

## 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***

**6/4 Sunday**  
***Feast of Holy Pentecost***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy, followed immediately by the Service with the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers

**6/5 Monday**  
7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting

**6/7 Wednesday**  
NO Matins (Morning Prayers)

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*Fr. John will be away for three days,  
June 7 through June 9*  
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**6/10 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil

**6/11 Sunday**  
***Feast of All Saints***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

**6/14 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

**6/17 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil, followed by the Monthly Rite of General Confession

**6/18 Sunday – Father's Day**  
***Feast of All Saints of North America***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

At All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, CT:  
4:00 PM – Akathist to All Saints of North America, with Veneration of the Relics of Eight of those Saints and Anointing with Holy Oil

**6/21 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

**6/24 Saturday**  
***Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist***  
9:00 AM – Service of Prayer to Saint John the Baptist  
6:00 PM – Vigil

## Sunday, June 4, 2017

### *The Feast of Holy Pentecost*

June 4, annually, is the commemoration of, among others, St. Metrophanes, First Patriarch of Constantinople (4<sup>th</sup> c.)

## Sunday, June 11, 2017

### *The Feast of All Saints*

June 11, annually, is the commemoration of, among others, the Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1<sup>st</sup> c.)

### **From the Holy Fathers: *Struggling with Temptations***

“Are you fighting against your passions? Fight, fight, and be good soldiers of Christ! Do not give in to evil and do not be carried away by the weakness of the flesh. During the time of temptation, flee to the Physician [Our Lord, Jesus Christ], crying out with the Holy Church, our mother: ‘O God, number me with the thief, the harlot, and the publican (i.e., with the repentant), and save me!’”

+ St. Anatoly of Optina

# 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***

Priest William George—young priest, tragically killed in car accident d. 5/5/17  
Allison—friend of Peter Serev d. 5/10/17  
Lynda—the mother of Marina Leonidas's Pastor d. 5/13/17  
Robert Faria—former member of parish d. 5/17/17

## ***Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!***

Anna Arburr	6/4/1986
Michael Rewak	6/5/1950
John Christophy	06/05/??
Julia Kriniske	6/5/1995
Stephie Mattson	6/5/2013
Theodora Dubnansky	6/6/1960
Helen Devine	6/6/1962
George Kablesh	6/6/1997
Dimitri Shewchuk	6/7/1949
Alexei Fomin	6/8/1942
Anna Kostyk	6/8/1957
Mary Tadaychuk	6/8/1961
Joseph Andrash	6/8/1961
Antonio LaRoche	6/8/1981
Mary Belik	6/8/1984
John Zhuk	6/9/1943
Tessie Suslenko	6/9/1959
Joseph Pavelchak	6/10/1943
Eva Komanetsky	6/10/1971
Mark Macibora	6/11/1972
Anthony Kalechy	6/12/1913
Theodore Tadaychuk	6/12/1967
Rose Shavstruck	6/13/1955
Eva Habrukovich	6/14/1974
Adam Omelchik	6/15/1951
Anna Sobestanovich	6/16/2006
Maria Sarafin	6/17/1947

## **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

Hope—Fr. John's sister Catherine's sister-in-law; tumor in one of her kidneys  
Nicole—acquaintance of Tom and Marie Wood; young mother, overcoming leukemia  
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  
Veronika "Nika" Dubnansky—continuing her recovery  
Samantha—extremely ill child for whom we have been asked to pray  
Eugene—Tania Bouteneff's uncle; battling cancer  
Marie Wood—still in recovery from recent ill health, but doing well, praise be  
Peter Oraschewsky—recovering from back surgery  
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease  
Deryl—Ann Sovyrda's nephew; kidney disease  
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer  
Lucretia—friend of Jeanne Moore; broken leg  
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease  
James—Louine King's son; chronic ankle joint issues, perhaps requiring surgery  
Justin—Louine King's great-grandson; troubled and in need of our prayers  
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  
Dianna—Jennifer Wegh's mother; suffered an apparent stroke with complications  
John Cordone—Thomas Hopko's grandfather-in-law; now in hospice  
John Kuzmich—suffering from lung cancer; now in treatment  
Louine "Anna" King—suffering from lung cancer  
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell  
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother, presently unwell  
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell

### ***Shut-ins and those in Nursing Homes***

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol

### ***Expectant Mother***

Juliana and the child to be born of her—Juliana Dresko Veek and her baby  
Olga and the child to be born of her—Olga Fedorczyk and her baby  
Rachel and the child to be born of her—Rachel Kopcha Goulet and her baby  
Brianna and the child to be born of her—Chezelle Serev's niece and her baby  
Mikel and the child to be born of her—J. and E. Watras' daughter and her baby

### ***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  
Tatyana Bristol—traveling to Russia, May 4 to July 19, visiting family  
Fr. John and Macrina—will be traveling, June 7 through 9  
Thomas and Alexis Hopko—on honeymoon in England  
Sean Orelup, with sister Courtney—travelling to Japan

### ***Aniversarios of Marriage***

Grzegorz "Greg" and Oglia (Zyla) Fedorczyk	6/4
John & Nina Dubnansky	6/7
John & Luda Saltourides	6/9
Fr. John & Macrina Hopko	6/17

### ***Birthdays***

Raisa Dubnansky	6/6
Louine "Anna" King	6/9
John Kriniske	6/10
Luda Saltourides	6/16

**Pious Disposal of Sacred Items:** In the near future, Fr. John and George Wegh will be engaged in the pious disposal of obsolete sacred items by means of monitored burning, followed by careful burial of the ashes in suitable ground. Please bring any items (such as worn-out Bibles and Prayer Books, paper icons, palm branches, etc.) that you desire to be disposed of in this pious manner to the Church by no later than Wednesday, June 14. Thank you!

# News and Notes

**Sunday, June 4, Feast of Holy Pentecost:** Please be reminded that this weekend, on Sunday, June 4, the Feast of Holy Pentecost, we will serve the Service with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost immediately following the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy. Pentecost is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church Year, and commemorates the occasion when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ's Apostles fifty days after His Resurrection from the dead.

**Monday, June 5, June Meeting of the Parish Council:** The June Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, June 5, beginning at 7:00 PM.

**Wednesday-Friday, June 7-9:** Fr. John will be away from Terryville on a personal trip from early Wednesday morning, June 7, until late on Friday evening, June 9. During Fr. John's absence, in the case of a true pastoral emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, please contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013. (Alternatively, you may also contact any priest of one of the parishes of the Diocese of New England's Connecticut Deanery. You may also reach out to our parish deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek at 860-489-3220.)

**Sunday, June 11 – Fr. John leaving immediately after the Divine Liturgy:** On Sunday morning, June 11, Fr. John will be departing from Terryville right after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. He will be heading over to the Waterbury Parish, where he will be presiding over the annual blessing of the graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery.

**Monday, June 12 – Beginning of the Apostles' Fast:** The Apostles' Fast, which takes place each year from the Monday after All Saints Day through to the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29, begins this year on Monday, June 12. We should endeavor to keep the Fast. Also, it is a pious custom to participate in the Sacrament of Confession during the various fasting seasons of the Church Year. (There are four fasting seasons each year: Great Lent before Pascha, the Nativity Fast before Christmas, the Apostles' Fast described here, and the Dormition Fast during the two weeks before the Feast of Dormition in August.)

**Sunday, June 18 – Pilgrimage to All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, Connecticut:** On Sunday, June 18, which, this year, is the Feast of All Saints of North America, we have an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to pray before and venerate the relics of eight of the saints of North America. At 4:00 PM on that Sunday afternoon, at All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, CT, the Akathist Service to the Saints of North America will be celebrated before the relics of eight of the saints of North America. At the conclusion of that service we will have the opportunity to venerate the relics of those saints and to be anointed with holy oil. The eight saints—small portions of whose relics are enshrined at All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury—are Saint Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska; Saint Innocent, Apostle to America; Saint Tikhon, Enlightener of North America; Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis; Saint Raphael of Brooklyn; Saint Nicolai of Zicha, Saint John of San Francisco; and the Holy New Martyr Saint Vasily Martysz, the Archpriest and Military Chaplain. You may access and read accounts of the lives of all these saints at the Lives of Saints section of the Orthodox Church in America website: <https://oca.org/saints/lives>.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the Sunday of Holy Pentecost*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 2:1-11)**

At that time, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 7:37-52; 8:12)**

At that time, on the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The

officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

## *Scripture Readings for the First Sunday after Holy Pentecost, which is All Saints Day*

### **The Reading from the Book of Hebrews (Hebrews 11:32-12:2)**

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats,

destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to

you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.