

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, October 22, 2017

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

Commemoration of Saint Abercius, Equal-to-the-Apostles,
Bishop of Hieropolis

Commemoration of the Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus

Schedule of Services

- 10/22 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 10/25 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 10/28 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/29 Sunday**
9:15 AM -- Divine Liturgy
- 11/1 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/4 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/5 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/8 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/11 Saturday**
5:30 PM – 40th Day Memorial Service
for John Kuzmich
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/12 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM – The Annual General Meeting
of the Parish
- 11/15 Wednesday**
First Day of Advent
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/18 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/19 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/20 Monday**
6:15 PM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy
("Vesperal Liturgy") for the Feast of the
Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple at
Jerusalem
- 11/22 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

Food for Thought

The soul that loves God has its rest in God and in God alone. In all the paths that men walk in in the world, they do not attain peace until they draw nigh to hope in God. (*St. Isaac the Syrian, Homily 56, 89*)

No matter how much we may study, it is not possible to come to know God unless we live according to His commandments, for God is not known by science, but by the Holy Spirit. Many philosophers and learned men came to the belief that God exists, but they did not know God. It is one thing to believe that God exists and another to know Him. If someone has come to know God by the Holy Spirit, his soul will burn with love for God day and night, and his soul cannot be bound to any earthly thing. (*St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, VIII.3*)

Having God, fear nothing, but cast all of your care upon Him, and He will take care of you. Believe undoubtingly, and God will help you according to His mercy. (*St. Barsanuphius the Great, Instructions, 166*)

It is only necessary to seek one thing: to be with Jesus. The man who remains with Jesus is rich, even if he is poor with regard to material things. Whosoever desires the earthly more than the heavenly loses both the earthly and the heavenly. But whoever seeks the heavenly is Lord of the whole world. (*St. Ignatius Brianchaninov, Patericon*)

The Lord does not show Himself to a proud soul. The proud soul, no matter how many books it reads, will never know God, since by its pride it does not give place for the grace of the Holy Spirit, while God is known only by the humble soul. (*St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, III.11*)

These sayings are just a few from among 300 such sayings compiled by Fr. George Maksimov, and listed for consideration at:

http://orthodox.cn/patristics/300sayings_en.htm

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

John Kuzmich—fellow parishioner d. 10/2/17
Ida Skrip—former member of the Waterbury Parish d. 10/8/17

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Aksenty Stasenکو	10/22/1919
Mary Panko	10/23/1992
Anna Spielman	10/25/1983
Anna Lyga	10/26/1966
Theodore Panko	10/26/1971
Paranka Cartonا	10/26/1997
Daria Sholomicky	10/26/2002
Tatiana Martynlr	10/27/1918
Olga “Suzy” Choate	10/27/2001
Theodosia Tkach	10/28/1917
Theodore Kriniske	10/28/1940

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 [“Yahd-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
Darylne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
Michael “Mischa” Semanitzky—Dn. Paul’s uncle; ongoing health issues
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—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
child Maven—child of friends of the G. and D. Wegh Family; serious medical condition
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
Louine “Anna” King—suffering from lung cancer
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell; now back home, but still ailing
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Nadia Krawchuk—Bob Matzkevich’s mother-in-law; recently unwell
Macrina Hopko—underwent arthroscopic knee surgery on October 6
Fr. Marc Vranes—underwent total right knee replacement surgery on October 4

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol; now on hospice care
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso’s mother; now resident in Connecticut

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 and family
Mark and Karry Orelup and Family
Richard and Laura Koski

Anniversaries

Paul & Claudia Senetcen	10/21
Thomas and Natalie Wingate	10/26

Birthdays

Paul Senetcen	10/22
John Dubnansky	10/22
Rose Orelup	10/27

Annual General Parish Meeting of the Parish

- Sunday, November 12, 2017 -

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Parish will take place on Sunday, November 12, 2017, the last Sunday before the beginning of the Nativity Fast (Advent). The meeting will take place after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and the Coffee Social Hour that day. The venue for the meeting will be, as usual, the Nave of the Church.

“Expanded” Coffee Hour, Sunday, November 12: Please sign-up to bring food to share during the “expanded” Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 12, which will take place after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and before the beginning of the Annual General Meeting that day. A “sign-up sheet” for this purpose, listing needed items, is now posted downstairs in the Church Basement Hall.

