

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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*NOTE: This is a double issue of the bulletin,
for both Sundays August 6 and 13*

Schedule of Services

8/6 Sunday
Feast of the Transfiguration
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

*Fr. John will be away from Sunday, August 6,
after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, until
late in the evening on Saturday, August 12,
leading the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally in
Contoocook, New Hampshire*

8/9 Wednesday
NQ Matins (Fr. John at Youth Rally)

8/12 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil

8/13 Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

8/14 Monday
Eve of the Feast of Dormition
6:15 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy

8/15 Tuesday
Feast of Dormition
9:00 AM – Akathist to the Theotokos

8/16 Wednesday
8:00 AM -- Matins (Morning Prayers)

8/19 Saturday
6:00 PM -- Vigil
Followed by Monthly Rite of General Confession

8/20 Sunday
9:15 AM -- Divine Liturgy

8/23 Wednesday
8:00 AM -- Matins (Morning Prayers)

8/26 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil

8/27 Sunday
9:15 AM -- Divine Liturgy

8/30 Wednesday
8:00 AM -- Matins (Morning Prayers)

Sunday, August 6, 2017

*The Great Feast of the Transfiguration of
our Lord on Mount Tabor before His
Disciples Peter, James, and John*

Sunday, August 13, 2017

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

Leave-taking of the Feast of Transfiguration

Commemoration of St. Tikhon, Bishop of Voronezh and
Wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia (18th c.)

Fr. John Away at Youth Rally, August 6 through 12

Just a reminder that Fr. John will be away, August 6 through 12, directing the Diocesan Youth Rally. During his absence, you may call upon Fr. David Koles, or any other Deanery priest, for assistance in an emergency requiring the ministry of a priest. Here are Fr. David Koles's contact details, as listed in his Parish Bulletin:

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Please pray for the success of Youth Rally, for the well-being of the children and staff, and that God's will might be discerned and followed there.

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

Protodeacon Gregory Hatrak d. 7/1/17
Stefanie Yazge—a friend of the Hopko family d. 6/29/17
John Cordone—Thomas Hopko's grandfather-in-law d. 8/3/17

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Lydia Hussey 8/7/1990
Sophie Kaplonik 8/8/1963
Natalia Venger 8/9/1941
Francis Boudreau 8/9/1985
William Hasko 8/10/1956
Pelagia Pavelchak 8/10/1979
Anna Wasyluk 8/10/2005
John Fedishin 8/11/1940
Michael Lyga 8/11/1971
Anna Jay 8/11/1983
Peter Andrash 8/11/2011
Vassily Duke 8/12/1919
Lavrenti Patick 8/12/1936
John Christophy 8/12/1964
Anastasia D'Andrea 8/12/1974
Florence Pawelchak 8/12/1987
John Grela 8/13/1965
Ignati Sarojak 8/13/1937
Anna Liga 8/14/1952
Catherine Sarojak 8/14/1982
Kondrat Kowalchuk 8/15/1955
Michael Sarachun 8/15/1962
Helen Rudnick 8/15/1999
Anthony Rokma 8/16/1924
William Papach 8/18/1991

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
Darlyne—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, almost one full year!
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
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
Deryl—Ann Sovyrda's nephew; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
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
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer
Archpriest Vladimir Horoszczak; underwent open heart surgery on June 27
Peter Oraschewsky—hip joint replacement surgery earlier this summer
Barbara Sovyrda—Mark Sovyrda's former wife; health challenges
Mary—Deacon Paul Nimchek's sister; back surgery
John Kuzmich—suffering from lung cancer
Louine "Anna" King—suffering from lung cancer
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell; now back home, but still ailing
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Archpriest Steven Voytovich—severely injured foot

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

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
Maria Oraschewsky—visiting Germany, July 4 to August 28, with her grandson
Peter and Chezelle Serev
Joel and Julie Kowaleski and Family
Deborah Wegh—away until August 8th
All those travelling to and from the Diocesan Youth Rally

Wedding Anniversaries

Protodeacon Paul & Patty Nimchek 8/9
Gregory & Deborah Wegh 8/18

Birthdays

Daria Omichinski 8/6

News and Notes...

Back-To-School Clothing Program: Thanks to everyone who volunteered to do shopping for this program, which provides school clothes for less privileged children in our Town of Plymouth. We need all the clothes that are being provided at Church by Sunday, August 20. The clothes need to be clearly labelled as to which child they are for, using the numbers that were provided to identify each child. Also, the clothes need to be accompanied by gift receipts. The gift receipts will allow for exchanges should there be a problem with sizing when the recipient receives the clothes. Again, thanks to all who are working on or contributing to this initiative.

