

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services and Events

#### Today: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

29: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 30: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

31: 7:00 a.m. Matins

Nov. 1: 7:00 a.m. Matins

2: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for All Things"

3: 7:00 a.m. Matins

4: 7:00 a.m. Matins

5: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

#### 6: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:45 a.m. General Confession

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Dimitri Ndini (*USMC*), *servicing in our armed forces*.

*Those who are sick:* Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; Michael, Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; Serge Bouteneff; Debi Broadus; Matushka Mara Burns; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James Dionis; Kevin Donnelly; Danielle Galich; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; June Lopen; Nicolas Lucas; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn;

Kimberly Orosz; Deborah Owen; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Stephen Phillips; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruskowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; John Szalkowski; Christian & Theodore Tallcouch; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale.

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

John Reh; David Rhodes;  
William Hurd; Christine Morrison;  
Archimandrite Alexander (Pihach)

#### October

- 24 Lambi Adams (1953)  
25 Dimitri Tasi (1971)  
26 Ilia Pappas (1958)  
Lambi Vasil Chala (1978)  
27 Mary James (1957)  
Maria Cuventas (1984)  
Krisavgi Vani (2003)  
Elsie Marko (2013)  
28 Eliria (Lee) Thanos (1996)  
29 George Naum Adams (1968)

### Coffee Hour

- Today:** Kiril & Patty Ivanov and Mary Middlemass  
**30:** The Michael Family, in memory of Elsie Marko  
**Nov. 6:** Katerina, Sofia and Shorena  
**13:** Matthew Morrison, on the 40<sup>th</sup> Day since his mother, Christina's death.

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

### Welcome

We welcome to St. George Church today, **Father Sergei Bouteneff**, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy while Father Dennis is away.

### Father Dennis to be away

Father Dennis is away this weekend attending a memorial service for his brother, David. He will be at St. Vladimir's Seminary for the rest of the week participating in classes, and will return on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

If there are any emergencies while he is away, contact an Orthodox Priest near you.

### The Teuta Bazaar a success

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make yesterday's **Teuta Bazaar** a success!

### Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

This Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **Jesus Prayer Meditation Group** at the home of Gregory Buzi II, 60 Brookdale Rd. in Seymour. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayers followed by recitation of the Jesus Prayer and a period of silence. A meal will be provided after the meditation.

Speak to Gregory for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

### Akathist and Adult Education

This Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Akathist and Adult Education will not be held, since Father Dennis is away. We will resume on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Order your Lakrors soon

If anyone would like to order a whole Lakror, please notify *Laura Chadwick* or *Laura Denisevich* as soon as possible.

### Join the Binky Patrol

On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the **Binky Patrol** will meet at 6:30 p.m. in our Church Hall to make blankets for critically ill or traumatized children. Admission is \$10.00 per person and a pot-luck dish. See *Sharon Buzi* for details and to register.

### Saint Nectarios Vespers

On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, **Great Vespers** for the **Feast of Saint Nectarios of Aegina** will be celebrated at *Christ the Savior Church* in Southbury, Conn. The service will begin at 4:00 p.m., with *Archbishop Nikon* presiding. As usual, there will be a procession with the relics of the saint, anointing with oil and prayers for the sick.

Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall.

### Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the **Akathist to the Icon of the Virgin, "The Inexhaustible Cup"** at 7:00 p.m., followed by our group meeting. This is a change to the second Friday of the month from the usual third Friday because of the Teuta Ladies' Society Bazaar on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

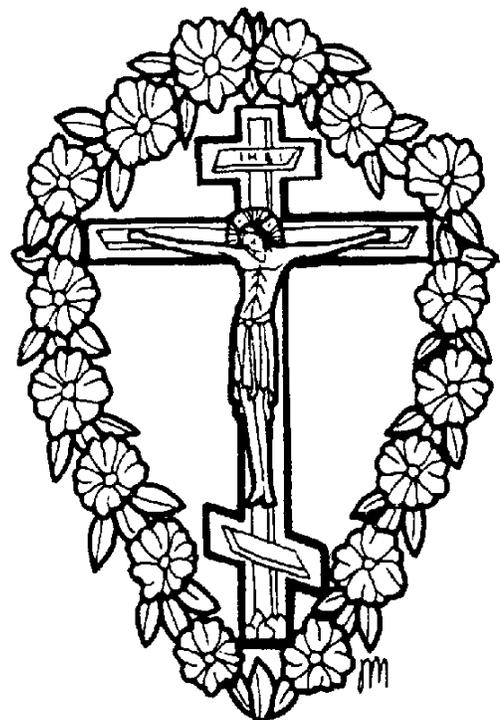
The focus of the meeting will be the *Eleventh Step*.

