

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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### Upcoming Services and Events

- Aug 20 -** 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy with Fr Dennis Rhodes celebrating of the Feast of the Dormition (moved from August 15) Blessing of flowers and fragrant herbs. Following will be a 6 month memorial for Vangjo Kostandin. Vangjo's family will host coffee hour.
- Aug 27 -** 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
- Sept 3 -** 9:15 am - General Confession  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy - 40 day memorial service for Irene Billings. Coffee hour sponsored by the Billings family.

### Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.  
Father Gregory Buzi on his journey in the monastery  
Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk  
Matushka Evelyn Kreta  
Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim  
*Military Deployment:* Robert Buckles  
*Those who are sick:* Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Julie Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Jenna Dionis; Patti Fischer; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; George Jones; James Karoli; Bill Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen; Jonathan Lubin, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Zoe Michael; Michael

Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Kimberly Orosz; Walter Ostrowski, Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; John Rafail, Nadia Rehbinder, David Schutte; Chris Sheridan; Kelly Small; Charles & Joann Soter; Ted Tallcouch; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Fr Andrew Tregubov Mary Valis; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale; Lee Wojcak; Michael Wilson

***If anyone should be added or removed from this list, please contact Kim O'Brien at [kimbrien720@gmail.com](mailto:kimbrien720@gmail.com).***

### Prayers in Memoriam

40 days

Teresa Brice  
Richard Crane  
Irene Billings

August

- 20 Harry Adam (2014)  
21 Spiro Sotir (1954)  
Arthur Lika (2011)  
Pandora Plasa (2014)  
22 Soter (Charles) Demetri (1944)  
23 Pano Bedgio (1962)  
Peter Lambi Michael (2001)  
24 Anastasia Theodos (1946)  
Gago Nako (1952)

***"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"***

## Blessing of Harvest on the Feast of Transfiguration

On August 15th each year, the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is celebrated. This year, August 15 is on a Tuesday. The celebration of this feast will be transferred to Sunday, Aug 20th when Fr. Dennis Rhodes will be with us to celebrate Divine Liturgy. This feast commemorates the repose (dormition) or “falling

asleep” of the Virgin Mary. It is a common practice in the Orthodox Church to bless fragrant herbs or flowers on this day. Please bring any fragrant herbs or flowers which you may have growing in your gardens which will be blessed immediately after Divine Liturgy.

## August Charity

The charity for the months of August and September will be **Spooner House**.

### Our Mission and Values

*Spooner House is operated by Area Congregations Together, Inc. with the mission of providing food, shelter and support services to people in need. All of our energies are devoted to helping our clients establish a self-sufficient living situation. We recognize the dignity of our clients, we give them our respect and we deliver our services without proselytizing.*

## Save the Date - 2nd Annual Church Picnic

St George is planning the 2nd annual church picnic, rain or shine, on **Sunday, August 27**, after liturgy. Tickets can be purchased at the candle desk, by mail, or through Diane Cryan. All inclusive price is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Advance purchase is preferred so we can get a headcount. Please contact [cryandb@aol.com](mailto:cryandb@aol.com) with any questions.

## Book Club

We would like to organize a group that is interested in reading our former priest Father Siniari's book titled **Big in Heaven**. It is a collection of short stories. Once we determine the level of interest, we can aim for a meeting in September and try to get Father Siniari to Zoom with us to discuss. **Contact Laura Coughlin at Lemc15@aol.com** if you are interested. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

## Interviews from Albania with Fr. Nikodhim

The **Right Reverend Archimandrite Nikodhim**, the Bishop-elect of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese, is presently spending 3 months in Albania before his scheduled episcopal ordination in September 2023. He conducted 2 interviews in Albania that were recently posted from *Radio Ngjallja* in Albania. The interviews are conducted in both Albanian and English. You may find links to the interviews on our website in the Announcement section, or on our Facebook page.

## Pastoral Emergency Care

### UPDATE for August 19th thru August 26th

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Fr. Sergei will be away on vacation from Saturday, Aug 19th thru Saturday, Aug 26th.

Please contact Bill Kovachi directly at 203-449-4404 if there is an emergency need for a priest.

**Normal instructions:** If there is an emergency, and you would like a priest to contact you, call Father Sergei at 203-331-2251 (cell), 203-713-6007 (home) or Bill Kovachi at 203-449-4404.