

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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March 12, 2023

Upcoming Services and Events

- Mar 12** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy lead by Father John Jillions
- Mar 19** - 9:30 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy follow by 40 day memorial for Krisanthi Peters
Coffee hour sponsored by the Peters family after church
- Mar 25** - Annunciation moved to Mar 26
- Mar 26** - 9:30 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - The feast of Annunciation (transferred from March 25)
- Apr 2** - 9:30 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
9:45 am General Confession
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.
Fr. Ceraphim, Matushka Faith and family
Father Gregory Buzi on his journey in the monastery.
Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim
Military Deployment: Robert Buckles
Those who are sick: Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Teresa Brice; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Dave Bunnell; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Julie Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Renate Deer, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Armando Dias; Patti Fischer; Miles Flynn, Louise Karoli Gallagher; Patrick Gallo; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; George Jones; Bill Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen; Jonathan Lubin, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Kimberly Orosz; Walter Ostrowski, Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; John Rafail, Nadia Rehbinder, David Schutte; Charles & Joann

Soter; Ted Tallcouch; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Fr Andrew Tregubov Mary Valis; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Lee Wojcak; Michael Wilson

If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at kimobrien720@gmail.com.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Vanjgo 'Petri' Konstantini
Krisanthi Peters

March

- 12 Konstandina D. Joseph (1962)
13 Charles George (1962)
Metropolitan Theofan (S. Noli) (1965)
14 Catherine Panoli (2014)
15 Pandora Nastes Nicholas (1999)
Thomas William Soter (2011)
16 Ligor Lazar (1951)
Harriet Atanas Lambert (2001)

Pussy Willow Cuttings Needed

With the warm winter we are experiencing here in February, we are giving an early alert to look out for pussy willow blooms this year.

If you have pussy willow bushes on your property, or know of anyone who has them, please watch for the budding and cut them, storing them in a cool, dark, dry place.

They are needed for Palm Sunday which is April 9th this year.

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Thank you for your support

From February 19th through March 5th, the St. George parish dedicated its weekly charity collections to support the relief efforts from the February 6th earthquake in Turkey and Syria. St. George was able to collect \$2,600.00 and forwarded those funds to the **IOCC(International Orthodox Christian Charities)**, an international humanitarian aid agency who will be coordinating relief efforts to their regional partners. We thank the many for their generosity to assist in helping with this humanitarian crisis.

Spring Soup Kitchen Drive

Based on the success of last year's late fall/early winter collection of frozen hams and turkeys for local soup kitchens, St. George is setting up a new drive for this spring. We will be collecting frozen hams and turkeys beginning now (mid-March) and will collect continuously over the next 2 months with a target to deliver the foods in late May or early June. **Special Note:** Please check with the food markets you shop with – some are offering promotions for the upcoming Easter holiday. It has been noted that local Shop Rite stores are offering their price club members free hams/turkeys if you purchase \$400 worth of goods up to April 8th. Other retail food markets may be offering similar promotions.

Priesthood as an image of Christ Icon

As we begin our process to move forward to find a full-time priest with the help of the Albanian Archdiocese, there will be a special icon placed in the kiot (icon case) on the center table of the church during Great Lent.

March 26 Parish Discussion

At our January Parish body meeting, our parishioners established an intention to focus efforts on obtaining a full-time priest. A suggestion was made to hold regular discussions at coffee hour on the 4th Sunday of every month to generate ideas, enlist support, and keep track of progress toward this end. The second of these follow

up discussions will be held Sunday, March 26. All are welcome.

Teuta Meeting

There will be a Teuta meeting on April 2 during coffee hour. There are lots of activities in the works. New members are welcome!

Upcoming Vespers Schedule

Sunday, March 12th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Gregory Palamas

4PM Vespers; Christ the Savior, Southbury (CTD)

4PM Vespers; St. Nicholas, Bridgeport (OCAGB)

Sunday, March 19th – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Veneration of the Holy Cross

4PM Vespers; Holy Trinity,

Bridgeport (FORCC)

Sunday, March 26th - 4th Sunday of Lent

St. John Climacus (of The Ladder)

4PM Vespers; Sts. Cyril and

Methodius, Terryville (CTD)

4PM Vespers; St. John the Baptist,

Broadbridge Ave, Stratford (OCAGB)

Sunday, April 2nd - 5th Sunday of Lent - St Mary of Egypt

4PM Vespers (Holy Unction Service) Three Saints Church, Ansonia (CTD & OCAGB)

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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