

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services/Events

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

**16:** 9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**22:** Teuta Bazaar

**23:** 9:30 a.m. Church School  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

### Prayers for Blessings/Health

His Grace **Bishop Nikon; Protopresbyter Demetrios Recachinas; Christy Adams; Kirsten Battachio (USMC); Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; Georgika Boria; Diana Breaz; Jeanne Brideau; Elvira Chadwick; Jessica Chadwick; Charles (Basil) Csernica; Eva Demetri; Charles Dougiello, Sr.; Cindy Held; David Hirst, Sr.; Richard Hirst; Nicholas Hotova; Diane Hoffmeyer; Leonard Iancale; Eva Karajani; William Kovachi; Meni Kyriacou; Christy Lambert; John Louis; Thomas Matthews; Michael Molnar; Kelly Montagna; Louise Moran; Theodore Morrison; Thomas Nicholas, Sr.; James Pando; Pandora Plasa; Eleanor Polena; Violet Polena; Mark Rizzo; Suzanne Russell; Mark Sabatino; Mary Sak; David Schutte; Noella Sidarweck; Gloria Simo; David Snedegar; Vangel Soter; Tessie Sotir; Helen Tallcouch; Jo Anne Tallcouch; Mary & Peter Themel; Michael, Thalia & Leonora Thomas; Aphrodita (Rita) Vangel; William Vasil; Marilyn Vissar; Robert Volpe; Galina**

Voronin; Alexa Wilson; Kaitlyn Woolard; Quincy.

*As a community of Faith our prime responsibility is to support one another – in both faith and action. Prayer combines both. Please submit the name of the person for whom you wish to pray – and remember that when the prayers have been answered, to take that name off the list as well.*

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### October

- 09 Constantine A. Jordhamo (1978)
- 10 Thimistokli Kovachi (1939)  
Peter Konstandine (1954)  
Andrew L. Leka (1955)  
Kosta Rubis (1980)
- 12 AlexandraVangjel (1962)
- 13 Kosta Theodos (1958)
- 14 Helen Constantine Vissar (1999)

### Coffee Hour

- Today:** ??????????????????????????????
- 16:** ??????????????????????????????
- 23:** ??????????????????????????????
- 30:** ??????????????????????????????

If you would like to sponsor coffee hour, please notify Kim O'Brien. Phone: 203-877-2286 or email: [IBALL007@aol.com](mailto:IBALL007@aol.com)

### Zumba Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with our **Zumba Fundraiser** last week, especially to coordinators **Laura Chadwick** and **Sharon Buzi**, as well as instructor **Heatherly Law** and **DJ Stillo**, who donated their time.

The Parish took in \$1,335.00 at this event.

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For the month of October our Charity Collections will go to the renovation of our **Archdiocesan Chancery Offices**

**Teuta Bazaar**

The **Teuta Ladies’ Society** annual **Bazaar** will be held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the ladies are looking for your help:

The *Chinese Auction* is in need of gifts and gift baskets for their table. Contact Luba Csernica (203-459-8030) or Mary Nikola (203-268-6118) if you can contribute.

The *Baked Goods Table* is calling upon parishioners to donate baked goods. They would prefer ethnic pastries, but all kinds are appreciated. Contact Zoe Michael or Kay Thanas.

**St. Dimitrie’s Consecration Celebration**

**St. Dimitrie’s Parish Community** will celebrate the consecration of its new Church building on October 28 and 29, 2011.

Vespers and a welcome reception for Archbishop Nathaniel will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28.

The Consecration Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, and be followed by a Gala Banquet at Testo’s Restaurant on Madison Avenue in Bridgeport.

Tickets for the Banquet are \$50 per person for adults and \$25 per person for children. Call the Church Office (203-268-8237) for information and reservations.

**CONNECTIONS**

At our Archdiocesan Assembly, we heard about a project called **CONNECTIONS**, which looks to partner needy organizations or people in Albania with donors from America.

We need a volunteer who would help to coordinate this effort in our parish. If anyone would like to help, please speak to Father Dennis or Laura Chadwick.

**Natural Church Development**

At our last Parish Meeting, we agreed to begin the **Natural Church Development (NCD)** program, under the guidance of Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff, secretary of the Orthodox Church in America’s Department of Evangelization.

Under the program, the health of our parish will be assessed on the basis of eight “Quality Characteristics”: *Empowering Leadership, Gift-based Ministry, Fervent Spirituality, Effective Structures, Inspiring Worship, Holistic Fellowship Groups, Need-oriented Evangelism, and Loving Relationships*. The lowest scoring characteristic is known as the “Minimum Factor.”

Father Jonathan will be here on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, to conduct an orientation workshop for our **Church Health Team**. This team is a small group of our parishioners who will direct the actual NCD program in the parish. Some of the responsibilities of the team will be to:

- Select parishioners to take the NCD survey.
- Conduct focus groups— small groups of parishioners who meet informally and discuss why a particular aspect of parish life is the “Minimum Factor” and what can be done about it.
- Compile the data collected from the focus groups and prepare an “Action Plan” which focuses on improving the “Minimum Factor.”

We need 5 to 7 volunteers to be on the **Church Health Team**. If you would like to participate, please speak to Father Dennis or Laura Chadwick.

**October Charity Collection**

During the month of October, our Charity Collections will help support the renovation of our **Archdiocesan Chancery Offices** in Boston.

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