More News and Notes...

LOOKING AHEAD: Special Parish Meeting, Sunday, September 10: On Sunday, September 10, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and after we have had some time for “coffee and...”, we will be having a special meeting of the Parish. This meeting is to discuss in some depth the question of how we wish to address the issue of Church Growth and Development in our Parish. Presently, we are in the fourth week of an eight-week-long preaching program during which we are exploring some of the characteristics manifested by healthy, growing, and developing parish churches. The purpose of this preaching program is to prepare us for our meeting in September, by raising awareness of this significant issue and some of its relevant aspects. Please, plan now to make the time to participate in our special meeting on September 10. Each and every one of us matters, and makes a difference. Your presence is vital to the hoped for fruitfulness of our planned September 10th gathering—do not doubt that truth!

Help Fight the Battle against Ovarian Cancer! For the fourth consecutive year, on Saturday, September 16, at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, CT, a team captained by our own Jack Kriniske will be participating in a fundraising and awareness-raising walk to benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), an organization leading the fight against ovarian cancer. The team is named “Team Donna” in memory of Jack’s dearly beloved wife, Donna, who died on March 3, 2014, after a brave and faith-filled fight of seven years with this disease.

Team Donna is officially registered and represented on the NOCC/Hartford Walk website for the event. To access this year’s information please click on this link: <https://runwalk.ovarian.org/hartford/Home/Index/>

That link will take you to the 2017 NOCC/Hartford Walk website. From there you can click on the “Donate Now!” heading and then search for “Team Donna” to make a donation. Also, you can register to actually participate personally in the Walk, by clicking on the “Register Now!” heading.

This is a worthy cause and we hope that we will support it generously from our parish. Thanks for your help!

Notes from Fr. John: The Blessing of “First Fruits” at the Feast of the Transfiguration

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is traditional in the Church to bless the “first fruits” at the Feast of the Transfiguration. The “first fruits” are the earliest results of the harvest of the fruits and vegetables that have been growing from the spring through the summer. Obviously, different items come to fruition at different times in different places, but the month of August is certainly a fruitful time in the parts of the world where the Christian Faith originated and, also, is a fruitful time right here in Connecticut. Right now, berries, sweet corn, tomatoes, and other produce are coming into season here in our region.

It is always appropriate to offer gratefully to God, for His further blessing, everything that He gives us. However, it is especially appropriate to do this on the Feast of the Transfiguration, given the nature of what we are celebrating. As we sing in the festal hymns and hear about in the Gospel accounts, the event of the Transfiguration is the moment when our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the midst of His earthly ministry, took Himself apart with three of His disciples and was transfigured (transformed, altered, changed) before them. In this change, He was still recognizable as the man Jesus, but at the same time He manifested in a miraculous manner the glory of God in a wonderful way that was marked particularly by bright light coming forth from His person.

When we meditate on the Transfiguration and then think about the custom of blessing the “first fruits” on this feast, we are reminded of the miraculous transformation that occurs in nature each and every time something grows and develops. In the case of fruits and vegetables, what begins as a seed, grows into a plant, and then produces that which we later enjoy as food for our health and wellbeing. Particularly important to think about are the grapes that are especially singled out for blessing at Transfiguration. The grape, as it makes its passage from seed, to vine, to flower, to fruit, and then to food and drink, often ends that journey as wine. Significantly and poignantly, some of that wine is offered in the Holy Eucharist to be miraculously made and revealed to be the life-giving Blood of Christ that we receive in Holy Communion! Let us meditate upon that marvelous transfiguration as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, may each and every one of us be blessed on this wonderful Feast of the Transfiguration to sense and to know the presence and glory of God, He Who both gives us life and transforms our lives. Glory to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! Glory to His Father, our God from all the ages! Glory to the Spirit of God sent to comfort, guide and transform us! Glory to God for all things!

With love in Christ, *Fr. John*

Readings from Holy Scripture

Readings for the Feast of the Transfiguration, which this year falls on Sunday, August 6

The Reading from the Second General Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter (2 Peter 1:10-19)

Therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matthew 17:1-9)

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is Sunday, August 13

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 4:9-16)

Brothers and Sisters: I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 17:14-23)

At that time a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

