

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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December 10, 2023

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Dec 10** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy with priest candidate.
- Dec 15** - 6:15 pm Christmas Lenten Akathist
- Dec 17** - 9:45 am - Children meet with Fr Sergei  
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
- Dec 22** - 6:15 pm Christmas Lenten Akathist
- Dec 24** - 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy followed by Christmas Vespers

### Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.

Father Stephen and Pani Debbie Masliuk

Matushka Evelyn Kreta

Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim

*Military Deployment:* Robert Buckles

*Catechumen:* Sally Balis

*Those who are sick:* Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Sandra Bike; 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; George Galich; Luba Geeza, Mike Green; Patty Ivanov; George Jones; Bill Kovachi; Violet Laska; June Lopen, Jonathan Lubin, Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Zoe Michael; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Nezar Nassif, Kimberly Orosz; Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; John Rafail, Nadia Rehbinder, David; Schutte; Kelly Small; Charles & Joann Soter; 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

#### 40 Days

Prifteresha Lisa Bouteneff  
Robert Bowe

#### December

- 10 Louis A. Leka (1955)
- 12 George C. Goures (1977)
- 14 Priest Llambi Michael (1955)  
Nisi Athanas (1959)
- 15 Caroline Theodos Kardos
- 16 Theodora Spiro (1939)

### Community Christmas Card

As in years past, we will be collecting contributions for our annual Community Christmas Card.

All submissions must be turned in by **Sunday, December 10th** for the card to be printed and mailed in a timely manner.

Click onto the following link to view and download an offering form: [2023 Community Christmas Card Form](#). We invite all to take part.

Please note there is a short note from the Parish Council on the top half of the form.

If you prefer, hard copies of the form will be available at the church desk.

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

### Memory Eternal

St. George is extremely saddened to learn of the repose of Prifteresha Elisabeth (Lisa) Bouteneff, beloved wife of Fr. Sergei Bouteneff, on Saturday, November 25th. Their ministry together faithfully served our parish of Saint George beginning in 1989 for 21 years, and most recently over the past 5 years in their retirement, filling in during our parish priest vacancy.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Bouteneff family. Click onto the following link to view an [In Memoriam](#). May her memory be eternal!

### Message from the Parish Council

On **December 10th**, the Divine Liturgy will be served by a potential priest candidate for St. George. He will also conduct a **Vesper Service** on **Saturday, Dec. 9th at 4:30**. All are encouraged to attend these services. The Council is looking for help with some of the hosting duties that will occur over the weekend, for example helping to provide transportation, going to dinner, assisting with coffee hour, etc. These are opportunities to get to know this candidate better in addition to helping support the process. There will be a parish body meeting on Sunday December 17th as a follow up to the visit. If you would like to help out in these ways or any others not mentioned, or have questions, please reach out to **Peter Dacey** at [anastase.dacey@trincoll.edu](mailto:anastase.dacey@trincoll.edu) or call/text him at **203-520-4439**. Thank You.

### December Charity

For the month of December, our charity tray will benefit Caroline's Place <https://carolynsplace.org/>. This charity comes to us through the suggestion of Pauline Dionis who knows Sofia Cole, a parishioner of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Southbury. Sofia is a high school senior and the granddaughter of Father Vladimir

Aleandro. She is a volunteer at Caroline's Place which is a Catholic pregnancy resource center in Waterbury.

Caroline's Place relies totally on individual donations so your generosity is especially appreciated. You can read more about the charity on the link above.

### Collecting frozen Hams and Turkeys

As we did last year, over the next 3 months (from November 2023 through January 2024), St. George will be collecting frozen hams and turkeys. They can be placed in the church's freezers located in the Church Hall Storage Room.

This charity project's intent is to donate the hams and turkeys to local soup kitchens during February 2024 - this is typically when food donations are low.

Thank you again for your continued support of our various Charity efforts throughout each year!

### Parish meeting December 17

There will be a parish meeting at coffee hour on December 17 to follow up on the priest candidate.. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### 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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