

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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November 20, 2022

### Upcoming Services and Events

- 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
- Dec 4** - 9:30 am - Church school children meet with Fr Sergei  
9:45 am - General Confession  
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, John O'Brien; Kimberly Orosz; Walter Ostrowski, Kisanthi Peters, Pat Perrotta, John Rafail, Nadia Rehbinder, 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](mailto:kimbrien720@gmail.com).*

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Tara Zanrilli  
Carmen Costa

#### November

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

### 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/>

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## Concert of Sacred Music at Three Saints Church

St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir comes again to Connecticut for a special Sacred Music Concert!

Three Saints Orthodox Church in Ansonia, CT will again be hosting a Concert of Sacred Music, sung by seminarians from St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Canaan, PA on Sunday, December 4th at 4 PM.

As with last year, to honor our former chancellor and beloved pastor emeritus, we will be funding "The Very Rev. Mitered Archpriest Nicholas Timpko St. Tikhon's OCA Seminarian Memorial Scholarship". A further blessing has been offered in the form of a \$5,000 matching grant from a donor in our parish. There is no admission fee, but donations will help fund the scholarship, to help prepare priests and leaders within the Orthodox Church.

Donation checks made out to Three Saints Orthodox Church (with STOTS written on your memo line) may be mailed to:

Three Saints Orthodox Church

ATTN: Scholarship

26 Howard Ave

Ansonia, CT 06401

Contact Rdr .Peter Romanovsky at 203-305-5683 or [pwromanovsky89@gmail.com](mailto:pwromanovsky89@gmail.com) for more information or look us up at [threesaintschurch.org](http://threesaintschurch.org).

May our good Lord bless you for your generosity!

## Advent Lent

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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Nomination of Father Nikodhim

"The Holy Synod, at its recent regular fall 2022 session, has received this nomination with joy and looks forward to your ordination to the episcopacy, by the grace of God, next fall. In all ways therefore it is clear that you have already proved yourself able to be an archimandrite: a ruler of the sheepfold. Today the holy Synod recognizes this fact by honoring you with the title Archimandrite."

Concluding the meetings of the Holy Synod and celebrating the tenth anniversary of his own service as Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, addressed Fr. Nikodhim with the above words at last Sunday's Divine Liturgy. From the heart of the monastery Church of St. Tikhon's and with his brother hierarchs surrounding him, he admonished the newly elevated archimandrite to continue in his service to the faithful of the Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese. By decision of the Holy Synod, Fr. Nikodhim was named administrator of the same.

During their time together, the Synod also designated Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania as the new locum tenens for the Albanian Archdiocese. With his long experience in both

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Byzantine and Slavic service practices and a pronounced talent for shoring up the administrative needs of his own diocese, Abp. Mark embraced this new obligation, promising his care and guidance to the clergy and faithful of this diocesan family.

To Archbishop Mark, locum tenens of the Albanian Archdiocese, and to Fr. Nikodhim, its new administrator, many years! Për shumë vjet!

### **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!

### **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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