

The Martyr

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5th Sunday of Lent – St. Mary of Egypt

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Welcome to Visitors

We warmly welcome those who are visiting and praying with us today. You are encouraged to come forward at the conclusion of the Liturgy at the veneration of the cross to introduce yourself to Father Timothy. Please come downstairs as well for coffee hour to meet our parishioners. We look forward to visiting with you.

Prayers in Memoriam

- 21 *Theodore Athanas (1977)*
- 22 *Jimi Vani (1951)*
- 23 *Costandino Schutte (1958)*
Nicholas Schutte (1980)
Robert Vissar (1964)
**Archpriest Eugene Vansuch (2008)*
- 24 *Constandin K. Vassil (1964)*
- 25 **Prifteresha Helen Tallcouch (1979)*
- 26 *Frosina Vissar (1964)*
Kosta Vangel (1963)
- 27 *Kosta Lika (1975)*

Up-coming Services/Events

- Today:** 9:30 AM Church School
10 AM Liturgy
- Mar. 25 9:30 AM Liturgy (Annunciation)
- Mar. 27 9:30 AM Liturgy (Lazarus)
5 PM Great Vespers & Confession
- Mar. 28 9:30 AM General Confession
10 AM Liturgy (Palm Sunday)

Prayers for Blessings/Health

Christy Adams; Christopher Adams; Joyce Athanas; Kirsten Battachio

(USMC); **Paul Betts; Thomas Buzi; Eva, Monica Demetri; Charles Dougiello, Sr.; Richard Hirst; Nicholas Hotova; Diane Hoffmeyer; Meni Kyriacou; Katherine LaBache; Christy Lambert; Elizabeth Lambro; Dhimitra Leka; Pauline Longo; John Louis, Sr.; Barbara Evans Maynard; Dr. James Michael; Kelly Montagna; Louise Moran; Theodore Morrison; Peter Naum; James Pando; Minnie Phostole; Pandora Plasa; Eleanor Polena; Mark Sabatino; David Schutte; Gloria Simo; Charles (Basil) Soter; Tessie Sotir; Joanne Tallcouch; Peter Thanas; Mary, Peter Themel; Christy, Michael, Thalia & Leonora Thomas; Vincent J. Torre; Aphrodita (Rita) Vangel; Galina Voronin.**
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

Many Thanks

This is Anna Bouteneff's last Sunday here at St. George. We want to thank her for your graciousness and hard work with our Church School over the years. May the Lord protect and preserve her for many years!

Warm Welcome

A warm welcome to Fr. Sergius, his wife Dina, and their three children, Thomas, Timothy, and Mary. Many thanks to Fr. Sergius for preaching, and by the way, he is Fr. Timothy's son-in-law.

Teuta News

The Teuta Society reminds & encourages the parish women to help with the Pascal eggs by contributing two dozen dyed eggs. Please bring the eggs to Church during



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the Holy Week services in time for their distribution following Pascal Liturgy.

Feast Days

We shall celebrate the Feast of Annunciation this Thursday, and then the Feast of the Raising of Lazarus on Saturday. Next week is Palm Sunday.

A Few Thoughts

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The above quote is the punchline of today's gospel. Pay close attention to it as you hear it this Sunday as the context is very important. The disciples are afraid as Jesus is headed towards Jerusalem and telling them for a third time what exactly is going to happen to him. You would think that this would elicit some kind of compassion or inquiry. But no! Instead, two of the leading disciples, James and John, come requesting the utmost positions of power and authority from Jesus. In short, they want to clarify their own personal status vis-a-vis the other disciples. All of this is a set-up for Jesus' teaching on real greatness and personal glory. If we catch this teaching even once as Christians, then things will get a lot easier for us in our lives.

The disciples are portrayed here as ignorant and selfish. In the midst of the intimate disclosure by Christ of his coming brutal death they can only think of themselves. They want to share in the glory of his kingdom but do not have any idea what glory Jesus is talking about. His glory in this world is his suffering on the cross but they can only think in terms of world glory. How so very human and wrong! Jesus cryptically says that they shall indeed drink from the cup of suffering and death that he will drink from soon, foretelling what lies ahead of them as apostles. He then brings them to the quote above. The way of Jesus is

the way of selfless service to others. The way of greatness is to offer your life to save others. It cannot get any plainer than that. So the next time we are competing with our neighbor for recognition and honor, fighting for a more glorious place in life, remember that the way of Jesus is in the opposite direction – a most difficult and sometimes incomprehensible way that only makes sense after the fact in the glorious resurrection which we shall soon celebrate.

Coffee Hour

We are looking for someone to serve as the "go to" person for those wishing to sponsor a coffee hour. If you are interested, please see Laura Chadwick.

We are always in need of people to sign-up and sponsor coffee hour.

Shut-ins

If you know of someone who is a shut-in or at a healthcare facility or nursing home and would like a visit. Please let Fr. Timothy know.

2010 PAN-ORTHODOX Lenten Vespers Schedule

- 5th Sunday of Lent – March 21
- ❖ OCA CT Deanery Unction Service – Three Saints Church – 26 Howard Avenue – Ansonia.
- ❖ This is the last Pan-Orthodox service. His Grace, Bp. NIKON will be in attendance.

Lenten Outreach Project

Our Church School is sponsoring a food drive to help restock our local food pantries. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule or downstairs in the church hall.



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