

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Up-coming Services/Events

**Today:** Pascha – the Resurrection of Christ

11:00 a.m. Paschal Vespers and Easter Egg Hunt

**25:** Bright Monday and Saint George Day

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**May 1:** Saint Thomas Sunday

9:30 a.m. General Confession & Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**May 7:** Themel Wedding

**8:** The Myrrhbearing Women Mother's Day

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**June 4:** Food Festival

### 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; Priscilla Christianson; Leon Cotter; Charles (Basil) Csernica; Eva Demetri; Infants Sophie Marie & Brooke Petra Dionis; Charles Dougiello, Sr.; Jason Gartsu (USAR); Cindy Held; Richard Hirst; Nicholas Hotova; Diane Hoffmeyer; Nancy Hurd; Eva Karajani; William Kovachi; Meni Kyriacou; Katherine LaBache; Christy Lambert; Dhimitra Leka; John Louis; Alma Masek; Thomas Matthews; Barbara Evans Maynard; Thomas Michael; Kelly Montagna; Louise Moran; Theodore Morrison; Thomas Nicholas, Sr.; James Pando; Pandora Plasa; Eleanor Polena; Violet Polena, Mark**

Sabatino; **Mary Sak; David Schutte; Noella Sidarweck; Gloria Simo; David Snedegar; Tessie Sotir; Helen Tallcouch; Jo Anne Tallcouch; Mary & Peter Themel; Michael, Thalia & Leonora Thomas; Aphrodita (Rita) Vangel; Marilyn Vissar; Robert Volpe; Galina Voronin; Alexa Wilson; Kaitlyn Woolard.**

*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

#### 40 Days

Thomas Soter; Angela Bramante; Peter Naum; Vincent J. Torre

#### April

27 Rinka Kozma (1950)  
28 Richard Taylor, Sr. (2006)  
29 Olga Babich (2009)  
30 Dhori Toroveci (1951)  
Bishop Stephen (Lasko - 1975)  
Christopher F. Phostole (1979)  
Joseph Kasparek (1992)

### Coffee Hour

**Today: Pascha**

**May 1:** Barmashi and O'Brien families

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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)

### Mother's Day

We are preparing our annual Mother's Day Commemorations.

Please submit names of your mother, grandmother, step-mother, god-mother,

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For the month of April our Charity Collections will go to help bringing Albanian students to Hartford

sister, step-sister, or niece — clearly indicating whether they are living or deceased — to a member of the Parish Council. The names will be elevated in prayer during the Divine Liturgy on Mother's Day.

All donations will be used for the beautification of the church.

**Rectory Committee Report**

This should be our last report.

We purchased two annuities from Morgan Stanley. Sue Galich, Financial Advisor, handled the transaction.

We have deposited \$5,000 into an annuity (Transamerica Liberty) which will yield 5% per year.

We have deposited \$304,000 into another annuity (Transamerica Land-mark) which will yield 6 1/2% per year.

It is our hope that we never need to touch the principal.

Don Jordan, chairman; Bill Kovachi; George Barmashi

**Women's Council News**

The **Women's Council of Eastern Orthodox Christian Churches of Greater Bridgeport** will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Saturday, April 30, 1:30 pm, once again at St. Nicholas Antiochian Church, Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

**Memorials and the Paschal Season**

According to Orthodox teaching, from Lazarus Saturday (April 16<sup>th</sup>) to the day after Thomas Sunday (May 2<sup>nd</sup>) no Memorial Services may be served in the Church — the departed will only be commemorated at the *Proskomedie* (Liturgy of Preparation).

**Paschal House Blessings**

Due to weather and other factors, several homes were not blessed during the Theophany House Blessing season.

If your home is among them and you would like Father Dennis to bless it during the Paschal Season, put your name on the sign-

up sheet at the Candle Desk or call him to make an appointment.

**FORCC Scholarships**

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, which awards scholarships each year to outstanding high school seniors who will be attending college next year. Scholarships will be presented at FORCC's annual banquet on October 2, 2011.

Applications are available for download at the address below or from Father Dennis, and must be submitted by June 1, 2011:

<http://www.forcc.org/files/Flyers/2011-scholarship.pdf>

**April Charity Collection**

In April, our collection will help to support a program of the **Capitol Regional Education Center** in Hartford. They are making arrangements for 5 students of the Jani Vreto School in Leskovik, Albania, to spend a week at the Metropolitan Learning Center for International Studies, a magnet school in Hartford.

*Christ is risen!                      Indeed, He is risen!*  
*Krishti u-ngjall!                      Vërtet u-ngjall!*  
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*Hristos a înviat!                      Adevărat a înviat!*

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