

The Martyr

St. George Orthodox Church

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March 19, 2023

Upcoming Services and Events

- Mar 19 -** 9:30 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy follow by 40 day memorial for Kisanthi Peters
Coffee hour sponsored by the Peters family after church
- Mar 25 -** Annunciation moved to Mar 26
- Mar 26 -** 9:30 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - The feast of Annunciation (transferred from March 25)
- Apr 2 -** 9:00 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei
9:15 am General Confession
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Prayers for the Blessing

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.
Fr. Ceraphim, Matushka Faith and family
Father Gregory Buzi on his journey in the monastery.
Abbot Archimandrite Seraphim
Military Deployment: Robert Buckles
Those who are sick: Christy & Christina Adams; Mildred Arendac; Juan Aguilar, Antonette Barmashi, Paul Betts; Teresa Brice; James Brideau; Jeannie Brideau; Debi Broadus; Dave Bunnell; Jim Cernera; Joyce Chadwick; Frank Chamberlain; Bernard & Kerri Christenson; Julie Cipu; Marianna Coca; Anthony Cordero; George Costa, Renate Deer, Rosemary Delaney, Charlie Demetri; Armando Dias; Patti Fischer; Miles Flynn, Louise Karoli Gallagher; Patrick Gallo; 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; Walter Ostrowski, Pat Perrotta, George Piazza; John Rafail, Nadia Rehbinder, David Schutte; 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

Vanjgo 'Petri' Konstantini
Kisanthi Peters

March

- 19 Maria Karaja (1984)
20 James N. Vani (1951)
Naum Nicholas (1952)
Ilo Vasil (1980)
Efthemia (Thimika) G. Vasil (1995)
- 21 Theodore Athanas (1977)
Andrew Yapo (2013)
- 22 Jimi Vani (1951)
- 23 Costantino Schutte (1958)
Nicholas Schutte (1980)
Robert Vissar (1964)
Archpriest Eugene Vansuch (2008)
- 24 Constandin K. Vassil (1964)
- 25 Priftëresha Helen Tallcouch (1979)

Services Time Change

As an early reminder, the service start time for Divine Liturgy will change from 10 am to 9:30 am on the first Sunday of April. For this calendar year (for 2023) that will occur on April 2nd.

"Small Enough to Care, Big enough to Share"

Pussy Willow Cuttings Needed

If you have pussy willow bushes on your property, or know of anyone who has them, please watch for the budding and cut them, storing them in a cool, dark, dry place.

They are needed for Palm Sunday which is April 9th this year.

March Charity

Beginning March 12th, St. George will restart its collection for the **Bridgeport Rescue Mission** which began in February. (St. George suspended collecting for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission in February to hold a special collection to support the Earthquake relief efforts in Turkey and Syria).

As a reminder, the Bridgeport Rescue Mission's goal is "to fight poverty from the inside out by embracing people with the compassion of Christ, offering hope and healing for a changed life"

Spring Soup Kitchen Drive

Based on the success of last year's late fall/early winter collection of frozen hams and turkeys for local soup kitchens, St. George is setting up a new drive for this spring. We will be collecting frozen hams and turkeys beginning now (mid-March) and will collect continuously over the next 2 months with a target to deliver the foods in late May or early June. **Special Note:** Please check with the food markets you shop with – some are offering promotions for the upcoming Easter holiday. It has been noted that local Shoprite stores are offering their price club members free hams/turkeys if you purchase \$400 worth of goods up to April 8th. Other retail food markets may be offering similar promotions.

No Memorials

According to Orthodox teaching, no Memorial Services may be served in the Church from Lazarus Saturday (April 8th) until the Tuesday after Thomas Sunday (April 25th).

Similarly, there are no funerals/burial services served from Holy Thursday (April 13th) through Bright Monday (April 17th).

Our departed will only be commemorated at the Proskomedia (Liturgy of Preparation).

March 26 Parish Discussion

At our January Parish body meeting, our parishioners established an intention to focus efforts on obtaining a full-time priest. A suggestion was made to hold regular discussions at coffee hour on the 4th Sunday of every month to generate ideas, enlist support, and keep track of progress toward this end. The second of these follow up discussions will be held Sunday, March 26. All are welcome.

Teuta Meeting

There will be a Teuta meeting on April 2 during coffee hour. There are lots of activities in the works. New members are welcome!

Upcoming Vespers Schedule

Sunday, March 19th – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Veneration of the Holy Cross

4PM Vespers; Holy Trinity,

Bridgeport (FORCC)

Sunday, March 26th - 4th Sunday of Lent

St. John Climacus (of The Ladder)

4PM Vespers; Sts. Cyril and

Methodius, Terryville (CTD)

4PM Vespers; St. John the Baptist,

Broadbridge Ave, Stratford (OCAGB)

Sunday, April 2nd - 5th Sunday of Lent - *St Mary of Egypt*

4PM Vespers (Holy Unction Service) Three Saints Church, Ansonia (CTD & OCAGB)

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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