

# The Martyr

## St. George Orthodox Church

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May 21, 2023

### Upcoming Services and Events

- May 21 -** 9:30 am - Reader Service (no Communion at this service)
- May 28** 9:15 am - Children meet w/Fr Sergei  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy followed by Memorial service for the deceased veterans of our parish family
- June 4 -** 9:15 am - General Confession  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy followed by Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost

### Prayers for the Blessing

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

Fr. Sergei

Fr. Ceraphim, Matushka Faith and family

Father Gregory Buzi on his journey in the monastery.

Matushka Deborah Belonick

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; Jenna Dionis; Patti Fischer; 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; Chris Sheridan; Kelly Small; 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](mailto:kimbrien720@gmail.com).*

### Prayers in Memoriam

#### May

- 21 Andrea Cotmil Chala (1967)  
Limbjadha Kochi (1967)  
Sotir Theodos (1991)  
Pandora Buzi Polena (1996)
- 22 Eleanore Polena (2015)
- 23 Scott Louis Sementilli (1985)
- 24 Simon Pappas (1952)  
Katherine Kosma (1992)  
Charalampos (Harry) Demetri (1993)
- 26 Lemona Rubis (1958)

### May Charity

Our May Charity tray will be earmarked for **Holy Cross Monastery** in Wayne, WV. We will forward our donations to their new Matching Funds Campaign which are being used to help with the construction of their new church. The Matching Funds Campaign ends on Pentecost (Sunday, June 4th). Holy Cross Monastery is where Fr. Gregory Buzi was tonsured.

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## New England Youth Rally

The 2023 Diocese of New England Youth Rally registration is now open. This is an event where diocesan youth come together in a camp setting for Orthodox Christian education, fellowship, and worship. Youth Rally is hosted at the Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, New Hampshire. The event spans the entire week from August 7th through August 12th, and it is for children of ages 9 – 17. The firm deadline for registrations is July 18th, 2023. To download application forms, open the following link: <https://dneyouthrally.com>

Posters are available at the candle desk.

## Memorial Day Sunday

On Sunday, May 28th following Divine Liturgy (which is Memorial Day weekend), we will hold our **annual commemoration of the deceased military veterans of our parish family**. Memorial Day is a holiday that was established to officially remember those who have died in service to our country (Veterans Day was established to officially thank our living veterans). For the service, the veterans of our community will stand honor guard around the center Memorial Table. Names from last year are being used for this year's commemoration. Contact **Louise Gallagher** at her email: [jlcall103@aol.com](mailto:jlcall103@aol.com), or by phone @ 203-268-3803 for adding any new names.

## Future Fund collection

At our Parish Discussion meetings, it was suggested with significant support to install a weekly basket collection during Divine Liturgy which will be ear-marked for fund support in our efforts to secure a full-time priest for St. George. This effort will be called our **Future Fund** collection. The intent is for this collection to be separate from our Stewardship donations, which will continue to be collected at the Church Desk. If using a check, please indicate "Future Fund" in the memo portion of your check. Donations may also be mailed into the church. As

always, we thank everyone in advance of their support and generosity to this important effort.

## Teuta Luncheon Sunday, May 21

Teuta invites all the women of St George to a luncheon on Sunday, May 21st at 12 Noon.

It will be a buffet at *Casa Nova Restaurant*, 833 River Rd, Shelton. Carpools will be available after church. Cost is \$35/person.

## 2023 Vacation Church School - Sign-up by Thurs, June 1st

2023 Vacation Church School at Three Saints Park

When- **June 19-23, 2023** (NOTE NEW DATES).

Where- **Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road, Bethany, CT 06524.**

Time – Daily 9am to 4pm with Family Night on Friday starting at 5pm. **Cost- \$45 per child.**

Come join us for our week-long Vacation Church School for youth ages 5-15. Your child will experience fun, faith, friendship, swimming, games, bible study, religious education, worship and song. This year's theme will be "The Holy Apostles". Questions? - Call **Fr. Patrick Burns (203) 734-3988**

Children of all faiths are welcome!

## 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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