

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

14: 7:00 a.m. Matins

#### 15: *Nativity Fast (Advent) begins*

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

16: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

17: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

18: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

7:00 p.m. "Inexhaustible Cup"

19: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 20: *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### 21: *Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple*

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

22: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

23: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

25: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

26: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 27: *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### 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; Serge Bouteneff; Debi Broadus; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James

Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle Galich; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; June Lopen; Nicolas Lucas; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Deborah Owen; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Stephen Phillips; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; 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; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Christine Morrison;  
Archimandrite Alexander (Pihach); Jane Dionis

#### November

- 14 Sotir Demas (1955)  
Rita Vangel (2014)
- 15 Helen Peters (1958)  
Dimitri Tasi (1971)
- 17 Alexis Rachel Stockel (1983)  
Julia Atanas Adam (2000)

### Coffee Hour

**Today:** Matthew Morrison, on the 40<sup>th</sup> Day since his mother, Christina's death.

20: ???

27: ???

**Dec. 4:** St. Nicholas Day Party

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

### Thank you!

We offer our thanks to our **Military Veterans** and ask God to bless them, their families and our country on this **Veterans Day** weekend.

### Teuta News

The next meeting of the **Teuta Ladies' Society** will be held today during Coffee Hour.

### The Nativity Fast

The **Nativity Fast** begins on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and lasts through the Divine Liturgy of Christmas Day. During this time, Orthodox Christians fast and pray in preparation for the Feast.

According to the Tradition of the Church, we observe this Fast by abstaining from meat (including poultry and eggs), dairy, olive oil and wine. On Wednesdays and Fridays, we also abstain from fish. While many people relax these rules, particularly until after Thanksgiving, 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 Nativity.

Also, beginning on Tuesday, we will begin celebrating the **Midnight Office**, which we are calling "Morning Prayers," instead of Matins on weekday mornings.

### Akathist and Adult Education

This Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Akathist Hymn, "**Glory to God for All Things**" at 6:30 p.m. with our Adult Study group following at approximately 7:00 p.m.

This week, we will continue our exploration of the basics of the Orthodox Faith by beginning to look at **The Creed**.

Come for the service. Come for the study group. Come for both.

### FORCC to Meet

This Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the **Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut (FORCC)** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at *Three Saints Orthodox Church* in Ansonia. At the end of the meeting, Father Dennis will make a presentation on *Protecting our Youth from the Scourge of Addiction*.

All are welcome to attend.

### Join the Binky Patrol

This Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, the **Binky Patrol** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in our Church Hall to make blankets for critically ill or traumatized children. Admission is \$10.00 per person and a pot-luck dish. See *Sharon Buzi* for details and to register.

### Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

This Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the **Akathist to the Icon of the Virgin, "The Inexhaustible Cup"** at 7:00 p.m. The Twelve-Step discussion group that has followed it in the past has been cancelled.

### Youth Retreat

On Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a retreat for young people in grades 6 through 12 at All Saints Orthodox Church, 205 Scarborough Street in Hartford. It will begin with Vespers at 6:00 p.m., and include dinner, an activity and talk, and end with Compline at 9:00 p.m.

Contact Fr. James Parnell at (914) 573-8051 for details.

### Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **Jesus Prayer Meditation Group** at the home of *Gregory Buzi II*, 60 Brookdale Rd. in Seymour. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayers followed by recitation of the Jesus Prayer and a period of silence. A meal will be provided after the meditation.

Speak to *Gregory* for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

### Pan-Orthodox Unction Service

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the faithful of our Orthodox parishes of Greater Bridgeport will gather for an Advent **Holy Unction Service** here at St. George Church, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Light Lenten refreshments will served in the Church Hall following the service.

### Charity Collection

This month we are supporting the **Binky Patrol**. This is an organization that makes small blankets for critically ill and traumatized children in our area. Please be generous!

**Galatians 2:16-20**

Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means! For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the Cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**Luke 10:25-37**

At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" He answered and said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way, and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And as he was leaving the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I, on my way back, will repay you." Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" And he said, "The one who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do as he did."

**Galatianëve 2:16-20**

Vëllezër, duke ditur se s'del i drejtë njeriu prej veprash ligji, veçse me anë të besimit të Jisu Krishtit, edhe ne i besuam Jisu Krishtit, që të dalim të drejtë prej besimit të Krishtit, dhe jo prej veprave të ligjit; sepse asnjë njeri s'ka për të dalë i drejtë prej veprave të ligjit. Po në qoftë se duke kërkuar të dalim të drejtë në Krishtin, u gjetëm edhe ne mëkatarë, Krishti pa fjalë qenka shërbëtor i mëkatit? Qoftë larg. Sepse nëse ndërtoj përsëri ato që prisha, bëj veten time ligjshkelës. Sepse unë me anë të ligjit vdiqa në ligj, që të rroj në Perëndinë. Bashkë me Krishtin u kryqëzova; dhe s'rroj më unë, po Krishti rron tek unë; dhe atë që rroj unë tani në mish, rroj në besimin e Birit të Perëndisë, i cili më deshi dhe dorëzoi veten e tij për mua.

**Llukait 10:25-37**

Në atë kohë, ja tek u ngrit një mësues ligji, duke e ngarë Jisui, e duke thënë: "Mësues, ç'të bëj, që të trashëgoj jetën e përjetshme?" Edhe ai i tha, "Ç'është shkruar në ligj; si lexon?" Edhe ai u përgjigj e tha: "Të duash ZOTIN Perëndinë tënd me gjithë zemrën tënde dhe me gjithë shpirtin tënd dhe me gjithë fuqinë tënde dhe me gjithë mendjen tënde" edhe "të afërmin tënd posi veten tënde". Edhe ai i tha: "U përgjigje drejt; bëj këtë, dhe do të rrosh." Po ai, duke dashur të nxjerrë veten e tij të drejtë, i tha Jisuit: "E cili më është i afërm?" Edhe Jisui u përgjigj e tha: "Një njeri zbriste nga Jerusalemi në Jeriko dhe ra në duar kusarësh, të cilët si e zhveshën dhe e bënë me plagë, ikën dhe e lanë gjysmë të vdekur. Edhe qëlloi të shkojë asaj udhe një prift; dhe kur e pa atë, shkoi nga ana tjetër. Kështu edhe një Levit, sa arriti në atë vend, erdhi e pa, dhe shkoi nga ana tjetër. Po një Samaritan, duke udhëtuar, erdhi në vendin ku ishte ai, dhe kur e pa, iu dhimbs, edhe erdhi pranë e i lidhi plagët, duke derdhur mbi to vaj e verë, dhe e hipi në kafshën e tij, dhe e solli në një bujtinë, e u kujdes për të. Edhe të nesërmen kur do të dilte, nxori dy dinarë e ia dha bujtinarit, dhe i tha: Kujdesu për këtë njeri; dhe ç'të prishësh më tepër, unë, kur të kthehem, do të t'i jap. Cili nga këta të tre të duket se u bë i afërmi i atij që ra në duart e kusarëve?" Edhe ai i tha: "Ai që bëri përdëllim për të". Jisuj pra i tha: "Shko edhe ti bëj kështu".