

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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November 6, 2022

Upcoming Services and Events

Nov 6 - 9:30 am - Church school children meet with Fr Sergei

9:45 am - General Confession

10:00 am - Divine Liturgy followed by 40-day memorial for Esther Darling, 3-year memorial for Janet Glucksnis Caliendo, and newly departed Carman Costa. Coffee hour will be sponsored by their families.

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

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; Deb Broadus; Jim Cernera; 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 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.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Tara Zarrilli
Carmen Costa
Jonathan Rhodes
Esther Darling

November

- 06 Peter Simon (1945)
Charles James (1948)
Efterpi George (1999)
Peter V. Thanas (2010)
- 07 Vangjel Athanas (1959)
Hane Goures (1954)
- 08 Persephone ("Fanny") Kreshpan Fingelli (2001)
Kay Thanas (2013)
Priftëresha Maria Montgomery (2016)
- 11 Donald D. Tait (2001)
Janet Glucksnis Caliendo (2019)
- 12 Anna Peristere (1964)

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Maria F. Taylor (2009)

Birth Announcement

It is with great joy, **Jason and Crystal Gartsu** announce the birth of their daughter, **Sydney May**, on November 2, 2022. She weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Tom and Elsie Gartsu**. We wish them all many, happy and healthy years!

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.

YTD Stewardship Contribution Statements distributed

A 2022 YTD Contribution Summary, that included donations received through October 23rd, was emailed to parishioners on Wednesday, Oct 26th. For those who have not provided us with an email address, they were handed out at church on Sunday, October 30th. Those remaining from Sunday were physically mailed on Tuesday, November 1st.

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.

Family Bunco Night

Everyone is invited to **BUNCO** night, hosted by Teuta, **Friday, November 11 at 7:00 pm**. No experience is necessary for this fast moving dice game. Easy to learn and fun for all, including kids who enjoy table games. Tickets are \$10/person, half going for prizes and half to St George. BYOB please. Snacks, ice and game necessities will be provided. For tickets contact Diane Cryan (203-520-2811 or cryandb@aol.com) or sign up at the candle desk.

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/>

Teuta Meeting

Please join us today, November 6, to continue discussions on upcoming events for 2022. New members are welcome!

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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!

Slavic Festival

Three Saints Orthodox Church at 26 Howard Ave., Ansonia will hold its "Slavic Festival" on Fri., Nov. 11 th (4 – 7 pm) and Sat., Nov. 12 th (9 am – 4 pm, kitchen opens at 10 am). Enjoy two days of shopping opportunities and a variety of homemade ethnic foods including: pierogi, holupsi, holushki, borscht, cheese blintzes, baked goods, and more. Eat in or take out available. Shop for religious items and tag sale treasures. Take a chance to win a prize in the Basket Raffle. Contact: 203-735-0117 for more information.

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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