

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m. General Confession

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

5: 7:00 a.m. Matins

6: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7: 6:30 p.m. "Glory to God for all Things"

8: Nativity of the Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Matins

9: 7:00 a.m. Matins

10: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

11: Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

12: 7:00 a.m. Matins

13: 7:00 a.m. Matins

14: Elevation of the Holy Cross

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

15: 7:00 a.m. Matins

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. "Inexhaustible Cup"

17: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

18: Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross

9:45 a.m. Church School opening

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Procession
with the Holy Cross

19: 7:00 a.m. Matins

20: 7:00 a.m. Matins

22: 7:00 a.m. Matins

24: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

25: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Dimitri Ndini (*USMC*), *serving 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 Cerna; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James Dionis; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; June Lopen; Nicolas Lucas; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Christine & Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; Deborah Owen; James Pando; Pat Perrotta; Violet Polena, Dena Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruskowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Paullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale; Robert Volpe.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Florence Chala

September

- 4 Marigo Vero (1960)
Vera Marko (1974)
- 5 Thomaida J. Dionis (1950)
- 6 Efthim Vissar (1967)
- 7 Koli Dalti (1962)
James Peters (2005)
- 9 Sotir Vani (1966)
Vasil (William) Tasi (1996)
Michael Leka (2006)

Coffee Hour

Today: The Bowe Family

11: The Soter Family, in memory of Meni

18: The Adam Family, in memory of Michael

25: The Michael Family, in memory of Florence

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

Akathist and Bible Study to resume

This Wednesday, September 7th, we will resume the celebration of the Akathist Hymn, "**Glory to God for All Things**" at 6:30 p.m. and our Bible Study group at approximately 7:00 p.m.

At this first meeting, we will hear from *Dolores Nauchy* about her recent trip to Albania. We will also discuss what we will be doing next.

Regular Service Hours return

Next Sunday, September 11th, we will return to our regular schedule of services. Beginning that day, the Sunday Divine Liturgy will start at 10:00 a.m.

Please take note.

A Note about Parking

When parking your car, please do not park along the sidewalk in front of the Church. Use one of the marked parking spots.

Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, September 16th. We will celebrate the **Akathist to the Icon of the Virgin, "The Inexhaustible Cup"** at 7:00 p.m., followed by our group meeting.

The focus of the meeting will be the *Eighth and Ninth Steps*.

Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, September 27th, 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.

Church School Opening Day

The first day for the 2016/2017 **Church School Year** will be September 18th. Please take note.

FORCC Banquet

The 22nd **Annual FORCC Benefit Dinner** will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th. This year's event will be held at St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church on Sport Hill Road in Easton. **Deacon Stephanos Ritsi**, an American missionary working in Albania, will be the guest speaker.

Menu options include chicken or stuffed fish fillet. Tickets are \$35 per person for adults and \$10 per person for children and must be purchased by today (no tickets sold at the door).

See *Father Dennis* or *Bob Lazar* for information.

Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet

The new **Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet** for 2016/2017 is now posted on the wall in the Church Hall.

Take a look today and sign up to host a Coffee Hour in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** annual **Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, October 22nd.

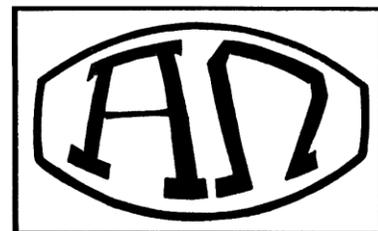
This is **the** major fund-raising event for our Parish each year and there are many costs involved in putting it on. Please help us make it as much of a success as possible by making monetary donations to offset the costs of the *Bazaar*.

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

Charity Collection

This month we are again supporting the **Rett Syndrome Research Trust** which raises funds for research into *Rett Syndrome*, the disease that took *Eva Karajani* from us two years ago this month.

Please be generous!



1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren, you are the seal set upon my Apostleship in the LORD. My defense against those who question me is this: have we not a right to eat and to drink? Have we not a right to take around with us a sister woman, as do the other Apostles, and the brethren of the LORD, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have not the right of exemption from manual labor? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Who tends the flock and does not drink of the flock's milk? Do I speak these things on human authority? Or does not the Law also say these things? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain." Is God concerned about the oxen, or does He say this simply for our sakes? These things were written for us. For he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes, in the expectation of partaking of the fruit. If we have sown for you spiritual things, is it such an affair if we reap from you material things? If others share in this right over you, why should it not rather go to us? Yet, we have not used this right, but we bear all our expenses, lest we be a hindrance to Christ's Good News.

