# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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**October 11, 2026**

### Upcoming Services and Events

**Oct 11 -** 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr Sergei
**Oct 18 -** 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr Sergei
**Oct 25 -** 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr Theophan
**Nov 1 -** 9:45 am. General Confession
10:000 am - Divine Liturgy w/Bishop Nikodhim. After Divine LIturgy, the Prayer Patio will be blessed

### Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria.*

Very Rev. Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne Aleandro

Father Sergei Bouteneff

Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk

*Those who are sick:* Debbie Adam Garofalo;Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendacs; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Arley Broadus, Debi Broadus; Gregory Buzi II; Joyce Chadwick; Judy Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Kerri Christenson; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; Joan Coughlin; Diane Cryan; Charlie Demetri; Mary DiIulio; Mallory Ferrari; Patti Fischer; Anita Flynn; Mary Fontaine; Yekta Fridkia; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Cindy Jordan; Harry Jordhamo; Christy Kobeli; Mia Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen; John Louis; JR Martikainen; Thomas Matthews; Allison Maynard: Jaimie McCarvill; Timothy McCormick; Melissa Moras; Michael Moras,Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Mary Nikola; Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; Jessica Riha; Molly Sabas; David Schutte; Charles & Joann Soter; Terri Spinelli; Ted Tallcouch; Cheryl Themel; Paulette Todisco; Mary Valis; Stephan Valis; Joe Vitale

***If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at kimobrien720@gmail.com.***

### Prayers in Memoriam

**40 Days**

Donna Veneri

**October**

12 Alexandra Vangjel *(1962)*
Paul Leka *(2011)*
13 George Tallcouch (1967)
Kosta Theodos *(1958)*
Helen Constantine Vissar *(1999)*
17 James Lowel *(1963)*

### Refill the Pantry Drive

In 2025, St. George was first asked to participate with all Trumbull Faith-based communities and organizations in a program called Refill the Pantry to support The Trumbull Food Pantry.

Refill the Pantry is holding a non-perishable food collection at the Trumbull Stop & Shop (at 100 Quality Street) from 9AM to 5PM on Saturday, October 24th.

To support this food collection effort, and as we did last year, *we will be collecting non-perishable food items at St. George for the next 5 weeks, from Sunday, Sept 27th through Sunday,* ***Oct 18*** for Refill the Pantry.

We will have these items picked up from Refill the Pantry during the week of Oct 25th to be delivered to the Trumbull Food Pantry. Additionally, our November Charity Tray for cash donations will be dedicated to the Trumbull Food Pantry.

## St. Nektarios Vespers - Christ the Savior

***Below is an invitation from Fr. Moses Locke of Christ the Savior Church in Southbury for the Vespers of St. Nektarios:***

**All are invited to join us at Christ the Savior Parish in Southbury, Sunday November 8th, 2026 at 4:00 pm for the Vespers of St. Nektarios.**

There will be a procession with his relics, prayers for the sick and anointing with the oil from St. Nektarios' tomb. A buffet will follow. On Monday November 9th, there will be Divine Liturgy at 9:15 am, all are invited.

## Bishop Nikodhim Visits Available - Nov 1

Bishop Nikodhim has offered to provide Pastoral visits to those in need. The confirmed date is Sunday, November 1, after liturgy. Please contact a member of the council if interested.

Additionally, Bishop Nikodhim will be blessing the **Prayer Patio** after Liturgy.

## Help Needed - Fall Bazaar

The **Church Bazaar** is around the corner and will be held in our church hall on **Saturday, October 24**, from **11:30AM to 5:30PM**.

There are many ways you can help:

The *Take a Chance* table is looking for new gifts such as themed baskets, gift cards, wine and children's gifts. See **Luba Csernica:** luba.csernica@gmail.com or 203-414-8141 (Mobile) .

Please consider baking for our *Baked Goods* table. See **Kim O'Brien:** kimobrien720@gmail. com or 203-907-5578 or **Karen Masek.**

*We welcome any donations to help offset food costs.* The ethnic foods we sell are the major revenue driver for our Bazaar, and any help to defray the food costs helps our profitability. Please see **Sue Galich:** sub01962@gmail.com or 203-258-1498 (Mobile) and/or **Diane Cryan:** cryandb@aol.com or 203-520-2811 (Mobile).

Finally, *miscellaneous help and labor is needed for a successful event*. Teuta is specifically looking for help with the **Children's Table**. Additionally, If you would like to work at the bazaar or are looking for another way to help, please talk to Luba, Diane, Kim, Karen or any other Teuta members.

## October Charity Tray

Our 2026 October Charity Tray will be dedicated to **The Theological Student Fund** *(Seminarian Fund)* of the Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America.

As a reminder, you will find a special envelope in your Offering Envelope box labeled "Seminarian Fund" in the October slot.

## FOCUS Bridgeport - Opportunities in the Fall

**Fall is full of opportunities to get involved with FOCUS**! We're ramping up our Beardsley snack bag program so that every child—325 to be exact!—receives a nourishing snack bag each time we visit. We'll also make and serve dinner to Beardsley families in October, hold a food drive for Thanksgiving, and a toy drive for Christmas. The rhythm of our monthly Community Meals will continue, giving us an opportunity to offer a hot meal, clothing, and a welcoming connection to our neighbors. Come when you can, bring a friend, and find a way to serve that works for you. Our programs are scheduled on weekdays, weeknights, and weekends!

If you have any questions, please talk to Cathy Hotova to learn about her personal experiences volunteering with FOCUS Bridgeport.

October 13 — Beardsley Snack Bags
October 22 — Beardsley Family Night Meal
October 31 — Community Meal @ Holy Ghost

## Pastoral Emergency Care

If there is an emergency, and you would like a priest to contact you, call Bill Kovachi at 203-449-4404 or email Curt Dionis- curtstg@yahoo.com

***"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"***