

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, January 21, 2018

The 33rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8

- Zacchaeus Sunday
- Sanctity of Life Sunday
- Commemoration of Saint Maximus the Confessor

Schedule of Services

- 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)
- 2/10 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 2/11 Sunday**
Sunday of the Last Judgment
Meat-fare Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

Notes from Fr. John: Sanctity of Life Sunday

Every year, on the Sunday in January nearest to January 22, the Orthodox Church in America marks “Sanctity of Life Sunday.” That date in January is chosen in reference to the fact that the landmark Supreme Court case “Roe vs. Wade” concerning the legality of abortion was officially decided on January 22, 1973.

So, when we mark “Sanctity of Life Sunday,” we are concerned about the issue of abortion, and we take the occasion to speak strongly and without equivocation in opposition to the practice of abortion.

However, the concept of the sanctity of life, while certainly to be applied to the lives of unborn children, is, also, to be applied to the lives of all people. Every human life is a gift from God, and, therefore, is sacred. Every human life is to be protected, nurtured, cherished, and respected. And, this is not simply an issue about what is “legal” or “illegal.” We must never forget that Our Lord Jesus Christ was a victim of the legal system under which he lived. He was not murdered or assassinated. Rather, he was executed, as a common criminal, by the authorities. The Crucifixion was a *legal* act.

Therefore, as Christians we are, of course, to be concerned about what is good and what is evil, about what is right and what is wrong. But, we are, also, as we are able, to involve ourselves in efforts to make sure that our laws, acts, rules and regulations do not violate the sanctity of life.

These few short notes certainly do not do full justice to the concept of the sanctity of life. Rather, they are an invitation to care about this concept, to explore it, to study it, to pray about it, and to commit ourselves not only to know, but also to become wise, and to act from that place of wisdom.

May God help us, guide us, and have mercy on us.

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

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

Dimitri Rozum—parishioner in the Waterbury Parish	d. 1/14/18
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!

Afton Tkachuk	1/21/1958
Natalie Witik	1/21/1988
Anna Stanko	1/21/1990
Julia Maichack	1/21/2012
Isodora Kablesh	1/22/1960
Joseph Duke	1/23/1935
Mary Duke	1/23/1985
Julia Biscoe	1/24/1944
Fotia Veshman	1/24/1939
Michael Susla	1/24/1963
William Glowa	1/25/1987
Olga Wrettick	1/25/2008
Dorothy Gryguch	1/26/1988
Theodore Duke	1/27/1997
Julia Pavelchak	1/27/1935
Steven Pohlod	1/27/1958

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
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 and Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK

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

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: 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.

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.

LOOKING (WAY!) AHEAD: Youth Rally, August 13-18, 2018: The Year 2018 Annual Diocesan Youth Rally will take place August 13-18, 2018. Youth Rally is open to all Diocesan Youth who have finished 5th grade and who have not yet celebrated their 18th birthday. Volunteer Adult Staff Members are required to make this event possible. Staff Members will arrive a day early, on Sunday evening, August 12, and stay the entire week. For further information, please contact Fr. John, who will once again this summer serve as Youth Rally Director and Rector.

Needs of the Food Pantry: On an almost constant basis, for the purpose of distribution to its clients, the Plymouth Community Food Pantry needs personal care items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, hair brushes, etc. Also, the Food Pantry just about always requires donations of condiments and spices, such as ketchup, mustard, vinegar, cooking oil, BBQ sauce, pickle relish, table salt, black pepper, onion and garlic powder, dried herbs, etc. You can drop off your donations in the basket in the Narthex of our Church, or in the big green bin located by the exit staircase in the Church Basement Social Hall. Every time any of us go grocery shopping, it would be appropriate and worthy of a blessing for us to purchase some items for donation to the Food Pantry.

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 Zacchaeus

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."

Scripture Readings for the Sunday of Publican and the Pharisee

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:10-15)

My Son Timothy: You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."