish, but You shall continue; and they shall all grow old as does a garment, and as clothing shall You change them, and they shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail." Now to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at my right hand, until I make Your enemies the footstool at Your feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent for service, for the sake of those who shall inherit salvation? That is why we should all the more earnestly observe the things we have heard, lest perhaps we drift away. For if the word spoken by angels proved to be valid, and every transgression and disobedience received a just punishment, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? For it was first announced by the LORD and was confirmed to us by those who heard it.

**Mark 2:1-12**

At that time Jesus entered Capernaum, and it was reported that He was at home. And immediately many gathered together, so that there was no

longer room, not even around the door. And He spoke the word to them. And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four. And since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was, and, having made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Now some of the Scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man blaspheme in this way? Who can forgive sins, besides God?" And at once Jesus, knowing in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why are you arguing these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your pallet, and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic—"I say to you, arise, take up your pallet, and go to your house." And immediately he arose and, taking up his pallet, went forth in the sight of all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "Never did we see anything like this!"

**Hebrenjve 1:10-2:3**

“Ti në fillim, o Zot, themelove dhenë, dhe punë të duarve të tua janë qiejt. Ata do të prishen, po ti mbetesh; dhe të gjithë si rrobë do të vjetërohen, edhe si të veshur do t’i mbështjellësh ata, dhe do të ndërrohen; por ti je po ai, dhe vitet e tua nuk do të shterojnë”. Edhe cilit prej engjëjve i tha ndonjëherë: “Rri në të djathtën time, deri sa të vë armiqtë e tu nënkëmbje të këmbëve të tua”? A nuk janë të gjithë frymë punëtore, që dërgohen për shërbesë për ata që kanë për të trashëguar shpëtim? Prandaj duhet ne më tepër t’ua vëmë veshin atyre që dëgjuam, se mos shkasim ndonjëherë. Sepse nëse doli e vërtetë fjala që u fol me anë të engjëjve, dhe çdo shkelje porosie e mosdëgjim mori shpërblim të drejtë, atëherë si do të shpëtojmë ne, në mos u kujdeshim për një shpëtim kaq të madh? i cili, pasi zuri të flitet prej ZOTIT, u vërtetua ndër ne prej atyre që e dëgjuan.

**Marku 2:1-12**

Në atë kohë, hyri Jisui në Kapernaum; dhe u dëgjua se është në shtëpi. Edhe përnjëherë u mblodhën shumë veta, kaq sa as vendet pranë derës s’i nxinin më; dhe ai u predikonte atyre

fjalën. Atëherë vijnë tek ai e sjellin një të paralizuar që e ngrinin katër veta. Edhe pasi s’mund të afroreshin tek ai nga turma e madhe, zbuluan kulmin ku ishte ai, edhe si bënë një vrimë, zbritën shtratin, mbi të cilin dergjej i paralizuari. Edhe Jisui, kur pa besimin e tyre, i thotë të paralizuarit: “Bir, t’u falën mëkatet e tua.” Edhe ca nga shkruetit ishin atje duke ndenjur, dhe duke menduar në zemrat e tyre: “Ç’flet ky kështu blasfemira? Cili mund të falë mëkate, përveçse një, Perëndia?” Edhe Jisui menjëherë si e mori vesh me shpirtin e tij se po mendoheshin kështu me veten e tyre, u tha atyre: “Përse i mendoni këto në zemrat tuaja? Ç’është më kollaj t’i them të paralizuarit: ‘T’u falën mëkatet,’ apo t’i them: ‘Ngrihu, e merr shtratin tënd, dhe ec’? Po që ta dini se i biri i njeriut ka pushtet të falë mëkate mbi dhe,”—i thotë të paralizuarit:—“Ty të them, ngrihu dhe merr shtratin tënd e shko në shtëpinë tënde.” Edhe ai u ngrit menjëherë dhe mori shtratin, dhe doli përpara të gjithëve, kaq sa të gjithë çuditeshin dhe lavdëronin Perëndinë, duke thënë se kurrë s’kemi parë kështu.