Annual General Meeting Reports Preparation: All those who usually submit reports for inclusion in the reports packet distributed in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting are asked, please, to give those completed reports to Fr. John by no later than Sunday, November 5.

Annual General Meeting Agenda Preparation: Anyone with items for the agenda should please see Fr. John or Paul Senetcen, as soon as possible. Important and/or significant items should be listed on the agenda under the appropriate heading and should not be raised from the floor of the meeting without prior notice.

News and Notes...

Fr. John out of the office, Tuesday, October 24: Fr. John will be out of the office the entire day on Tuesday, October 24.

Fr. John (and others) away at Diocesan Assembly, Friday-Saturday, October 27-28: Fr. John, together with Deacon Paul Nimchek, and Louine King, will in Montpelier/Northfield Falls, Vermont, attending the annual Diocesan Assembly on Friday-Saturday, October 27-28.

Meeting of the Nominations Committee, Sunday, October 29: During the Coffee Social Hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 29, there will be a meeting of the Nominations Committee (Fr. John Hopko, Paul Senetcen, Julie Kowaleski, John Osuch and Ann Sovyrda). The task of the Nominations Committee is to put together the slate of candidates for the Parish Council and other parish offices for the coming year.

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, November 6, 7:00 PM: The November monthly meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, November 6, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Delegation to Next Summer's All American Council: The 19th All American Council (AAC) of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) is scheduled to take place next summer, July 23-27, 2018, in St. Louis, Missouri. The OCA AAC takes place every three years and is a gathering of the whole Church made up of all the bishops, together with representatives of all the dioceses, deaneries, parishes, and institutions (seminaries, monasteries, etc.). Each parish is represented by its pastor and a lay delegate. (At the most recent AAC in Atlanta a few years ago, our parish was represented by Fr. John and Jack Kriniske.) The OCA AAC is the highest legislative body of the Church. For further information about the AAC, please see this website: <https://19aac.oca.org/>. Several members of our parish have expressed interest in serving as our parish's delegate. Also, it should be noted that it is possible to attend the OCA AAC with official observer status. We will be electing our OCA AAC delegate at our Annual General Meeting on November 12. If you are interested in attending the OCA AAC next summer in St. Louis, either as our parish's lay delegate or as an official observer, please see Fr. John, as soon as possible.

LOOKING AHEAD: Advent Confession Appointments: The Nativity Fast (Advent) lasts for the forty days from November 15 until the celebration of The Nativity (Birth) of our Lord, Christmas, on December 25. Each of us should plan to keep the Fast in an appropriate manner. Besides keeping the Fast, we should all make, prepare for and keep an appointment to take part in the Sacrament of Personal and Private Confession. Fr. John will hear Confessions by appointment. Please contact Fr. John now to make your appointment. Thank you for your cooperation!

LOOKING AHEAD: Special Basket Collection to Benefit IOCC: On Sunday, November 19, we will have a "Special Basket" Collection at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to benefit the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), as part of our parish's way of marking the Thanksgiving Holiday. Is there a better way of expressing thanks for the blessings that we have received than giving to meet the needs of others? Since 1992, IOCC has been the official humanitarian aid agency representing the charitable concern of Orthodox Christians living in North America. Since its founding, IOCC has delivered millions of dollars in service to tens of thousands of people around the globe. To learn more about IOCC, visit their website at www.iocc.org, or see Fr. John.

LOOKING AHEAD: Special Basket Collection to Benefit our Seminaries: On Sunday, December 3, we will be having a "Special Basket" Collection at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to benefit the three seminaries of the Orthodox Church in America: Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood (Yonkers), New York; Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, Pennsylvania; and Saint Herman's Seminary, Kodiak, Alaska. In our 2017 Parish Budget we have an expenditure line item for the support of our seminaries. This planned collection will help meet that line item. That line item is \$1270.00, which is (roughly) about one percent (1%) of our annual income budget for 2017. The Orthodox Church in America, by means of a formal resolution passed at the Seattle All-American Council several years ago, has asked every parish to pledge 1% of their annual income each year towards the support of the seminaries. In terms of breaking down our donation between the three schools, we are planning to send 40% of our total donation to Saint Vladimir's Seminary, 40% to Saints Tikhon's Seminary, and 20% to Saint Herman's Seminary.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 22

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 1:11-19)

Brothers and Sisters: I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 16:19-31)

The Lord said: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Scripture Readings for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 29

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 2:16-20)

Brothers and Sisters: We know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 8:26-39)

At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.