### 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!



**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let everyone give as much as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that always having ample means, you may abound in every good work, as it is written, "He has scattered abroad and has given to the poor: His righteousness remains forever." Now, He who provides the sower with seed will both give you bread to eat and multiply your seed, and will increase the growth of the fruits of your justification — that being enriched in all things, you may contribute with simplicity of purpose, and thus through us evoke thanksgiving to God.

**Luke 16:19-31**

The LORD told this parable: "There was a certain rich man who used to clothe himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted every day in splendid fashion. And there was a certain poor man, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. And it came to pass

that the poor man died and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom; but the rich man also died and was buried in hell. And lifting up his eyes, being in torments, he saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember you in your lifetime have received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now here he is comforted whereas you are tormented. And besides all that, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who wish to pass over from this side to you cannot, and they cannot cross from your side to us.' And he said, 'Then, father, I pray you to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they too come into this place of torments.' And Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' But he answered, 'No father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead.'"

## 2 Korinthianëve 9:6-11

Vëllezër, ai që mbjell me kursim, edhe do të korrë me kursim; dhe ai që mbjell me dorë të hapët, edhe do të korrë me dorë të hapët. Gjithësecili le të japë si t'i dojë zemra, jo me hidhërim, ose nga nevoja, sepse Perëndia do atë që jep me zemër të gëzuar. Edhe Perëndia është i fortë të shtojë me të tepërt çdo hir tek ju, që duke pasur gjithnjë në çdo gjë gjithë sa duhen, t'ju teprojnë për çdo punë të mirë, siç është shkruar: "Shpërndau, u dha të varfërve; drejtësia e tij mbetet përjetë." Edhe ai që i jep farë atij që mbjell, dhe bukë për të ngrënë, dhëntë e shumoftë farën tuaj, dhe rritë frytet e drejtësisë suaj; që të pasuroheni nga të gjitha në çdo punë që kërkon bujari, e cila përpunon me anën tonë falënderim për Perëndinë.

## Llukait 16:19-31

ZOTI tha këtë paravolla: "Një njeri ishte i pasur, dhe vishej me purpur e me stoli të kuqe, duke gëzuar përditë ndriçim. Ishte dhe një i varfër që e kishte emrin Llazar, i cili dergjej pranë portës së atij plot me plagë, edhe dëshironte të ngopej me thërrimet që binin nga tryeza e të pasurit; por edhe qentë vinin e lëpinin plagët e tij. Edhe i varfëri vdiq dhe u pru nga engjëjt në gjirin e

Abrahamit. Vdiq edhe i pasuri dhe u varros. Edhe në hadh, ku ishte në mundime, ngriti sytë e tij e sheh Abrahamin së largu, dhe Llazarin në gjirin e atij. Edhe ai thërriti e tha: 'O atë Abraham, përdëllemë, dhe dërgo Llazarin, që të lyejë majën e gishtit të tij në ujë, dhe të më ftohë gjuhën; sepse po mundohem në këtë flakë.' Po Abrahami i tha: 'O djalë, kujtohu, se ti i more të mirat e tua në jetën tënde, dhe Llazari gjithashtu të këqijat; po tani ky prehet, e ti mundohesh. Edhe mbi gjithë këto, në mes nesh e jush është ngulur një pafundësi e madhe, që kështu ata që duan të shkojnë së këtejmi tek ju, të mos mundin, as të andejmit të kalojnë tek ne.' Edhe ai tha: 'Të lutem pra, o atë, ta dërgosh atë në shtëpinë e tim eti, sepse kam pesë vëllezër; që të japë dëshmi ndër ata, që të mos vijnë edhe ata në këtë vend të mundimit.' Abrahami i thotë: 'Kanë Moisiun dhe profetët; le të dëgjojnë ata.' Edhe ai tha: 'Jo, o atë Abraham; por në shkoftë ndonjë nga të vdekurit tek ata, do të pendohen.' Edhe ai i tha: 'Në qoftë se nuk dëgjojnë Moisiun dhe profetët, as në u ngjalltë ndonjë nga të vdekurit, s'kanë për t'u bindur.'"