

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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March 5, 2023

### Upcoming Services and Events

- Mar 05** 9:30 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei  
9:45 am - General Confession  
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy followed by 9th day memorial for Vangjo Kostandini
- Mar 12 -** 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy lead by Father John Jillions
- Mar 19 -** 9:30 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei  
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy follow by 40 day memorial for Krisanthi Peters
- 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)

### 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 Cerner; 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; Luba Geeza, Linda Vasil Gilbert; 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; Sue & Thomas Spero; 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](mailto:kimbrien720@gmail.com).*

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### 40 Days

Vangjo 'Petri' Konstantini  
Krisanthi Peters

#### March

- 04 Vasilika Rotta (2000)  
07 Vasil (William) Vasil (2017)  
08 William Henry Peristere (1965)  
10 Pandora Michael Kerma (1985)  
Vrisidha Constantine (1994)  
Vangel Michael (2018)  
11 Magdalina Karoli (1959)

### Pussy Willow Cuttings Needed

With the warm winter we are experiencing here in February, we are giving an early alert to look out for pussy willow blooms this year.

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.

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

### Coffee Hour

**March 5** - Kostandini family in honor of Petri

**March 19** - The family of Krisanthi Peters

### Daylight Savings Time Begins

As a reminder, *Daylight Saving Time* begins on Sunday, March 12th. At 2AM, clocks need to be turned forward 1 hour to 3AM.

### 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.

### Memory Eternal

On Sunday, Feb 26th, St. George learned of the passing of **Vangjo "Petri" Kostandini**. We extend our condolences to Vanjgo's wife Lirika, his sons Redi and Teodor, his brother and sister-in-law Koli & Lluiza Tollkuci, and his extended family. May his memory be eternal!

### Earthquake Collection for Turkey & Syria

All have heard of the devastating earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria on the morning of February 6th. The death toll is over 40,000, and millions of people are in need of shelter, food, and other supplies. St. George will be collecting donations over the next 3 weeks to assist the relief efforts in these two countries.

We will be collecting through Sunday, March 5th which is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. All donations will be forwarded to the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities), an international

humanitarian aid agency who will be coordinating relief efforts to their regional partners.

We are asking that checks be addressed to St. George. Please make a note on the check that it is for Earthquake Relief. One check will be sent from St. George to the IOCC shortly after March 5th.

If you prefer to donate directly to the IOCC, they have a donation page set up for you to make that donation. It can be reached here: [IOCC 2/6 Earthquake Response](#)

For those attending the Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers service on March 5th at Holy Ghost Church in Bridgeport, all monies collected at that service will also be ear-marked and forwarded for the Earthquake Relief efforts.

### Upcoming Vespers Schedule

**Sunday, March 5th** - 1st Sunday of Lent

*Sunday of Orthodoxy*

4PM Vespers; Holy Ghost, East Main St., Bridgeport (CTD & OCAGB)

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** *The collection from this service will be earmarked for Earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey.*

**Sunday, March 12th** – 2nd Sunday of Lent

*St. Gregory Palamas*

4PM Vespers; Christ the Savior, Southbury (CTD)

4PM Vespers; St. Nicholas, Bridgeport (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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