

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: The Fourth Sunday of Luke
Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins

17: 7:00 a.m. Matins

18: 7:00 a.m. Matins

19: 7:00 a.m. Matins

20: 7:00 a.m. Matins

21: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

22: The Fifth Sunday of Luke

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

23: 7:00 a.m. Matins

24: 7:00 a.m. Matins

25: 7:00 a.m. Matins

6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

26: 7:00 a.m. Matins

27: 7:00 a.m. Matins

28: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

29: The Sixth Sunday of Luke

9:30 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Vladimir Aleandro; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Toni Barmashi; Matushka Deborah Belonick; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando

Dias; Pandora Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle & Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril & Patricia Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Karen Marlin; Albert Masek, Sr.; Jeanine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Pat Perrotta, Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Patricia Cook Johnson; George Barmashi;
Dean Chambers, Jr.

October

17 James Lowel (1963)

18 Jennie Michele (1998)

Coffee Hour

Today: ??????????????????????????????????????

22: ??????????????????????????????????????

22: The Nani Family, in honor of
Nikolas' birthday

If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please sign up on the poster in the Church Hall.

Hawaiian Myrrh-streaming Icon to visit

This Friday, October 20, 2017, the “**Hawaiian Myrrh-streaming Icon**” of the Virgin Mary will visit *St. Dimitrie Church* in Easton. The Icon will arrive at 4:30 p.m. that day, and the Akathist service will be chanted at 6:30 p.m.

News from the Teuta Ladies’ Society

The **Teuta Ladies’ Society** annual **Bazaar** will be held this Saturday, October 21st.

This is **the** major fund-raising event for our Parish each year and there are many costs involved in putting it on. Please help us make it as much of a success as possible by making monetary donations to offset the costs of the *Bazaar*.

In addition, we need people to make items for the *Baked Goods Table*, as well as donations for the *Attic Treasures Table* and the *Take a Chance Table*. Also, please consider placing an ad in the **Program Booklet**. Forms are available at the Candle Desk.

Please see *Louise Gallagher* or *Susan Galich* if you can help.

Lakror for sale

Lakrors—Leek, Spinach and Sauerkraut—are now available to order for delivery after the Bazaar on October 21st. The cost is \$50.00 each. See *Laura Denisevich* or *Laura Chadwick* to place an order.

News from the Women’s Council

The **Orthodox Christian Women’s Council of Connecticut** will meet on Saturday October 21st at 12:30 p.m. at *St. Dimitrie Orthodox Church* on Sport Hill Road in Easton. This will be its Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, and Pot Luck Lunch.

Attendance and membership is open to all the women of the Eastern Orthodox Christian Churches in Connecticut.

More news from the Women’s Council

The *Orthodox Women’s Council’s* annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) will begin in September and end in March. (Please note, sweat pants will work for the 18-year-olds).

If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

Notification of illness

When you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please be sure to let Father Dennis know so he can visit. He can be reached at 203-598-4678.

Educational Mini-Series to be held

On Wednesday, October 25th, we will hold the second installment of our adult education “mini-series” on Saints in our Church Hall at 7:00 p.m., following the celebration of the Akathist Hymn, “Glory to God for All Things.”

This month, we will discuss how a Saint is recognized or canonized, according to the Orthodox Church.

Parish Finances

Be sure to take a look at the sign at the Candle Desk which shows last month’s income and expenses.

Charity Collection

This month we are supporting the **Theological Student Fund** of our Albanian Archdiocese.

This Fund supports young men from our Archdiocese who are studying for the Priesthood as well as clergy and others who are continuing their education or who are travelling to Albania to support the Church there.

Please be generous!

∴THE SOWER OF GOOD SEEDS∴



Titus 3:8-15

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works: these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile. Avoid a factious man after warning him once or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apolos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

Luke 8:5-15

The LORD told this parable: "The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden underfoot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns

sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundredfold." When He had said this, He cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." But His disciples then began to ask Him what this parable meant. He said to them, "To you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience." When He had said this, He cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Titos 3:8-15

Bir Tito, për të besuar është fjala; dhe këto dua t'i vërtetosh, që të kujdesen ata që i kanë besuar Perëndisë të jenë të parë për punë të mira. Këto janë të mirat e të dobishmet për njerëzit. Po nga diskutime të marra, e gjenealogji njerëzish, e grindje, dhe luftra ligji largohu, sepse janë të padobishme e të kota. Nga njeriu heretik, si ta mësosh një herë e dy herë, hiq dorë, duke ditur se i tilli është i prishur, dhe mëkaton, sepse e ka dënuar veten. Kur të dërgoj Artemain ose Tihikun tek ti, shpejto të vish tek unë në Nikopol, sepse atje vendosa të dimëroj. Juristin Zina dhe Apolloin përcilli me kujdes, që të mos u mungojë atyre asgjë. Edhe le të mësojnë edhe tanët të jenë të parë për punë të mira për nevojat e domosdoshme, që të mos jenë të pafrytshëm. Të përshëndesin të gjithë ata që janë bashkë me mua. Përshëndeti ata që na duan në besim. Hiri qoftë bashkë me të gjithë ju. Amin.

Llukai 8:5-15

ZOTI tha këtë paravollë: "Doli mbjellësi të mbillte farën e tij; dhe ndërsa ai po mbillte, ca farë ra pranë udhës, dhe u shkel, dhe zogjtë e qiellit e hëngrën. Edhe tjetër ra mbi gur, dhe sapo mbiu u tha, sepse nuk kishte lagështirë. Edhe tjetër ra në

mes të drizave, dhe si mbinë drizat bashkë me atë, e mbytën. Edhe tjetër ra në dhe të mirë, dhe si mbiu, dha pemë për një njëqind." Duke thënë këto, thërriste: "Kush ka veshë për të dëgjuar, le të dëgjojë." Edhe nxënësit e tij e pyetnin, duke thënë: "Ç'të jetë kjo paravoli?" Edhe ai tha: "Juve ju është dhënë të njihni fshehtësitat e mbretërisë së Perëndisë; po të tjerëve me paravoli, që duke parë të mos shohin edhe duke dëgjuar të mos kuptojnë. Edhe paravolia është kjo: Fara është fjala e Perëndisë. Ajo pranë udhës janë ata që dëgjojnë; pastaj vjen djalli dhe ngre fjalën prej zemrës së tyre, që të mos besojnë e të shpëtojnë. Edhe ajo mbi gur janë ata, të cilët, kur dëgjojnë, me gëzim e pranojnë fjalën; po këta s'kanë rrënjë; sepse ata besojnë për ca kohë, po në kohë ngasjeje largohen. Edhe ajo që ra tek drizat, këta janë ata që dëgjuan, po nga kujdesjet e nga pasuria dhe nga kënaqësitë e kësaj jete shkojnë e mbyten, e nuk bëjnë pemë. Edhe ajo që ra në dhe të mirë, këta janë ata që dëgjuan fjalën dhe e mbajnë në zemër të mirë e të pastër, dhe bëjnë pemë me durim." Duke thënë këto, thërriste: "Kush ka veshë për të dëgjuar, le të dëgjojë."