

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: **Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Memorial Prayers for Georgika Boria

21: 7:00 a.m. Matins

22: 7:00 a.m. Matins

23: 7:00 a.m. Matins

24: 7:00 a.m. Matins

25: 7:00 a.m. Matins

26: Memorial Saturday

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

27: Pentecost—The Descent of the Holy Spirit

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Prayers

28: 7:00 a.m. Matins

29: 7:00 a.m. Matins

30: 7:00 a.m. Matins
6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

31: 7:00 a.m. Matins

June 1: 7:00 a.m. Matins

2: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

3: The Sunday of All Saints

9:00 a.m. Church School
9:15 a.m. General Confession
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 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; 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

May

- 20 Sofia Dionis (1944)
21 Andrea Cotmil Chala (1967)
Limbjadha Kochi (1967)
Sotir Theodos (1991)
Pandora Buzi Polena (1996)
22 Eleanore Polena (2015)
23 Scott Louis Sementilli (1985)
24 Simon Pappas (1952)
Katherine Kosma (1992)
Charalampos (Harry) Demetri (1993)
26 Lemona Rubis (1958)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Boria Family, in memory of Georgika

27: The Nani Family, for Kosta's Nameday

June 3: The Teuta Ladies' Society

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

Archbishop Nikon to visit St. George

On Sunday, June 10th, 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.

Cemetery Visitations

On Saturday, May 26th, we will visit our local cemeteries to bless the graves. The schedule will be as follows (*please note the change in times, due to the Memorial Liturgy being celebrated that morning*):

- 12:30 p.m. Lakeview Cemetery, Bridgeport (*starting at Fr. Kovachi's grave site*)
- 2:00 p.m. Oaklawn Cemetery, Fairfield
- 3:30 p.m. Gate of Heaven, Trumbull

If there are other cemeteries you would like Father Dennis to visit for grave blessings, please contact him to make arrangements.

Educational Mini-Series to be continued

On Wednesday, May 30th, we will have the second session of our adult education "mini-series" on **Angels**. It will be held in our Church Hall at 7:00 p.m., following the 6:30 p.m. celebration of the Akathist Hymn, "Glory to God for All Things."

In this session, we will discuss what angels do for us and how we can relate to them.

News from Teuta

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** will hold its next meeting on Sunday, June 3rd.

Please take note and plan to attend.

Summer Hours

We will be observing **Summer Hours** again this year. Beginning on Sunday, June 3rd, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m. This will continue through Labor Day, September 2nd. Weekday Liturgies will continue to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

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 17th.

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

News from OCMC

An OCMC Mission Team needs volunteers to conduct a summer camp program at the Children's Home of Hope in Shen Vlash, Albania, June 12-30. Details are available on the OCMC website www.ocmc.org.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **Orthodox Christian Mission Center**, supporting *Timothy Halvorsen's* mission trip to Albania.

Please be generous!

The Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days Paul decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to waste time in Asia. For he was hurrying as much as he could in order to reach Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, however, he had sent an invitation to Ephesus for the presbyters of the Church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, "Be careful about yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishops, to herd the Church of God which He has redeemed through His own blood. For I know this, that after I am gone fierce wolves will get in among you and will not spare the flock. And from among you, some men will rise, speaking perverse doctrines, to draw away the disciples after them. Watch, therefore, and remember that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn with tears every one of you. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, who is able to edify and to grant you an inheritance among all His blessed ones. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know these hands of mine have provided for my needs and those of my companions. In all things I help the weak, and remember what the LORD Jesus said in person, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And after saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

John 17:1-13

At that time Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You, even as You

have given Him power over all flesh, in order that to all You have given Him He may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified You on earth; I have accomplished the work You have given me to do. And now do You, Father, glorify me with Yourself, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the men You have given me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have learned that whatever You have given me is from You; because the words that You have given me I have given to them. And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from You, and they have believed that You did send me. I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom You have given me, because they are Yours; and all things that are mine are Yours, and Yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your name those You have given me, that they may be one even as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those You have given me I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have my joy made full in themselves."

