

## 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***

- 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**  
***Pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday***  
5:30 PM – General Memorial for all the Departed Faithful  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 2/11 Sunday**  
***Sunday of the Last Judgment***  
***Meat-fare Sunday***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 2/14 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 2/17 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 2/18 Sunday**  
***Forgiveness Sunday***  
***Cheese-fare Sunday***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
11:45 AM – Forgiveness Sunday Vespers,  
with Rite of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent

## Sunday, January 28, 2018

*The 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1*

- Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
  - Commemoration of the New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, who suffered under the yoke of God-less atheism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Commemoration of the Venerable Ephrem the Syrian and of Saint Isaac the Syrian

### **Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple** ***February 1-2, 2018***

This week we will mark one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Orthodox Christian Year when we celebrate the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple. This Feast commemorates the occasion when, forty days after His birth, our Lord was presented in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the religious laws and customs of the time.

We will have the following worship services in the Church to keep the Feast: On Thursday evening, February 1, the Eve of the Feast, beginning at 6:15 PM, we will celebrate Vespers with Divine Liturgy (“Vesperal Liturgy”) and on the actual Feast day, Friday, February 2, we will have Matins beginning at 8:00 AM.

Please be reminded that the minimum fasting/abstinence discipline for preparing to receive Holy Communion at Eucharistic Liturgies celebrated in the evening is total abstinence from all food and drink from midday (that is, from six hours before the service begins).

# 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!***

Maria Yakowitz	1/28/1949
Pauline Osuch	1/28/2001
June F. Pavelchak	1/28/2009
Matushka Sofia Fedoronko	1/30/1946
Samuel Wrettick	1/30/1987
Anna Kowaleski	2/1/1991
Stella Adams	2/1/2008
Zachary Lyga	2/2/1954
John Sarofin	2/3/1999

## **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  
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  
Mark Sovyrda—Ann's son; suffering severely with chronic and acute back pain

### ***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

### ***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  
Laura Koski

### ***Birthdays***

Joan Markovich	1/28
Claudia Senecten	1/30
Katrina Orelup	2/1
Courtney Orelup	2/1
Patty Nimchek	2/3

### ***Anniversaries of Marriage***

Bill & Joan Markovich	1/28
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## **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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The "Penguin Plunge": A Special Olympics Fundraiser, March 4:** On Sunday, March 4, Paul and Claudia Senetcen's daughter, Sarah Gaulin, together with her husband Justin, will once again be participating in a fundraiser for Special Olympics Connecticut. Sarah and Justin are now accepting sponsorships for taking a plunge in the wintry waters of Long Island Sound at Ocean Beach Park, New London, CT. To sponsor Sarah and Justin in their "Penguin Plunge" you may mail a check payable to "Connecticut Special Olympics" to Sarah at her home address: Sarah Gaulin, 15 Virginia Road, Oakdale, CT 06370-1554. You may also contribute on-line at [www.soct.org](http://www.soct.org), in the section of that website dedicated to the New London, CT, Penguin Plunge. (If giving on-line, select Ways to Give, Penguin Plunge, Shoreline Plunge, and enter "Justin Gaulin" under Name of Participant.) Please consider giving Sarah and Justin your support through a sponsorship donation. Thank you for your consideration!

**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.

**Parish Needs—Charcoal and Church Wine:** Two items we use regularly in our Church services are charcoal, to burn incense, and church wine, for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. We buy these items in bulk. A box of charcoal (100 briquettes) costs \$22.55, and we use one or two briquettes at each service. The wine prices fluctuate, but a case of wine generally costs no less than \$60.00 for the less expensive of the two brands of wine that we use, and somewhat more for the more expensive (and nicer) wine that we most often use. Right now, the less expensive wine—Manischewitz Concord Grape—costs \$9.99 for a single 1.5 liter bottle at Crazy Bruce's Liquors on Farmington Avenue in Bristol. A 1.5 liter bottle of Carmel King David Sacramental wine, which is our preferred wine for use in the Liturgy, usually costs at least \$11.00 or \$12.00 a bottle, sometimes more. In any case, if you would like to subsidize the purchase of either of these items for use during our Church services, please, make out a check to "Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church" for whatever amount you would like to contribute. Then give that check to Fr. John, Paul Senetcen (our Lay President), or Mark Orelup (our Treasurer). Please specify in the memo line of your check the purpose of your donation. Thanks for your consideration.

**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 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."

## *Scripture Readings for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:12-20)**

Brothers and Sisters: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"--and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 15:11-32)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"