

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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August 6, 2023

Upcoming Services and Events

- Aug 6 -** 9:15 am - General Confession
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy- Transfiguration of Christ. Blessing of fruits & vegetables
- Aug 13 -** 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
- Aug 15 -** Feast of the Dormition (transferred to August 20)
- Aug 19** 11:00 am - Baptism of Siena Moras
- 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
- Aug 27 -** 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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 Cerner; 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.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 days

Teresa Brice
Richard Crane
Irene Billings

August

07. George R. Polena (1975)
08. David Kerma (2005)
09. Stephen Vissar (1973)
10. Deborah Peters (1969)
11. George Thanasi (1966)
Philip Stephan (1971)
12. Florence Chala (2016)
Archpriest Daniel Montgomery (2020)

Teuta Meeting Today

The next Teuta meeting will be today, **August 6**, after Divine Liturgy. We will continue to discuss the Picnic and Food Fest. The Teuta ladies will host coffee hour.

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Blessing of Harvest on the Feast of Transfiguration

The August 6th Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ falls on a Sunday this year.

The Orthodox Church keeps an ancient tradition, stretching all the way back to the early church, of blessing grapes and other fruits and vegetables on this feast as a sign of God's renewal of all creation through Christ.

Please bring fruits or vegetables to be blessed and to share at coffee hour. In particular, if you have items that you have grown in your own gardens, please bring a few that are ripe and ready to eat!

Thomas & Katherine LaBache Scholarship Fund

We have two recipients of the Thomas & Katherine LaBache Scholarship Fund. They are:

Erin Galich - Senior at **University of Central Connecticut**

James Goetz - Senior at **University of Maryland**

Congratulations and best wishes to both students!

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 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 Nqjallja* 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

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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