Veprat e Apostujve 20:16-18; 28-36

Në ato ditë, Pavli e kishte parë të udhës të lundrojë anash Efesit, që të mos e humbte kohën në Azi; sepse nxitonte që, në ishte e mundur për të, ditën e Pendikostisë të gjendet në Jerusalem. Edhe prej Militës dërgoi në Efes e thirri pleqtë e kishës. Edhe kur këta erdhën tek ai, u tha atyre: "Ju e dini që ditën e parë që shkela në Azi se si e shkova gjithë kohën bashkë me ju. Kini pra kujdes për veten tuaj dhe për gjithë tufën, mbi të cilën Shpirti i Shenjtë ju vuri ju kujdestarë, që të kullotni kishën e Perëndisë, të cilën e fitoi me gjakun e tij. Sepse unë e di këtë, se pas ikjes sime kanë për të hyrë tek ju ujçer të këqij, të cilët s'kanë për ta kursyer tufën. Edhe prej jush vetë do të ngrihen njerëz duke folur gjëra të shtrembëra, që të tërheqin nxënësit pas vetes së tyre. Prandaj rrini zgjuar e sillni ndër mend se tre vjet natë e ditë s'pushova duke mësuar me lot gjithësecilin. Edhe tani, o vëllezër, ju lë ju në Perëndinë, edhe në fjalën e hirit të tij, i cili mund t'ju ndërtojë e t'ju japë juve trashëgim në mes të gjithë atyre që janë të shenjtëruar. Argjend ose ar ose rrobë as prej ndonjërit prej jush nuk dëshirova. Edhe ju vetë e dini se këto duart e mia kanë punuar për nevojat e mia dhe për ata që ishin bashkë me mua. Në të gjitha punët ju tregova juve se kështu duke u munduar duhet t'u ndihmoni të pafuqishmëve, dhe të kujtoni fjalët e ZOTIT Jisu, se ai vetë tha: 'Lumturi më e madhe është të japë njeriu se të marrë.'" Edhe si tha këto, u ul në gjunjë e u fal bashkë me ata të gjithë.

Joani 17:1-13

Në atë kohë, Jisui ngriti sytë e tij në qiell e tha: "Atë, erdhi ora, lavdëro Birin tënd, që të të lavdërojë edhe yt Bir, siç i dhe pushtet mbi çdo mish, që t'u japë jetë të përjetshme gjithë atyre që ia ke dhënë. Edhe kjo është jeta e përjetshme, që të të njohin ty të vetmin të vërtetin Perëndi dhe Jisu Krishtin që dërgove. Unë të lavdërova mbi dhe; atë punë që më dhe të bëj e mbarova. Edhe tani lavdëromë ti, o Atë, pranë teje, me lavdinë që pata pranë teje para se të bëhej bota. Emrin tënd ua tregova njerëzve që më dhe prej botës. Të tutë ishin e m'i dhe, dhe fjalën tënde e ruajtën. Tani e njohën se gjithë sa më ke dhënë janë prej teje. Sepse fjalët që më dhe, ua dhashë atyre; dhe ata i morën dhe e njohën me të vërtetë se prej teje dola; dhe besuan se ti më dërgove. Unë lutem për ata; nuk lutem për botën, po për ata që më dhe, sepse janë të tutë. Edhe gjithë të miat janë të tuat, dhe të tuat janë të miat; dhe u lavdërova në to. Edhe nuk jam më në botë, po këta janë në botë, dhe unë po vij tek ti. Atë i shenjtë, ruaji në emrin tënd ata që më dhe, që të jenë një si ne. Kur isha bashkë me ata në botë, unë i ruaja në emrin tënd; ata që më dhe i ruajta, dhe asnjë nga ata s'humbi, veç i biri i humbjes, që të përmbushet shkrimi. Edhe tani po vij tek ti, dhe i flas këto në botë, që ta kenë gëzimin tim të plotë në veten e tyre."