

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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Up-coming Services and Events

**Today: The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day**

9:00 a.m. Informal Church School

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

18: 7:00 a.m. Matins

19: 7:00 a.m. Matins

20: 7:00 a.m. Matins

21: 7:00 a.m. Matins

22: 7:00 a.m. Matins

23: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

**24: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

9:00 a.m. Informal Church School

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

25: 7:00 a.m. Matins

26: 7:00 a.m. Matins

27: 7:00 a.m. Matins

28: 7:00 a.m. Matins

29: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

30: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

July 1: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Informal Church School

9:15 a.m. General Confession

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Prayers for Blessings and Health

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

Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Fr. Dimitrie Vincent; Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred & Michael Ar-endacs; Thomas Batura; Paul Betts; James Brideau; Debi Broadus; Arlene Bunnell; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Annie Christenson; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Peter Costa; Gowan Dacey; Renate

Deer; Armando Dias; Pandora Dionis; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Luba Geeza; Irene Jordhamo Hughes; Shirley Hunter; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; Violet Laska; Bruce Lazar; June Lopen; Carole Lundquist; Karen Marlin; Jeannine Masek; Thomas Matthews; Barbara Maynard; Jaimie McCarvill; Serge Mihaly; Michael Moras, Jr.; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Kimberly Orosz; James Pando; Katherine Pando; Pat Perrotta, Judi Petro; Dena Soter Reardon; Helen Reh; Linda Rich; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Tessie Sotir; Sue & Thomas Spero; Christian Tallcouch; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice Vasil; Ann Vitale.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Mary Galich; Nikola Nikola;
Protopresbyter Valery Lukianov;
Glen Niederhauser; Mildred Paproski

June

- 17 James V. Plasa (1967)
- 18 Athanas (Thomas) Panoli, Sr. (1992)
- 19 Ermioni Lacolly Pando (1988)
Georgia Michael Naum (1991)
Floretta (Etty) Dionis Seamon (1999)
- 20 Vangjel Kozma (1953)
- 21 Eleanor J. Petro (1988)
Stavros (Steve) Nikola (1999)

Coffee Hour

Today: Jess & Laura Premier Jewelry fundraiser for Teuta

24: ???

July 1: ???

If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please sign up on the poster in the Church Hall.

Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all of the Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers of our Parish community.

Many Years!

Për Shumë Vjet!

Thank You!

To my Parish Family:

Thank you all for the wonderful birthday celebration last Sunday. Your generous gifts, good wishes and warm welcome to my family meant so much more to me than I can adequately express.

Again, thank you!

With love in Christ,

Father Dennis

New Parish Email

Our parish now has a new email address: info@stgeorgetrumbull.org. It replaces the old "att.net" address, which we no longer have access to. Please update your files.

YTD Financial Statements Available

Financial Statements are now available for January 1, 2018 through May 20th, 2018. Please pick up your statement at the Candle Desk. As a reminder, as approved from the Annual Parish Meeting in January, the recommended minimum Stewardship donation for 2018 is \$9 per week or \$468 per year.

One new feature we now have is to email financial statements directly to parishioners instead of printing out and mailing statements. For those we have email addresses for, you received an email from Realm, the company that now manages our church management software. That email has the subject line, "Your giving statement from St. George Orthodox Church", and contains a link which you can click on to download your statement. This is a more efficient process and saves envelopes and postage expenses.

If you have an email address but still received a hardcopy of your statement, please forward your email address to Luba Csernica, the Financial Secretary, at luba.csernica@gmail.com. We will update your profile in our software system and you will then be able to receive your financial statements electronically in the future.

Helping Trumbull Helps

Trumbull Helps will be preparing meals for the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission's* annual Summer Breakfast and Lunch program this summer, from June 25 through August 13.

To help them, we will be collecting **Juice Boxes** (any kind). They can be placed in the container in the Church Hall.

2018 Youth Rally

The **2018 New England Youth Rally** will be held from August 13th through the 18th, and is open to young people who have completed the fifth grade and have not yet reached their 18th birthday.

The application packet is now available on line at: <https://terryvilleorthodox-church.org/files/YouthRallyApplication-Packet2018.pdf>

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will be used to purchase the **Juice Boxes** we are collecting for *Trumbull Helps* and the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission's Summer Breakfast and Lunch program*.

Please be generous!



Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, now that we have been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our LORD Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by faith to that grace in which we stand and exult in the hope of God's glory. And not only this, but we exult also in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God's love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For why did Christ die at the appointed time for the wicked while we were still weak? Hardly would someone die for a just man; perhaps someone would have the courage to die for a virtuous man. But God proves His love for us, since Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Much more now that we are made just in His blood, shall we be saved by Him from wrath. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled with God through His death, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

Matthew 6:22-34

The Lord said, "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore if the light that is in

you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat and drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall wear. Is not life a greater thing than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit? And as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. But if God so clothes the wild flower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'What are we to wear?' (for all these things the Gentiles seek); for your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. But seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice, and all the rest shall be given you besides."

Romakëve 5:1-10

Vëllezër, si dolëm, të drejtë prej besimi, kemi paqe me Perëndinë me anë të ZOTIT tonë Jisu Krisht, prej të cilit kemi edhe hyrjen me anë të besimit në këtë hir, në të cilin qëndrojmë; dhe mburremi në shpresën e lavdisë së Perëndisë. Edhe jo vetëm kjo, po edhe mburremi për shtrëngimet, duke ditur se shtrëngimi sjell durim, edhe durimi provë, dhe prova shpresë. Edhe shpresa nuk turpëron, sepse dashuria e Perëndisë është derdhur në zemrat tona me anë të Shpirtit të Shenjtë që na është dhënë. Sepse kur ishim ne ende të sëmurë, Krishti vdiq në kohën e caktuar për të pabesët. Sepse vështirë se do dikush të vdesë qoftë edhe për njeri të drejtë; sepse për të mirin mbase edhe guxon ndonjë të vdesë. Po Perëndia tregon dashurinë e tij për ne, sepse ndërsa ne ishim ende mëkatarë, Krishti vdiq për ne. Shumë më tepër pra, si dolëm të drejtë tani me anë të gjakut të tij, do të shpëtojmë nga zemërimi me anë të tij. Sepse, në qoftë se kur ishim armiq u pajtuam me Perëndinë me anë të vdekjes së Birit të tij, shumë më tepër pasi u pajtuam do të shpëtojmë me anë të jetës së tij.

Matheut 6:22-34

ZOTI u tha, "Kandili i trupit është syri. Në qoftë pra se syri yt është i kthjellët, gjithë trupi yt do të jetë i ndritshëm. Po në qoftë se syri yt është i lig, gjithë trupi yt do të jetë i errët. Në qoftë pra se drita që

gjendet tek ti është errësirë, sa e madhe do të jetë errësira? Asnjë s'mund t'u shërbejë dy zotërinjve, sepse ose njërit do t'i ketë mëri, dhe tjetrin do ta dojë; ose njërit do t'i ngjitet prapa, dhe tjetrit do t'i kthejë krahët. Nuk mund t'i shërbeni Perëndisë dhe Mamonait. Prandaj po ju them juve: Mos u mendoni për jetën tuaj, ç'të hani a ç'të pini; as për trupin tuaj ç'të vishni. A nuk është jeta më e vlefshme se ushqimi, dhe trupi se të veshurit? Vështroni shpendët e qiellit, se nuk mbjellin, as nuk korrin, as nuk mbledhin në grunarë, dhe Ati juaj qiellori i ushqen; a nuk ndryshoni ju më tepër se ata? Po cili nga ju duke pasur kujdes mund të shtojë një kut në shtatin e tij? Edhe ç'mendoheni për veshjen? Vështroni lulet e arës, si rriten; as mundohen, as endin. Po ju them juve se as Solomoni me gjithë lavdinë e tij nuk qe veshur ashtu si një nga këto. Po në qoftë se barin e arës, që sot është e nesër hidhet në furrë, Perëndia e vesh kështu, a nuk do t'ju veshë ju shumë më tepër, o besëpakë? Mos u mendoni pra duke thënë: ç'të hamë a ç'të pimë a ç'të veshim? Sepse gjithë këto i kërkojnë kombet; sepse Ati juaj qiellori e di se keni nevojë për gjithë këto. Po kërkonte më përpara mbretërinë e Perëndisë, dhe drejtësinë e tij; dhe këto të gjitha do t'ju shtohen juve. Mos u mendoni, pra, për të nesërmen, sepse e nesërmja do të ketë mendim për punët e saj; mjaft është në çdo ditë e keqja e saj."