

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: The Sixth Sunday of Luke

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Nov. 4: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

5: The Seventh Sunday of Luke

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:45 a.m. General Confession

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and 40-Day Memorial Prayers for George Barmashi

6: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7: 7:00 a.m. Matins

8: 7:00 a.m. Matins

9: 7:00 a.m. Matins

10: 7:00 a.m. Matins

11: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

12: The Eighth 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. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Matushka Suzanne Aleandro; Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Toni Barmashi; 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.; Jeannine 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; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

George Barmashi; Dean Chambers, Jr.; Virginia Cook; Matushka Marie Kreta

October

29 George Naum Adams (1968)

31 Fannie Bejou (1979)

Nicholas Adam (1992)

Kostica Boria (1992)

November

02 Thulla Nago (1950)

Coffee Hour

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

Nov. 5: The Barmashi Family, in memory of George

12: Stuffed-Cabbage Dinner

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

Condolences

We learned of the death on October 23rd, of **Matushka Marie Kreta**, the mother of *Fr. John Kreta* and mother-in-law of *Evelyn Leka Kreta*.

Memory Eternal!

I Përjetshim Kujtimi!

Father Dennis to be away

Father Dennis will be away for a week on vacation, leaving tomorrow, October 30th, and returning on Friday, November 3rd.

In his absence, daily services will not be celebrated. If there is an emergency while he is away, contact Fr. George Coca at 203-895-5464, or an Orthodox priest near you.

Special Luncheon

There will be a **Stuffed Cabbage Luncheon** on Sunday, November 12th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, sponsored by the *Teuta Ladies' Society*. The meal will consist of lazy stuffed cabbage, rice, vegetable, salad, and dessert. There will be chicken tenders available for children who would prefer it over the cabbage.

The cost is \$15.00 for adults. Children 12 and under are invited free of charge.

See *Laura Chadwick* or *Laura Denisevich* if you would like to attend. Thank you. We promise it will be delicious!

St. Nectarios Day celebration

On Sunday, November 12th, His Eminence, Archbishop Nikon, will preside at the celebration of Great Vespers for St. Nectarios of Aegina at Christ the Savior Church in Southbury, Conn.

The service will begin at 4:00 p.m., and will be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

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, November 29th, we will hold the third 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."

In our final session, titled "Who is my Saint?", we will discuss why Saints are important for us and how we can relate to our patron Saint and the other Saints of the Church calendar.

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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 travelling to Albania to support the Church there.

Please be generous!

∴JESUS EXPELS THE DEMONS∴



Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means! For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the Cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Luke 8:27-39

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met Him a certain man from the town who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I pray You, do not torment me." For He was forcing the unclean spirit to go out from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and ropes, and

kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the wilderness. And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many devils had entered into him. And he begged Him not to command them to go into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept begging Him to let them enter into them. And He did. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned. And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at His feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how the demoniac had been saved. And all the people of the Gerasene district asked Him to go away; for they were seized with great fear. And He got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed Him that he might remain with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your house, and tell all that God has done for you." And he left proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for him.

Galatianëve 2:16-20

Vëllezër, duke ditur se s'del i drejtë njeriu prej veprash ligji, veçse me anë të besimit të Jisu Krishtit, edhe ne i besuam Jisu Krishtit, që të dalim të drejtë prej besimit të Krishtit, dhe jo prej veprave të ligjit; sepse asnjë njeri s'ka për të dalë i drejtë prej veprave të ligjit. Po në qoftë se duke kërkuar të dalim të drejtë në Krishtin, u gjetëm edhe ne mëkatarë, Krishti pa fjalë qenka shërbëtor i mëkatit? Qoftë larg. Sepse nëse ndërtoj përsëri ato që prisha, bëj veten time ligjshkelës. Sepse unë me anë të ligjit vdiqa në ligj, që të rroj në Perëndinë. Bashkë me Krishtin u kryqëzova; dhe s'rroj më unë, po Krishti rron tek unë; dhe atë që rroj unë tani në mish, rroj në besimin e Birit të Perëndisë, i cili më deshi dhe dorëzoi veten e tij për mua.

Llukait 8:26-39

Në atë kohë, kur arriti Jisuj në vendin e Gadarinëve, që është përtej Galilesë. Edhe kur doli në tokë, i doli përpara një njeri prej qytetit, që kishte djaj prej shumë vjetësh, dhe rrobë nuk vishte, dhe në shtëpi nuk rrinte, po nëpër varre. Edhe kur pa Jisuin, bërtiti e i ra ndër këmbë, e me zë të madh tha: "Ç'ke me mua, Jisu, bir i Perëndisë së Lartë? Të lutem, mos më mundo." Sepse ai urdhëroi frymën e ndyrë të dalë nga njeriu; sepse

prej shumë vjetësh e kishte rrëmbyer, dhe lidhej me vargonj, dhe ruhej me hekura këmbësh; po ai i këpuste prangat, dhe sillej prej djallit nëpër shkretëtira. Edhe Jisui e pyeti, duke thënë: "Si ta thonë emrin?" Edhe ai i tha: "Legjion;" sepse kishin hyrë tek ai shumë djaj. Edhe i luteshin të mos i urdhëronte të shkonin në pafundësi. Edhe atje ishte një tufë e madhe derrash duke kullotur në mal; dhe i luteshin t'i linte të hyjnë tek ata; dhe ai i la. Edhe djajtë, si dolën prej njeriut, hynë te derrat; dhe tufa e derrave u hodh prej shkëmbit në liqen dhe u mbyt. Edhe kullotësit, kur panë se ç'u bë, ikën dhe shkuan e lajmëruan në qytet e nëpër ara. Edhe dolën të shihnin se ç'u bë; dhe erdhën te Jisui, dhe e gjetën njeriun, prej të cilit kishin dalë djajtë, duke ndenjurr pranë këmbëve të Jisuit, të veshur e të urtësuar; dhe u frikësuan. U treguan dhe ata që e panë, si shpëtoi i demonizuari. Edhe gjithë turma e vendeve rreth Gadarinëve i luteshin të ikë nga ata, sepse i kishte zënë frikë e madhe; dhe ai hyri në lundër, e u kthye. Edhe njeriu, prej të cilit kishin dalë djajtë, i lutej të jetë bashkë me të; po Jisui e lëshoi, duke thënë: "Kthehu në shtëpinë tënde, dhe rrëfe gjithë sa bëri Perëndia mbi ty." Edhe ai shkoi duke predikuar nëpër gjithë qytetin sa bëri Jisui mbi të.