

# The Martyr

## Fourth Sunday of Lent – St. John of the “Ladder of Virtues”

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### In Memoriam

*40 days ~ John Babich, Jean Thanas*

28 *Julia Peters (1997)*

30 *Thomas Vani Thanas (1961)*

02 *Vasil George (1951)*

04 *Fotios M. Vasis (1954)*

*Pulo Themel (1964)*

*Alexandra Panoli (1966)*

### Memorials and the Paschal Season

Please call to mind that according to Orthodox teaching, from Lazarus Saturday (April 11) to “the Day of Rejoicing” (the Tuesday after Thomas Sunday – April 28) there are no memorial services to be served in the church – our departed will only be commemorated at *Proskomedia* (Liturgy of Preparation).

### Prayers for Blessings

**Christy Adams; Joyce Athanas; John Balga; Elvira Chadwick; Charles Michael Csernica; Monica Demetri; Charles Dougiello, Sr.; Bob Herman; Richard Hirst; Nicholas Hotova; Diane Hoffmeyer; the child Aisalyn Hurd; William Kohlbacker; Violeta Kosdandini; Meni Kyriacou; Katherine LaBache; Christy Lambert; Elizabeth Lambro; ; Rita Lazar; Dhimitra Leka; John Louis, Sr.; Louise Moran; Theodore Morrison; Meropi (Mary) Nichio; Minnie Phostole; Pandora Plasa; Eleanor Polena; Mark Sabatino; David Schutte; Gloria Simo; Tessie Sotir; Joanne Tallcouch; Peter Thanas; Mary, Peter Themel; Allana ,Christy, Stephen & Leonora Thomas; Vincent J. Torre; Mitchell Trotta; Aphrodita (Rita) Vangel.**

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

### Coffee Hour: Building Community

Today ????

Mar. 29 The Families of +John Babich and +Jean Thanas

Call Laura Chadwick 268-2865 to sponsor a coffee hour

### Rescheduled Lakruar Luncheon

We are pleased to announce that the long-awaited Lakruar Luncheon will take place on April 26. The Teuta Ladies were forced to postpone due to inclement weather in February.

**Sorry – no tickets left!**

### Teuta News/Information

- o **March 22nd - Teuta Meeting: Vi Bowe** collecting 2009 membership dues
- o We are requesting dyed red eggs for Pascha. Please see Gloria Athanas for ribbon to tie the bags.
- o Calling All Bakers!!!!!! The Teuta ladies will hold a bake sale in the church hall on Saturday, May 9th from 10 to 3 which will be open to the public. Please support us by donating a baked item or two. We would love to have ethnic pastry, but we will gladly accept cakes, pies, cookies, etc. If you are willing to bake, please contact Georgika Boria, Elsie Gartsu, or Gloria Ruseski. Baked goods can be dropped off the night before or at 9:00 A.M. that day. If you can put in a couple of hours at the event, please see Laura Chadwick. Thank you in advance for your support. We need **everyone's** help to make this a success.

### Furniture/Household items Needed

This is a very exciting time for many VA Connecticut veterans who have been homeless. Soon they will be moving into their own apartments. Furniture in good (lightly used) condition and household items are needed to make these apartments a home.

- o If you have items to donate please call **Jennifer DeGaetano** at the Errera Community Care Center at (203) 500-5613.

*Adversity is another way  
to measure the greatness of individuals.  
I never had a crisis that didn't make me stronger.  
-Lou Holtz*

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### FORCC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut (FORCC) with its true meaning of FELLOWSHIP has successfully united Orthodox churches in our state to work together as a team to promote the Orthodox Faith throughout Connecticut. One of the projects is a Scholarship Fund. Presentation of this Scholarship Award will be given out each year at the FORCC's annual dinner. Applications are available at:

<http://www.forcc.org/scholarship.html>

#### REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO BE ACCEPTED:

(All ITEMS must be included when an application is submitted and must be received by the FORCC Chairman on or before June 1, 2009. Otherwise, applications not completed, or received after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be rejected)

#### Please Note:

Please make sure that all information requested by FORCC Scholarship committee is completed and returned by: **Monday, June 1, 2009** to Eva Vaniotis. Applications submitted or postmarked after June 1 will not be accepted

### Egg Hunt Tradition Continues

Once again we will be holding our traditional egg hunt. Please bring at least a dozen plastic eggs for each child that you expect to bring with you for the hunt.

We would like to define some things:

1. Children are expected to *come* and be in the church for the service. They are also expected to be dressed appropriately for church (one year we had some come in gym wear!).
2. Children are all those in the Church School attending program **otherwise** they are defined as those ten years and less.
3. Children older than 10 may accompany infants, but are expected to honor the parish rules.
4. Children (and their escorts) acquiring more than 24 eggs are expected to share their findings with those who found less. We are a church ~ sharing is a fundamental Christian principle.

### Up-coming Events/Services

- Today 10 AM Liturgy – St. John of the Ladder followed by a memorial for +John Babich and +Jean Thanas  
**4:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. George, Trumbull.**
- Apr. 04 5:00 PM Great Vespers followed by personal confession.
- Apr. 05 9:30 AM Church School  
10 AM Liturgy – Sunday of Mary of Egypt.  
**4:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Unction – St. Mary's Nativity – Waterbury – Bishop NIKON scheduled to preside.**
- Apr. 06 7 PM Parish Council Meeting
- Apr. 11 9:30 AM Liturgy: Lazarus Saturday.  
5 PM Vespers followed by the preparation of palms and pussy willows
- Apr. 12 9:30 AM General Confession & Church School  
10AM Liturgy” Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem (“Palm Sunday”)  
7PM Bridegroom Matins
- Apr. 13 7PM Bridegroom Matins
- Apr. 14 7PM Bridegroom Matins
- Apr. 15 7PM Unction
- Apr. 16 9:30 AM Liturgy of the Last Supper  
7PM Matins of the Crucifixion (with the reading of the 12 Gospel Lessons)
- Apr. 17 9AM Decoration of the “*petafi*”  
3PM Vespers: “Taking down from the Cross”  
7PM Matins: Lamentations
- Apr. 18 9:30 AM Liturgy  
11PM Nocturne and procession  
**Paschal Liturgy**
- Apr. 19 11AM Paschal Vespers followed by egg hunt, weather permitting
- Apr. 20 9:30 AM Liturgy
- Apr. 23 9:30 AM Liturgy: **St. George**
- Apr. 26 9:30 AM Church School  
10 AM Liturgy – Thomas Sunday followed by the **Lakruar Luncheon**

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