

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: Pentecost—The Descent of the Holy Spirit

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

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

4: 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

9:30 a.m. Hierarchal 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; Nikola Nikola;
Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov;
Glen Niederhauser

May

31 Katherina Chulla (1950)
Ksanthipi Pappas (1962)

June

2 Themistokli Polena (1967)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Nani Family, for Kosta's Nameday

June 3: The Teuta Ladies' Society

10: Lunch with the Archbishop

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

Memorial Day

We remember today all those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Memory Eternal!

I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

Condolences

On Saturday, May 19th, **Nikola Nikola** departed this life. He was the brother of the late *Steve Nikola*.

Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

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.

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.

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.

News from Teuta

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

Please take note and plan to attend.

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.

YTD Financial Statements Available

Financial Statements are now available for January 1, 2018 through May 20th, 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 a link to your statement in your email inbox. 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. 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 help support the **Orthodox Christian Mission Center**, supporting *Timothy Halvorsen's* mission trip to Albania.

Please be generous!

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When the days of Pentecost were ending, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them separate tongues as of fire, and they settled upon each one of them, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in foreign tongues, as the Holy Spirit granted them to speak. Now, there were staying in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, a great crowd gathered, and they were astounded because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And all of them, amazed and wondering, were saying to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? How then have all of us heard our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Jews also and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we have heard them speaking in our own language of the wonderful works of God."

John 7:37-52; 8:12

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Anyone who believes in me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said

this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say it is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a division among the crowd because of Him. And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The attendants answered, "Never has man spoken as this Man." The Pharisees then answered them, "Have you also been fooled? Has any one of the rulers believed in Him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, the man who had come to Him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first gives him a hearing, and knows that he does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. Anyone who follows me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

Veprat e Apostujve 2:1-11

Kur erdhi dita e Pendikostisë, apostujt ishin me një zemër në një vend. Edhe papritur u bë një oshëtimë nga qielli si oshëtimja e një ere që fryn me fuqi, dhe mbushi gjithë shtëpinë ku ishin duke ndenjur. Edhe u dukën mbi ta gjuhëra duke u ndarë si prej zjarri, dhe ndenjën mbi gjithësecilin nga ata. Edhe u mbushën të gjithë me Shpirt të Shenjtë, e zunë të flisnin me gjuhë të tjera, siç u jepte Shpirti të flisnin. Edhe ishin duke ndenjur në Jerusalem Judenj, burra me frikë Perëndie prej çdo kombi nën qiell. Edhe kur u bë ky zë, u mbledh turma dhe u turbullua; sepse gjithësecili i dëgjonte ata duke folur në gjuhën e tij. Edhe të gjithë mahniteshin e çuditeshin, duke i thënë njëri-tjetrit: "Ja, a nuk janë Galileas të gjithë këta që flasin? Edhe si gjithësecili nga ne dëgjojmë në gjuhën tonë, në të cilën kemi lindur? Partë e Medë e Elamitë, dhe ata që rrinë në Mesopotami e në Jude e në Kapadoki, në Pont e në Azi, në Frigji e në Pamfili, në Egjipt e në anët e Libisë pranë Qirenesë, dhe të ardhurit nga Roma, Judenj e të kthyer, Kretas e Arabë, i dëgjojmë ata duke folur në gjuhët tona madhëritë e Perëndisë."

Joani 7:37-52; 8:12

Ditën e fundit, ditën e madhe të së kremtes, Jisui qëndroi e thirri, duke thënë: "Kush të ketë etje, le të vijë tek unë e le të pijë. Ai që më beson mua, siç tha Shkrimi, lumenj uji të gjallë do të rrjedhin nga

barku i tij." Edhe këtë e tha për Shpirtin që kishin për të marrë ata që do t'i besonin; sepse ende s'ishte dhënë Shpirti i Shenjtë; sepse Jisui ende s'ishte lavdëruar. Shumë veta pra prej turmës kur dëgjuan këtë fjalë, thoshin: "Ky është me të vërtetë profeti." Të tjerë thoshin: "Ky është Krishti." Po të tjerë thoshin: "Mos vjen Krishti nga Galilea? A nuk tha shkrimi se Krishti vjen nga fara e Davidit dhe nga fshati Betlehem, prej ku ishte Davidi?" U bë pra një çarje në turmë për të. Edhe disa prej tyre donin ta kapnin; po asnjë s'vuri duart mbi të. Erdhën pra shërbëtorët te kryepiftërinjtë e te Farisenjtë, dhe ata u thanë atyre: "Pse nuk e prutë?" Shërbëtorët u përgjigjën: "Kurrë s'ka folur njeri kështu, si ky njeri." Farisenjtë pra iu përgjigjën atyre: "Mos u gënjet edhe ju? Mos i ka besuar atij ndonjë prej të parëve a prej Farisenjve? Po kjo turmë që s'di ligjin, janë të mallkuar." U thotë atyre Nikodhimi, ai që pati ardhur natën tek ai, i cili ishte një prej atyre: "Mos e gjykon njeriun ligji ynë, pa e dëgjuar më parë atë, e pa marrë vesh se ç'bën?" U përgjigjën e i thanë: "Mos je edhe ti nga Galilea? Vëzhgo e shih, se profet nga Galilea nuk është ngritur." Jisui pra përsëri u foli atyre, duke thënë: "Unë jam drita e botës. Ai që më vjen pas, nuk do të ecë në errësirë, por do të ketë dritën e jetës."