

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: 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

28: 7:00 a.m. Matins

29: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

30: 6:30 p.m. Holy Unction Service

Dec 1: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

2: 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers

3: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

4: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. General Confession
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 Cenera; 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; Shirley Hunter; 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

Jane Dionis; Evangeline Hallas;
Archpriest Michael Soter

November

- 20 Mildred Atanas Gianinni (1999)
- 21 Konin Sotir (1961)
- 22 Christine "Keetsie" Kasperak (2003)
- 23 Christ Jones (1984)
- 25 Constantine (Charles) Kochi (1992)
Beverly Peters Macleod (1991)
- 26 Vani (John) Nauchy (1993)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Teuta Ladies' Society

27: ??

Dec. 4: St. Nicholas Day Party

11: The Dionis Family, on the 40th Day since Jane Dionis' death

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

Teuta News

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

Thanksgiving Day Service

This Wednesday, November 23rd, we will celebrate the Akathist Hymn, "**Glory to God for All Things**" with **Prayers of Thanksgiving** at 6:30 p.m. in observance of **Thanksgiving Day**.

There will be no Adult Study group following. That will resume in December.

Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, November 29th, 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.

Contact *Gregory* at (203) 273-0103 for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

Pan-Orthodox Unction Service

On Wednesday, November 30th, 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.

The Nativity Fast

The **Nativity Fast** begins on Tuesday, November 15th, 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.

2017 Mission Team Opportunities Albania (Youth) and Guatemala (Healthcare)

The **Orthodox Christian Mission Center** has just released 2017 short-term mission team opportunities!

There is a team heading to **Albania** March 10 – 20 which will work with Albanian Orthodox youth leaders, including OCMC Missionary Dn. Stephanos Ritsi, to host a youth and young adult conference. The conference will focus on strengthening the faith of young Orthodox Christians throughout Albania. It will also seek to raise awareness of youth ministries available through the Albanian Orthodox Church. If you have a passion for youth ministry or desire to contribute to the awareness of Orthodoxy around the world, please prayerfully consider applying!

There will be a healthcare team going to **Guatemala** March 17 – 26 which will provide medical services to patients at the Fr. Andres Giron Clinic in Aguacate. This is a fantastic way to use your skills as a healthcare professional for the Orthodox Church. Not only will you provide medical care, but you will also help educate the community about healthcare. Pediatricians, dentists, midwives, nurses, and other medical technicians are needed. Healthcare professionals can give the gift of hope and healing by volunteering; please consider this opportunity!

For the Albania youth team, click the following link: https://www.ocmc.org/about/view_team.aspx?TeamId=1186

For the Guatemala healthcare team, click the following link: https://www.ocmc.org/about/view_team.aspx?TeamId=1187

To view other available teams in 2017, click the following link: https://www.ocmc.org/about/open_teams.aspx

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 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the Cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our LORD Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the LORD Jesus in my body. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Luke 12:16-22

The LORD told this parable: "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to consider, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool, this very night, you must give up your life; and the things you have provided, whose will they be?" So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God." After He had said this, He cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Galatianëve 6:11-18

Vëllezër, vini re me çfarë shkronjash të mëdha ju shkrova me dorën time. Sa duan të duken të mirë në mish, këta ju detyrojnë të rrethpriteni, vetëm që të mos përndiqen për kryqin e Krishtit. Sepse as ata që rrethpriten s'e ruajnë ligjin, por duan të rrethpriteni ju, që të mburren me mishin tuaj. Por për mua qoftë larg të mburrem për tjetër gjë, veç për kryqin e ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht, me anë të të cilit bota është kryqëzuar tek unë, dhe unë tek bota. Sepse në Jisu Krishtin as rrethprerja nuk ka fuqi, as parrethprerja, por krijesa e re. Edhe për të gjithë sa ecin sipas këtij rregulli, paqe e përdëllim qoftë mbi ta, dhe mbi Izraelin e Perëndisë. Tani e tutje askush le të mos më shqetësojë; sepse unë mbaj shenjat e ZOTIT Jisu në trupin tim. Hiri i ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht qoftë bashkë me shpirtin tuaj, vëllezër. Amin.

Llukait 12:16-21

ZOTI u tha këtë paravoli: "Një njeriu të pasur i erdhën mbarë arat. Edhe mendohej me veten e tij, duke thënë: 'Ç'të bëj? Se s'kam ku të mbledh prodhimet e mia.' Pastaj tha: 'Këtë kam për të bërë, do të prish grunarët e mi dhe do t'i bëj më të mëdhenj, dhe do të mbledh atje gjithë drithin tim dhe të mirat e mia. Edhe do t'i them shpirtit tim: O shpirt, ke shumë të mira që gjenden për shumë vjet; prehu, ha, pi, dhe gëzohu.' Po Perëndia i tha: 'I marrë, këtë natë do të kërkojnë prej teje shpirtin tënd. Dhe të kujt do të jenë sa bërë gati?' Kështu do të jetë ai që mbledh thesarë për veten e tij dhe nuk bëhet i pasur në Perëndinë." Duke thënë këto, thërriste: "Kush ka veshë për të dëgjuar, le të dëgjojë."