

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

A Parish of the Diocese of New England of the Orthodox Church in America

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Schedule of Services

- 2/4 Sunday**
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 2/5 Monday**
7:00 PM – Meeting of the Parish Council
- 2/7 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 2/10 Saturday**
Pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday
5:30 PM – General Memorial for all the Departed Faithful
6:00 PM – Vigil, followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 2/11 Sunday**
Sunday of the Last Judgment
Meat-fare Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 2/14 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 2/17 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil, followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 2/18 Sunday**
Forgiveness Sunday
Cheese-fare Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM – Forgiveness Sunday Vespers, with Rite of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent
- 2/19 Monday—*First Day of Great Lent***
7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 2/20 Tuesday—*Second Day of Great Lent***
7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 2/21 Wednesday—*Third Day of Great Lent***
6:15 PM – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, followed by a Lenten “Bring-and-Share” Supper
- 2/22 Thursday—*Fourth Day of Great Lent***
7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Sunday, February 4, 2018

The 35th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

- Sunday of the Prodigal Son
- Post-Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
- Commemoration of Venerable Isidore of Pelusium
- Commemoration of Venerable Cyril of Novoezersk

Lenten Mission Vespers **Sunday, March 4, 4:00 PM**

We are the hosts!

On Sunday, March 4, our parish is taking its turn to host one of the Lenten Mission Services in the Connecticut Deanery. Clergy and Faithful from other Orthodox parishes in our area will be joining us that afternoon beginning at 4:00 PM for Vespers in the Church, followed by Christian fellowship at a Lenten “Soup, Bread and Desserts” Reception in our Church Basement Social Hall. There is a sign-up list posted in the Social Hall now, asking for contributions to that event. We are also looking for a volunteer (or, maybe a pair of volunteers) to work together to coordinate that Reception (Set-up, Clean-up, etc.). Thank you, in advance, for your help with and participation in this event.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all victims of disaster, difficulty and senseless violence throughout the world.

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

Newly Departed

William Staneski—parishioner in the Waterbury Parish d. 1/27/14
Dimitri Rozum—parishioner in the Waterbury Parish d. 1/14/18
Helen Karabin—Roger's mother d. 1/3/18

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

John Stashenko 2/5/1949
Julia Wazorko 2/5/1960
Nadejda Markovich 2/5/1965
Evheny Mattson 2/6/1952
Paul Preslopsky 2/6/1987
Francis Biscoe 2/8/1978
Mary Abbotts 2/8/1998
William Lyga 2/9/1985

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
Karen—Mary Fomenko's niece; unwell and in need of prayers
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
child Matthew—son of friends of M. Osuch; genetic disorder with medical complications
child Ava—young daughter of friends of Melanie Osuch; suffering seizures
Alexander—acquaintance of M. Osuch; suffering and in need of God's mercy and help
Michele—very close friend of M. Osuch; troubled and in need of God's mercy and help
Anna Osuch—suffering in ill health
Jadwiga ["Yaht-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer
Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's father; unwell
Phyllis George—Donna Kriniske's cousin; battling breast cancer
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
Gregory Shesko—long-time laborer in the Diocese of New England; lung cancer
child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges
Barbara—Arlene Osuch's sister; epilepsy with complications
Anatoli—a friend of Tania Bouteneff; diagnosed with colon cancer
Galina—wife of above-mentioned Anatoli
William "Bill" Markovich—recently unwell

Samantha—extremely ill child for whom we have been asked to pray
Eugene—Tania Bouteneff's uncle; battling cancer
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease
Zachary—nephew of acquaintances of Nimcheks; recent double lung transplant
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner; still in need of prayers for health
Virginia ("Gina")—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer
Vince—friend of the Oraschewsky Family; colon cancer
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer
Barbara Sovyrda—Mark Sovyrda's former wife; health challenges
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Bachloan—friend of Jeanne Moore; recent open heart surgery
Sophie (Sonia) Ozerov—Fr. John's great-aunt; broken pelvis
Jerry Grasso—Jayne Grasso's husband; unwell and in need of prayers
Mark Sovyrda—Ann's son; suffering severely with chronic and acute back pain
Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut
Mary Fomenko

Mother and Newly born Child

Matushka Holly (Hanna) and the daughter, Ingrid, newly born of her

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Abigail and the twins she is carrying—M. and K. Orelup's daughter and grandchildren
Sarah and the child to be born of her—Jayne Grasso's daughter and grandchild
Matushka Brenda (Barbara) and the child to be born of her

Those from among us serving in the Armed Forces

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy, hospital corpsman ("medic") serving with the Marines
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps

Travelers, those soon to be traveling, and those away from us

Douglas Henrick—O. Petroff's great-grandson; in China until spring 2018
Peter and Chezelle Serev
John "Jack" Kriniske
Mark and Karry Orelup—will be travelling the weekend of February 10-11

Birthdays

Julia Massicotte—Lenna's daughter 2/4
Protodeacon Paul Nimchek 2/7
Tatiana Bouteneff 2/7
Lucy Hopko 2/8

News and Notes

February Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, February 5: The February monthly meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, February 5, beginning at 7:00 PM. All members of the Parish are reminded that Parish Council meetings, unless otherwise announced, are open meetings. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend and participate, though voting privileges are accorded only to duly elected members of the Parish Council.

