

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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November 13, 2022

Upcoming Services and Events

- Nov 13** - 9:30 am - Church school children meet with Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy followed by honoring our parish veterans
- Nov 15** - Advent Lent begins
- Nov 20** - 9:30 am - Church school children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple (transferred from Nov 21)
We will have a special procession with prayers at the end w/ all kids participating
- Nov 27** - 9:30 am Children meet with Father Sergei
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; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Julie Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Renate Deer, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Armando Dias; Patti Fischer; Miles Flynn, Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Linda Vasil Gilbert; Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; George Jones; Sug Jones; Shirley Jordan; Isabella Kerma; Violet Laska; John Louis; June Lopen; Jonathan Lubin, Carole Lundquist; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Zoe Michael; Melissa and Wayne Moras, Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Kimberly Orosz; Walter

Ostrowski, Krisanthi Peters, Pat Perrotta, John Rafail, Nadia Reh binder, David Schutte; Charles & Joann Soter; Sue & Thomas Spero; Ted Tallcouch; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Mary Valis, Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Michael Wilson

If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at kimbrien720@gmail.com.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Tara Zanrilli
Carmen Costa

November

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

Veteran's Day Blessing

On Sunday, November 13th, (the Sunday closest to Veterans Day), we will be recognizing our parish Veterans.

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Advent Lent Begins

The Nativity Fast (often referred as Advent in the West) begins on Tuesday, November 15th, and lasts through the Divine Liturgy of Christmas Day. This is one of the four fasting seasons during the year.

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.

In a long-standing tradition, the bishops of the OCA gave a special dispensation to break the fast for Thanksgiving.

While many people relax these rules, 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.

November Charity Tray

This month's charity tray will focus on the **CT Epilepsy Foundation** in memory of **Devin Howard**. Devin was the 10-year-old younger brother of Brooke and Sophie Dionis' classmate who passed away in September from the disease. The family asks for all donations to go to **Walk to End Epilepsy - Team Devin Howard** in Devin's honor. <https://www.epilepsyct.com/events/walk/>

Church School News

We are excited to announce the return of our St. Nicholas celebration during coffee hour on Sunday, December 4. Please RSVP to Curt Dionis, Pauline Dionis or Sue Galich (susan.galich@snet.net) by Sunday, November 20, as we need a head count for pizza and presents for the children.

In addition, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for local charities.

Collecting frozen Hams and Turkeys

Over the next 3 months (from November 2022 through January 2023), St. George will be collecting frozen hams and turkeys. This charity project's intent is to donate the hams and turkeys to local soup kitchens during February of next year - this is typically when food donations are low. As we approach the holiday season, please pay attention to promotions from grocery stores. Many have promotional programs for purchasing hams and turkeys that run for the year-end holidays. Fr. Sergei has volunteered to distribute the hams and turkeys in February. If anyone wishes to assist, please contact him. Thank you again for your continued support of our various Charity efforts throughout each year!

Blanket Making Night

We will be hosting a Blanket Making Night for children in hospitals during the holidays.

Sponsored by **Binky Patrol** on Thursday, November 17, from 6:00-8:30 pm in St George Church Hall.

A donation of \$10 is asked to cover the cost of fleece. Bring a sharp pair of scissors. They will also be collecting new toys for Al's Angels .

Let Sharon Buzi know if you can attend.

203-414-7738

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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