

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Schedule of Services

- 1/14 Sunday**
Leave-taking of Theophany
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 1/17 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 1/20 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by General Confession
- 1/21 Sunday**
Zacchaeus Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 1/24 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 1/27 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil,
Followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 1/28 Sunday**
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 1/31 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 2/1 Thursday**
Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
6:15 PM – Vespers and Festal Divine Liturgy
- 2/2 Friday**
Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 2/3 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 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)

Sunday, January 14, 2018

The 32nd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7

Leave-taking of Theophany

Commemoration of Saint Nino (Nina) of Georgia

A Prayer to be Offered in Times of Darkness and Despair

O Lord, Jesus Christ, I am able to walk with You when things go well, and when nothing seems wrong or troubling. However, at this moment, I feel as the Apostle Peter must have felt when he saw You walk towards him on the open sea. Saint Peter then tried to walk to You, but he lost hope, and he began to sink into the stormy waters of the sea. When I am down and low, in a place of darkness and despair, sinking into the stormy seas of life, by which I feel overwhelmed, come to me, loving Lord, as You came to Your Apostle Peter. Help me, even though my faith is weak, and even though I have lost hope, and even though I have given in to darkness and despair. Come to me, compassionate Lord, for You are our God and our Hope, O Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to You we give glory, together with Your Eternal Father and Your All-Holy Spirit, always, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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

Helen Karabin—Roger's mother d. 1/3/18
Andrew Behr—Macrina Hopko's uncle d. 12/17/17
Julie Ann Voytovich—Fr. Steven Voytovich's mother d. 12/15/17

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Makari Kaplonetz 1/14/1939
Clement Tikhon 1/14/1945
Ignaty Kucirka 1/14/1958
Joseph Tkach 1/19/1922
John Liba 1/19/1922
Michael Glowa 1/19/1933
Mary Cleveland 1/20/1972

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

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

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 Holly (Hanna) and the child to be born of her
Matushka Brenda (Barbara) and the child to be born of her
And all the other expectant mothers and their children for whom we have been asked to pray

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

Birthdays

Larisa Kowaleski 1/15
Amelia Bystry 1/16
Emery Andrew Wegh 1/16
Emilia Serev 1/20
Nika Dubnansky 1/20

Some Words to Ponder

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann wrote, concerning the opening words of the Divine Liturgy:

“The Orthodox liturgy begins with the solemn doxology: ‘Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.’ From the beginning the destination is announced: the journey is to the Kingdom. This is where we are going—and not symbolically, but really. In the language of the Bible, which is the language of the church, to bless the Kingdom is not simply to acclaim it. It is to declare it to be the goal, the end of all our desires and interests, of our whole life, the supreme and ultimate value of all that exists. To bless is to accept it. This acceptance is expressed in the solemn answer to the doxology: ‘Amen.’ [Amen] is indeed one of the most important words in the world, for it expresses the agreement of the Church to follow Christ in His ascension to His Father, to make this ascension the destiny of man.”

– From Fr. Alexander's masterpiece, his book, *For the Life of the World* (Very worthwhile reading!)

News and Notes

2018 Pledge Forms: We thank all those who have filled out and returned their Year 2018 pledge forms. We respectfully ask those who have not yet turned in a pledge form to do so, please. If you need a pledge packet, please see Fr. John.

House Blessings are Ongoing: We are fully engaged in the annual House Blessing season now. If you have not yet scheduled Father John to bless your home, and you would like him to do so, please contact him at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD: 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.

LOOKING AHEAD: Great Lent begins on Monday, February 19: Our celebration of Holy Pascha, the Feast of Feasts, the annual commemoration of Our Lord's victory over sin and death, comes early in the calendar this year, falling on Sunday, April 8. This means that Great Lent will soon be upon us, in a month's time, beginning on Monday, February 19. We should begin planning now, well in advance, for how we will make our annual Lenten journey this year. We should be thinking and praying about our Lenten disciplines and Paschal priorities, committing ourselves to honor the Fast and to celebrate the Feast. May God strengthen us to plan for and then to keep Great Lent in an appropriate and honorable way, and to make a beautiful and spiritually profitable journey to the celebration of Holy Pascha.

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.

REGISTER NOW! 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 for Christians in the New England area entitled: "Becoming Fire - Christian Living in Turbulent Times," led by Dr. Al Rossi from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Though the retreat will be presented from an Eastern Orthodox Christian perspective, this retreat might be a good event, not only for you, but also for your Christian friends and colleagues from other traditions, especially those that will be celebrating a Lenten period before Pascha/Easter. If you register online by February 10th, the fee is only \$20. For those registering after February 10th, registration is \$25; for those paying at the door the day of the event, registration is \$30 cash. The registration cost covers not only the costs 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>

Schedule of the Retreat:

9:30 AM: Registration & Coffee
10:00 AM: Session I
12:00 Noon: Lenten Lunch & Fellowship
1:00 PM: Session II
2:30 PM: Break w/ refreshments

3:00 PM: Session III
5:00 PM: Great Vespers
5:30 PM: Soup & Bread (downstairs) + Confessions available (upstairs)
6:30 PM: Dismissal

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 32nd Sunday after Theophany

The Reading from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to Timothy (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Luke 18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Scripture Readings for the Sunday of Zacchaeus, Sunday, January 29, 2017

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (1 Tim. 4: 9-15)

My Son Timothy: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."