Matthew 18:23-35

The LORD told this parable: "The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who desired

to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him millions. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt. But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a small amount, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' But he would not; but went away and threw him into prison until he would pay what was due. His fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, 'Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you begged me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on you?' And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he would pay all that was due to him. So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts."

1 Korinthianëve 9:2-12

Vëllezër, në mos jam apostull mbi të tjerë, po së paku mbi ju jam; sepse në ZOTIN vula e apostolisë sime jeni ju. Përgjigja ime për ata që më gjykojnë, kjo është. Mos nuk kemi edhe ne pushtet të hamë e të pimë? Mos nuk kemi edhe ne pushtet të marrim me vete një grua nga motrat, si dhe apostujt e tjerë, dhe vëllezërit e ZOTIT, dhe Qefai? Apo vetëm unë dhe Varnava nuk kemi pushtet të mos punojmë? Cili shkon ndonjëherë në luftë me shpenzimet e veta? Cili mbjell vresht, dhe nuk ha nga fruti i tij? Ose cili kullot grigjë, dhe nuk ha nga qumështi i grigjës? Mos i flas unë këto vetëm si njeri? Apo nuk thotë këto edhe ligji? Sepse në ligjin e Moisiut është shkruar: “Nuk do t’i lidhësh gojën kaut që shin.” Mos për qetë ka kujdes Perëndia? Apo për ne në të vërtetë e thotë këtë? Sepse për ne u shkrua, se ai që lëron, me shpresë duhet të lërojë; dhe ai që shin, shin me shpresë se do të ketë pjesë në shpresën e tij. Ne, nëse mbollëm tek ju gjërat shpirtërore, punë e madhe është po të korrim gjërat tuaja të mishta? Në qoftë se të tjerë marrin pjesë të këtij pushteti mbi ju, a nuk duhet më tepër ne? Po ne nuk e përdorëm këtë pushtet, por i durojmë të gjitha, që të mos sjellim ndonjë pengesë në ungjillin e Krishtit.

Matheu 18:23-35

ZOTI tha këtë paravola: “Mbretëria e qiejve ngjan me një njeri mbret, që deshi të lajë llogaritë me

shërbëtorët e tij. Edhe kur zuri të lajë llogaritë, i prunë një huamarrës që i detyrohej dhjetë mijë talanta. Edhe pasi ai nuk kishte t’i lante, i zoti urdhëroi të shitet ai dhe gruaja e tij dhe të bijtë e gjithë ç’kishte, dhe të lahej detyrimi. Po shërbëtori i ra ndër këmbë, e i lutej, duke thënë: ‘Zot, bëhu zemërgjerë me mua, dhe do të t’i laj të gjitha.’ Edhe të zotit, si iu dhimbs për atë shërbëtor, e lëshoi, dhe ia la detyrimin. Po ai shërbëtor, si doli, gjeti një nga shokët e tij shërbëtorë që i detyrohej atij njëqind dinarë; dhe si e zuri, po e mbyste, duke thënë: ‘Më laj ç’detyrim më ke.’ Atëherë pra shoku i tij shërbëtor i ra ndër këmbë, e i lutej, duke thënë: ‘Bëhu zemërgjerë me mua, dhe do të t’i laj të gjitha.’ Edhe ai nuk donte, po shkoi dhe e vuri në burg, deri sa t’i lante detyrimin. Edhe shokët e tij shërbëtorë, kur panë se ç’u bë, u helmuan fort; dhe erdhën e i rrëfyan të zotit gjithë sa u bënë. Atëherë i zoti e thirri pranë e i tha: ‘Shërbëtor i lig, gjithë atë detyrim ta lashë ty, sepse m’u lute. A nuk duhej edhe ti ta përdëlleje shokun tënd shërbëtor, siç të përdëlleva edhe unë ty?’ Edhe i zoti u zemërua, edhe e dha në duart e atyre që mendojnë, deri sa të lante gjithë detyrimin që i kishte atij. Kështu edhe Ati im qiellori do t’jua bëjë juve, në mos ua falshi prej zemrës suaj gjithësecili të vëllait fajet e veta.”