

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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November 17, 2024

Upcoming Services and Events

- Nov 17** 10:00 am Divine Liturgy w/Fr Danaks Rhodes
- Nov 21** Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple (transferred to Nov 24)
- Nov 24** 9:45 am Fr Sergei meets w/church school children
- 10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple and then "Doxology" in honor of Albanian Flag Day as per Bishop Nikodhim for the Archdiocese.
- Nov 30** Baptism of Elizabeth and Christopher Tona

Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.
Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate
Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk
Matushka Evelyn Kreta
Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim
Those who are sick: Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Sandra Bike; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Caitlyn; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Mary Dilulio; Mallory Ferrari; Patti Fischer; Yekta Fridkia; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; Christy Kobeli; Mia

Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Timothy McCormick; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Mary Nikola; Kimberly Orosz; Philip Pepin; Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; David Schutte; Molly Sabas; Charles & Joann Soter; Joann Supan; 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

November

- 17 Alexis Rachel Stockel (1983)
Julia Atanas Adam (2000)
- 20 Mildred Atanas Gianinni (1999)
- 21 Konin Sotir (1961)
Christine "Keetsie" Kasperak (2003)
- 23 Christ Jones (1984)

Nativity Fast

The Nativity Fast (often referred as Advent in the West) begins on Friday, 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

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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.

2024 Contribution Summary

A 2024 Year-to-date Contribution Summary, that includes donations received through Sun, Nov 3rd, were emailed to parishioners on Wed, Nov 13th. For those who have not provided us with an email address, statements may be picked up today at church. Any remaining statements will be physically mailed on Mon or Tues, Nov 18th or 19th.

If you have an email address, we would appreciate it if you would forward it to us so we may use it, rather than utilizing physical mail. If you have any questions or corrections, please contact the Financial Secretary, Luba Csernica: email: luba.csernica@gmail.com ; text or call: 203-414-8141. Thank you for your continued support of St. George!

100th Anniversary Commemorative T-shirts

Two styles are available- see displays in church hall. Order now to have in time for the holidays. Reach out to Laura Coughlin or Diane Cryan for more information.

St Nicholas party December 8

Our annual St Nicholas party will be held on Sunday, December 8. A brunch will be held after liturgy followed by a visit from Santa. All children are welcome!

If you are planning on attending, please let Pauline know the name and age of the child. She may be reached by phone at 203-261-0611 or email 3grammmmma@gmail.com.

The church school will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop and Food Bank** who will distribute them to the underprivileged children of the lower Naugatuck Valley.

November Charity Tray

Our November 2024 Charity Tray will be dedicated to **Trumbull Helps**. This organization's goal is to make a difference by providing meals at the **Bridgeport Rescue Mission**, supporting the **Trumbull Food Pantry**, and coming together as a community to help others.

Frozen Ham and Turkey collection

As we did in prior years, over the next 3 months (from November 2024 through early February 2025), St. George will be collecting frozen hams and turkeys. They can be placed in the church's freezers located in the Church Hall Storage Room. This charity project's intent is to donate the hams and turkeys to local soup kitchens during February 2025 - this is typically when food donations are low. We will target to deliver them after Valentines Day, Feb 14, 2025. Thank you again for your continued support of our various Charity efforts throughout each year!

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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