

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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January 21, 2024

Upcoming Services and Events

- Jan 21-** 9:45 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy
- Jan 25 -** 6:15 pm - Jesus Prayer Meditation for the approaching feast of The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple led by Greg Buzi II
- Jan 28 -** 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy followed by 40 day memorial for Lisa Bouteneff. Coffee hour will be sponsored by the Bouteneff family.
- Feb 4 -** 9:45 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy celebrating Meeting of the Lord ("Papandia")

Prayers for the Blessing

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

Father Sergei

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; Sandra Bike; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Larissa Chapin; 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.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Prifteresha Lisa Bouteneff

January

- 24 George Bejuri (1952)
28 Psalt Stavros (Steve) C. Tallcouch (1997)
P. Vangel (Vinnie) Soter (2012)

Teuta Meeting

The Teuta Ladies Society will have a meeting on Sunday, January 21st after Divine Liturgy.

All are welcome to attend!

Duckpin Bowling

FORCC (The Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut) is inviting Orthodox youth (young people ages 2 through teens) to a Duckpin Bowling Social on February 18, 2024 from 2PM until 4PM.

The social will be held at Devon Duckpin Bowl at 551 Naugatuck Ave in Milford (Devon).

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

There is a capacity limit of 60 people (children + adults), so please make reservations. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Eve Nucifora by Feb 11th at 203-675-1575 or eveckn@gmail.com

Congratulations!

The parish of St. George wishes to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bill Kovachi (and to his family). In a special surprise after Divine Liturgy, Bill was awarded the honor of the Knight of St. George award from Bishop Nikodhim. The Knight of St. George is the "highest honor that can be bestowed upon a layperson in the Archdiocese", where the recipient is well recognized both for service to their parish as well as the Archdiocese over an extended period of time. May God bless Bill as he continues his Stewardship work for our community.

Holy Water Available

Fr. Sergei held the Blessing of Water service, and filled water bottles with Holy Water for our parishioners. Holy Water is available to the faithful to pick-up and take home.

If you have bottles with Holy Water at home from last year, please pour out last year's water on your houseplants and please bring the empty container for an exchange. If you have no houseplants, pour the Holy Water into one of the bushes outside your house.

January Charity

Continuing for the month of January, 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.

Konizmat Icon Auction

Once again we will engage in the annual secular ritual of the Konizmat Icon Auction.

From the time of Turkish occupation, through the years, even in America, this was a traditional and important fundraising method for those whose Church heritage is from the central Balkans.

"Bids" are to be submitted and will be collected beginning this weekend, Jan 21st until Sunday, Feb 4th. The icons will be assigned - based on the highest and/or earliest received bid. Icons will be available to take home the following weekend, Sunday Feb 11th.

Icons are to be returned back to church on Sunday, March 24th (Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy).

The Icon and Bid form can be downloaded here: [2024 Konizmat Icons](#)

Click onto the following link to read more on the [Konizmat Icon Auction](#)

2023 Year-end Contribution Statements were distributed

Year-End 2023 Contribution Statements were emailed to parishioners on Wednesday, January 10th. If you haven't provided the church with your email address, or do not have an email account, your statements were physically mailed on Tuesday, Jan 16th. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Secretary. Email: luba.csernica@gmail.com, or text/phone @ 203-414-8136.

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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