

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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August 4, 2024

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Aug 4 - 9:15 am - General Confession  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
- Aug 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord  
(transferred to Sun, Aug 11th)
- Aug 11 - 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy w/Fr Dennis -  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
(transferred from Tues, Aug 6th)
- Aug 15 - Dormition of the Theotokos  
(transferred to Sun, Aug 18th)
- Aug 18 - 9:30 am – Likely a Readers Service  
Dormition of the Theotokos  
(transferred from Thurs, Aug 15th)

### Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.  
Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian  
Episcopate  
Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk  
Matushka Evelyn Kreta  
Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim  
*Those who are sick:* Christy & Christina Adams;  
Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette  
Barmashi, Paul Betts; Sandra Bike; James Brideau;  
Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Jami Brown; Jim  
Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain;  
Larissa Chapin; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Julie  
Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George  
Costa, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Patti  
Fischer; Yekta Fridkia; Louise Karoli Gallagher;  
Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; Chloe  
Kapra; Christy Kobeli; Bill Kovachi; Violet Laska;  
June Lopen, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill;

Timothy McCormick; Zoe Michael; Michael  
Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Mary  
Nikola; Kimberly Orosz; Pat Perrotta, George  
Piazza; Nadia Reh binder, David; Schutte; Molly  
Sabas; Charles & Joann Soter; JoAnn Supan; Ted  
Tallcouch; William Thomas; Paulette Todisco;  
Margaret Torre; Mary Valis; Alice Vasil; Joe Vitale;  
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

#### August

- 03 Louis Pando (1969)  
Doxa Arthur (1975)
- 04 Andoni Peters (1987)
- 07 George R. Polena (1975)
- 08 David Kerma (2005)
- 09 Stephen Vissar (1973)
- 10 Deborah Peters (1969)

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

### Items to be blessed for the Summer Harvest Feasts

In the Orthodox Church, it is common practice to bless grapes (as well as any other fruit & vegetables) on the great feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast normally falls on Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. At St. George this year, we will be transferring and celebrating this feast day on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

It is also common practice to bless all fragrant herbs (as well as flowers) on the great feast of the **Dormition of the Theotokos**. This feast normally falls on Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - we will be transferring that feast to Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. At this time, it looks like we will not have a priest available to serve Divine Liturgy on Sun, Aug 18th, therefore a Reader Service is likely. If the Reader service holds, then we will not be able to bless fragrant herbs on this day.

Please feel free to bring grapes/fruit to be blessed on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

### 100th Anniversary - Save the Date

The Parish Council is happy to announce that we will celebrate St. George's 100th Anniversary with Divine Liturgy and an Anniversary Banquet next year on **Sunday, June 22, 2025**. Mark your calendars!

Please contact Laura Coughlin or Curt Dionis if you would like to join the Anniversary Committee or sign up on the sheet at the candle desk.

### St George - Picnic Save the Date

St George Parish Picnic will be held **Sunday, August 25**, after church. Tickets are \$20 for adults / \$10 for children 12 and under. This includes hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, sides, chips, soft drinks and desserts. Tickets are available at the candle desk and from Diane Cryan (203-520-2811 or [cryandb@aol.com](mailto:cryandb@aol.com)) We're looking forward to seeing all St George family and friends. Get together for a great party!

### August Charity

For the month of August, we will continue collecting for **The Thomas Merton Center** which is located in Bridgeport. They provide "Meals, Shelter, and Support" to those in need in the greater Bridgeport area. Their stated mission: "The Thomas Merton Family Center is committed to providing a loving, safe and hope-filled community atmosphere that responds to the needs of its guests. Respecting the dignity of each person, we reflect to the individual and the community our shared responsibility to love and support one another. We believe the sharing of a hot meal is an invitation to come in and share in a place where one can belong; respect and love are mutually given and received; each person is valued and not to be judged; and healing life's hurts is possible with people who care. Collaboration with other agencies and people is essential to meeting the needs of those we serve." As always, thank you for your generosity!

### Pastoral Emergency Care

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.

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