

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: *The Sunday of Orthodoxy*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:45 a.m. General Confession
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport

6: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7: 7:00 a.m. Matins

8: 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

9: 7:00 a.m. Matins

10: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

11: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

12: *The Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Memorial Prayers for James Dionis and John Denisevich
- 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. John the Baptist Church, Broadbridge Ave., Stratford

13: 7:00 a.m. Matins

14: 7:00 a.m. Matins

15: 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins

17: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Compline & Salutations

18: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

19: *The Sunday of the Holy Cross*

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers at St. Nicholas Church, Bridgeport

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Dimitri Ndini (*USMC*), *-serving in our armed forces.*

Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; Michael, Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Henry Gartsu Brunneau; Matushka Mara Burns; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle Galich; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Matushka Anne Hosking; 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; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Stephen Phillips; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; Mason Ruskowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; John Szalkowski; Christian & Theodore Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Matushka Julianna Schmemann; James Dionis;
Matushka Sofia Rehbinder

March

- 8 William Henry Peristere (1965)
- 10 Pandora Michael Kerma (1985)
Vrisidha Constantine (1994)
- 11 Magdalina Karoli (1959)

Coffee Hour

Today: LifeBridge

12: The Dionis Family, in memory of John Denisevich and James Dionis

19: ??

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

Condolences

We received news this week of the death, in France, of **Matushka Sofia Rehbinder**, sister of *Priftëresha Lisa Bouteneff*.

We extend our sincere condolences to the Bouteneff family.

Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

Presanctified and Adult Education

This Wednesday, the **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m., followed by a pot-luck Lenten dinner and **Adult Education** in the Church Hall.

We will be listening to lectures by the late **Father Thomas Hopko** on the Lord's Prayer.

Daylight Savings Time begins

Don't forget: **Daylight Savings Time** begins next Sunday, March 12th.

Please make note so you won't be late for Church!

News from the Women's Council

The next meeting of the **Women's Council of Eastern Orthodox Christian Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc.**, will be on Saturday, March 18th, at 1:30 p.m., at Holy Ghost Russian Orthodox Church on East Main Street in Bridgeport. The proposed Bylaws, copies of which were handed out at the February meeting, will be discussed.

The April meeting of the Council will be on Saturday, April 22nd, at St. John's Church on Broadbridge Avenue in Stratford. At this time, the Bylaws will be voted upon.

We are very pleased to announce that our group donated 185 pairs of pajamas to The Pajama Program this year! We look forward to our next collection, beginning in September.

Great Lent 2017

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.

Sunday Lenten Vespers Services

On the Sundays of Great Lent, **Great 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.

- March 5th at Holy Ghost Church in Bridgeport.
- March 12th at St. John the Baptist, Broadbridge Ave. in Stratford.
- March 19th at Saint Nicholas Church in Bridgeport.
- March 26nd at Saint Nicholas Church in Stratford
- April 2nd Unction at Three Saints Church in Ansonia

Lenten refreshments will be served following all services.

Youth Rally dates announced

The annual **New England Youth Rally** for 2017 will be held at St. Methodius Faith and Heritage Center in New Hampshire from August 7th through the 12th.

Charity Collection

This month we are supporting **LifeBridge**, an organization that assists many people in our area.

Please be generous!



Hebrews 11:24-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, denied he was a son of Pharaoh's daughter – choosing to be afflicted with God's people rather than to have the enjoyment of sin for a time, estimating the indignities suffered by Christ to be of greater value than the Egyptians' treasures; for he was considering the reward. By faith, he left Egypt not fearing the king's wrath; for he persevered as if he were seeing the One who cannot be seen. By faith, he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the one who destroyed the first-born might not touch these. By faith, they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry land – whereas the Egyptians attempting it were swallowed up. By faith, the walls of Jericho fell after people had gone around them for seven days. By faith, Rahab the prostitute who had received the spies in peace, did not perish with the unbelievers. And what more shall I say? For time will be too short to speak of Gideon, of Barak, of Samson, of Jephthah, of David and of Samuel and the prophets, who 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 restored 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 blows, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, cut to pieces, put to the question, killed

by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, distressed, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves and holes in the ground. And none of these, despite the positive witnessing of faith, received what was promised, for God had something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the One of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and said of him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathanael said to Him, "Where do You know me from?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him and said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God, You are the King of Israel." Answering, Jesus said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you believe. Greater things than these shall you see." And He said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Hebrenjve 11:24-40

Vëllezër: Me anë të besimit Moisiu, si u bë i madh, mohoi të quhej i biri i së bijës së Faraonit; sepse zgjodhi më tepër të heqë keq bashkë me popullin e Perëndisë, se të ketë kënaqësi mëkati për pak kohë; duke konsideruar dhunën e Krishtit për pasuri më të madhe se thesarët në Egjipt; sepse shikonte në shpërblim. Me anë të besimit la Egjiptin pa pasur frikë për zemërimin e mbretit; sepse qëndroi si duke parë të padukshmin. Me anë të besimit bëri pashkën dhe spërkatjen e gjakut, që të mos i ngiste ata ai që vriste të parëlin-durit. Me anë të besimit shkuan nëpër Detin e Kuq si nëpër tokë, veprim të cilin kur e provuan Egjiptianët, u mbytën. Me anë të besimit ranë muret e Jerikosë, si u rrethuan shtatë herë. Me anë të besimit Rahaba e përdalë nuk humbi bashkë me ata që s'bindeshin, pasi priti zbuluesit me paqe. Edhe ç'të them më? Sepse nuk do të më arrijë koha të tregoj për Gedeonin, për Barakun e Samsonin, dhe Jeftanë, për Davidin e Samuilin dhe profetët, të cilët 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.

Joani 1:43-51

Në atë kohë, Jisui deshi të dalë në Galile; dhe gjen Filipin e i thotë: "Eja pas meje." Edhe Filipi ishte nga Betsaidaja, nga qyteti i Andreas dhe i Pjetrit. Filipi gjen Nathanailin, dhe i thotë: "Kemi gjetur atë për të cilin shkroi Moisiu në ligj dhe profetët, të birin e Josifit nga Nazareti." Edhe Nathanaili i tha: "A mund të dalë ndonjë gjë e mirë nga Nazareti?" Filipi thotë: "Eja dhe shih." Jisui pa Nathanailin duke ardhur tek ai, dhe thotë për të: "Shih një Izraelit i vërtetë, tek i cili nuk ka gënjeshtër." Nathanaili i thotë: "Që ku më njeh?" Jisui u përgjigj e i tha: "Para se të të thërrisë Filipi, kur ishe nën drurin e fikut, unë të pashë." Nathanaili u përgjigj e i thotë: "Rabi, ti je Biri i Perëndisë, ti je mbreti i Izraelit." Jisui u përgjigj e i tha: "Sepse të thashë se të pashë nën drurin e fikut beson? Do të shohësh më të mëdha se këto." Pastaj i thotë: "Me të vërtetë, me të vërtetë po ju them juve, që tani e tutje do të shihni qiellin të hapur dhe engjëjt e Perëndisë duke u ngjitur e duke zbritur mbi të Birin e njeriut."