Lenten Confessions – It is not too early to make your appointment! Great Lent begins on Monday, February 19. Each and every Christian should participate in the saving Sacrament of Holy Confession during the Lenten season, as part of his or her own "Lenten journey." Please contact Fr. John now to make your Confession appointment, even if you want your appointment to take place later on during Lent. Please make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, that is, by Friday, March 31. By the time we reach Holy Week and Pascha, every member of the Parish should (must!) have participated in the Sacrament of Confession in the Lenten season.

Meat-Fare Sunday Charitable Brunch, February 11: On Sunday, February 11, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will have a Meat-fare Sunday Charitable Brunch, hosted by Paul Senetcen and Tim Osuch. All proceeds from that event will benefit the Plymouth Community Food Pantry.

MORE NEWS AND NOTES...

Choir Rehearsals during the Lenten Season: Beginning on Saturday evening, February 10, and on most Saturday evenings thereafter until Lazarus Saturday (March 31), the Choir will have rehearsals on Saturday evenings, following the conclusion of the usual Saturday evening Vigil service, in order to prepare for Lent, Holy Week, and Holy Pascha. Thank you, Choir members, for your dedication and service!

Lenten Retreat, Saturday, February 24—the first Saturday in Great Lent: On February 24, 2018 ("Clean Saturday" - the first Saturday of Great Lent), All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, is hosting a day-long Lenten Retreat entitled: "Becoming Fire - Christian Living in Turbulent Times," led by Dr. Al Rossi from St. Vladimir's Seminary. The very reasonable registration fee (not more than \$30.00) covers not only the cost of the retreat itself, but includes the cost of morning coffee, refreshments, lunch, dinner, and any materials that will be distributed. The on-line Registration Portal can be found here: <https://www.allsaintshartford.org/lentenretreat.html>

2018 Terryville/Plymouth Lenten Luncheons on Tuesdays at Noon during Great Lent: This year the Clergy Association of Terryville/Plymouth is again sponsoring a series of "Lenten Luncheons." The Luncheons will take place at 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays over the course of the weeks of Great Lent. The suggested donation for the Luncheons is \$5.00 apiece and participants are also encouraged to bring donations for the Plymouth Community Food Pantry. At each Luncheon, the host community will provide a short informational or devotional program. The schedule of Luncheons is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 20: Saint Paul Lutheran Church
- Tuesday, February 27: Plymouth Congregational Church
- Tuesday, March 6: Saint Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Parish (at the Lyceum)
- Tuesday, March 13: Terryville Congregational Church
- Tuesday, March 20: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

CT Deanery Lenten Mission Services: During Great Lent this year we will again have Sunday afternoon/evening Lenten Mission services here in the Connecticut Deanery of the Diocese of New England. The schedule is:

- Sunday, February 25, the Sunday of Orthodoxy: Vespers, St. Dimitrie Church, Easton, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- ***Sunday, March 4, the Second Sunday of Great Lent: Vespers, Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, at 4:00 PM.***
- Sunday, March 11, the Third Sunday of Lent: Vespers, St. John the Baptist Church, Mill Hill, Bridgeport, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- Sunday, March 18, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Vespers, Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- Sunday, March 25, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Unction Service, Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia, CT, at 4:00 PM
- Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday: Bridegroom Matins, All Saints Church, Hartford, CT, at 4:00 PM.

The "Penguin Plunge": A Special Olympics Fundraiser, March 4: On Sunday, March 4, Paul and Claudia Senetcen's daughter, Sarah Gaulin, together with her husband Justin, will once again be participating in a fundraiser for Special Olympics Connecticut. Sarah and Justin are now accepting sponsorships for taking a plunge in the wintry waters of Long Island Sound at Ocean Beach Park, New London, CT. To sponsor Sarah and Justin in their "Penguin Plunge" you may mail a check payable to "Connecticut Special Olympics" to Sarah at her home address: Sarah Gaulin, 15 Virginia Road, Oakdale, CT 06370-1554. You may also contribute on-line at www.soct.org, in the section of that website dedicated to the New London, CT, Penguin Plunge. (If giving on-line, select Ways to Give, Penguin Plunge, Shoreline Plunge, and enter "Justin Gaulin" under Name of Participant.) Please consider giving Sarah and Justin your support through a sponsorship donation. Thank you for your consideration!

Parish Spring Cleaning, Saturday morning, March 17: We will have a Church Spring Cleaning Session on Saturday morning, March 17, beginning at 9:00 AM. Please note this occasion in your calendar and plan to participate. Many hands make the work quick and easy! Thank you!

Weather Related Cancellations: If we need to cancel parish services and/or other events due to bad weather, those announcements will appear on NBC Connecticut Television and on the NBC Connecticut Internet web-site. Also, you can always call the Parish House (860-582-3631) for further information.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Reading from the 1st Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:12-20)

Brothers and Sisters: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"--and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"