

# The Martyr

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## Prayers in Memoriam

- 27 *Elpinichi Costa*  
(1969)  
*Emilia Gregory*  
(1993)
- 30 *Andromaqi*  
*Bedgio* (1993)
- 31 *Violet Polena*  
*Hotova* (1998)

### Dates Unknown/Not Posted

- 1923 *Thomas Dionis*  
1958 *Frank Bellizi*  
1967 *George Tallcouch*  
1980 *Joseph Kubicky*

- 02 *Theodore Dionis* (1976)  
*Angelina Naum* (1982)  
*Mary Plasa* (1982)  
*Margarita Jordhamo* (1994)

## Up-coming Services/Events

- Today:** 10 AM Liturgy.  
Jan. 03 9:30 AM Church School  
10 AM Liturgy = Father Sergei's last day

Jan. 06 Liturgy of Theophany with the Blessing of Water

- Jan. 10 9:30 AM Church School  
10 AM Liturgy.  
Jan. 17 9:30 AM Church School  
10 AM Liturgy.  
Jan. 24 9:30 AM Church School  
10 AM Liturgy.  
Jan. 31 9:30 AM Church School  
10 AM Liturgy.

**Please remember that the House Blessing Schedule is on "hold" until a permanent pastor is assigned – this is in accordance with the instructions by Bishop NIKON.**

## Prayers for Blessings/Health



**Christy Adams; Joyce Athanas; Kirsten Battachio (USMC); Paul Betts; Thomas Buzi; Charles (Basil) Csernica; Eva, Monica Demetri; Charles Dougiello, Sr.; Jason Gartsu; Richard Hirst; Nicholas Hotova; Diane Hoffmeyer; Meni Kyriacou; Katherine LaBache; Christy Lambert;**

**Elizabeth Lambro; Dhimitra Leka; Pauline Longo; John Louis, Sr.; Barbara Evans Maynard; 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, Stephen & 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

Do you have unwanted cell phones in your house? You can donate them, and in return our soldiers will get free calling cards – check this site out:

<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>

## Thanks

We are appreciative of the poinsettia flowers given us by Ron Dougeillo of the Commerce Hill Funeral Home, as well as the festive decorations for the Nativity by Jennifer Goetz, Cheryl and Peter Themel

## Coffee Hour



**Today** BYO Christmas Cookies  
Jan. 03 Farewell to Fr. Sergei  
Jan. 10 Welcoming Fr.

Tim

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## A Christmas Meditation

'Twas the night before Jesus came,  
 and all through the house,  
 Not a creature was praying – no one  
 in the house!  
 Our bibles on shelves lay without care  
 -  
 Our icons in dim corners, gathered  
 dust there.  
 The children were dressed to crawl  
 into bed,  
 But they did not kneel, nor bow down  
 their small head.



Then heard I the twelve tolls of the big, heavy bell;  
 Then heard – they were close – the groaning of hell.  
 Just then I awoke from my vision of  
 sorrow  
 And rejoiced in remembering, the  
 Feast's is tomorrow  
 I've time to repent, and to change  
 fallen way  
 And to meet the Lord joyously, on  
 Christmas Day.

A rendering by Fr. Sergei C. Bouteneff of an adaptation of the classic holiday poem by Clement Moore.

My spouse on the rocker, with babe on the lap,  
 Was watching the late show, while I took my nap.  
 Then out of the East, there arose such a clatter,  
 I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
 Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
 Tore open the shutters, and threw open the sash.  
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
 But angels proclaiming that Jesus was near!  
 With light, like the sun, sending forth its bright ray,  
 I knew in an instant – THIS MUST BE THE DAY!  
 The light of His Face made me cover my head;  
 It was Jesus returning, just as He said!  
 And though I possessed worldly wisdom and  
 wealth,  
 I cried when I saw Him, in spite of myself.  
 The Coming of Jesus, it was now here.  
 And my lifestyle was not to be proud of, I fear.  
 Here was the moment of God's final call,  
 My time for Judgment was here after all.  
 He spoke not a word, as He searched for my name.  
 When He said: "It was not here!" My head hung with  
 shame.  
 The people whose names had been written in love  
 He gathered to take to His Father above.  
 With those who were ready, He rose without sound,  
 While the rest were left standing, moping around.  
 I fell to my knees, but it was too late,  
 I had waited too long, and thus sealed my fate.  
 I stood, and I cried, as they rose out of sight –  
 If only I had been ready tonight.

## Teuta Ladies News

- \* Post Holiday luncheon is at Tashua Knolls, January 10, at 12 noon \$25 per person. Get your reservations & payment in by January 3 to **Elsie Gartsu**.
- \* *Bostan Tave* & Stuffed Cabbage will be sold as individual-orders-to-go on January 17. Orders must be placed by January 10. See **Gloria Athanas** or **Helen Tallcouch**.
- \* Memorial Saturday is February 6. Submit names of departed & \$5 donation to **Sue Galich**
- \* *Papandia* Coffee Hour sponsored by Teuta on February 7. Members are asked to contribute baked goods.
- \* **Sue Galich** is collecting 2010 Teuta Dues **Gloria Athanas** is collecting 2010 Eastern Orthodox Women's Council dues

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