

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, April 21, 2019

Palm Sunday

*The Commemoration of our Lord's
Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

Schedule of Services

- 4/21 Palm Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
IN HARTFORD: 4:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins to begin the Great and Holy Week of Our Lord's Passion, All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, CT
- 4/22 Great and Holy Monday**
7:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins
- 4/23 Great and Holy Tuesday**
7:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins
- 4/24 Great and Holy Wednesday**
7:00 PM – Matins of Holy Thursday, Commemoration of the Last Supper
- 4/25 Great and Holy Thursday**
10:00 AM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy ("Vesperal Divine Liturgy") commemorating the Last Supper
7:00 PM – Matins of Holy Thursday, with the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels
- 4/26 Great and Holy Friday**
3:00 PM – Vespers, with the Rite of the Entombment of our Lord
7:00 PM – Matins of Holy Saturday, with Psalm 119 and Verses chanted over the Lord's Tomb, and the Procession with the Epitaphion (Plaschinitsa/Winding Sheet)
- 4/27 Great and Holy Saturday**
10:00 AM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy ("Vesperal Divine Liturgy"), with the 15 Readings from the Old Testament, and the Gospel Reading with the first announcement of our Lord's Resurrection, and with the changing of the liturgical coverings from purple and black to bright white
11:30 PM – The Midnight Office ("Nocturns"), followed by the Matins and the Divine Liturgy of Holy Pascha
- 4/28 Great and Holy Pascha ("Easter Sunday")**
12:00 NOON – Paschal Vespers, with the Procession and the Reading of the Gospel Accounts of the Our Lord's Resurrection

Schedule of Services, continued

- 4/29 Bright Monday**
IN NEW BRITAIN: 9:00 AM – Paschal Divine Liturgy, with Festive Procession, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, New Britain, CT
- 5/1 Bright Wednesday**
7:00 PM – Paschal Vespers, followed by a festive, Paschal "Bring-and-Share" Meal
- 5/4 Bright Saturday**
IN WATERBURY: 9:30 AM – Paschal Divine Liturgy, at Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary ("Saint Mary's") Orthodox Church, Waterbury, CT. At the conclusion of this Liturgy, we will serve a Thanksgiving Prayer Service, including commemoration of the founders, benefactors and contributors, at the exterior front steps of the Parish Temple, which is now being prepared for dismantling.
- 5/5 Thomas Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
12:15 AM – Blessing of the Graves in the Parish Cemetery
- 5/6 Monday**
7:00 PM – Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council
- 5/7 Tuesday**
Feast of Saint Alexis, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America
IN CLINTON, CT: 9:00 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy, at Saint Alexis Church, Clinton, CT, for the Parish Feast Day of that Parish
- 5/8 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 5/10 Friday**
Eve of the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
7:00 PM – Vespers
- 5/11 Saturday**
Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
9:15 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy, commemorating our Patron Saints

PARISH PRAYER LIST

NOTE: This week in the Parish Prayer List, we are listing all the anniversaries of repose, birth and marriage that will take place during the two weeks from Palm Sunday, through to and including Bright Saturday (the Saturday after Pascha), as by custom we do not pray for specific individuals during Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week, but rather pray for the whole world during that holy time.

Please pray for all victims of disaster, difficulty and senseless violence throughout the world.

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

Newly Departed

Donald—Chezelle Serev's uncle	d. 4/20/2019
Carol Johnson—our fellow parishioner	d. 4/8/2019
Betty—Fr. John Eissman's mother	d. 4/6/2019
Richard Westerberg—Fr. Michael's brother	d. 4/3/2019
Matushka Julia Petranin—wife of Fr. Jozef Petranin	d. 3/17/19

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Gregory Kaschak	4/21/1927
Leon Gurlowski	4/21/1983
Thomas Raineault	4/21/2002
Sonia Rozyk	4/21/2007
Joseph Naymchik	4/22/1929
Helen Kowaleski	4/22/1979
Richard Kowaleski	4/22/2000
John Bayda	4/23/1954
Anthony Tkach	4/23/1961
Diane Wrettick	4/23/1979
Nadejda Loshoski	4/24/1966
Joanna Pawelchak	4/24/1979
Aftan Pastyrnak	4/25/1978
John Maichack	4/26/1997
Louis "Lou" Kopcha	4/26/2013
Maria Komansky	4/27/1925
Theodore Hrabsky	4/27/1939
<u>Konstantine Yatsenick</u>	<u>4/27/1961</u>
Eva Yacknick	4/30/1960
Protodeacon Simeon "Sam" Kopcha	4/30/2010
Wassa Sobestanovich	5/1/1989
Mitred Archpriest Andrew Kuharsky	5/1/1972
Mitred Archpriest Konstantine Kaminsky	5/1/1984
Jacob Kyriluk	5/2/1939
Olga Klachany	5/2/2014
Maria Shular	5/3/1920
John Ribak	5/4/1947
James Dougay	5/4/1942
Maria Salenko	5/4/1950

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

His Eminence Archbishop Nikon—recent health issues
 Archpriest Steven Belonick—C. Belonick's brother; suffering in serious illness
 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
 Jadwiga ["Yahd-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer
 Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
 Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
 child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges
 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
 Virginia ("Gina")—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers
 Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
 Eleanor—Rdr. Joseph Boruch's mother; chronic health challenges
 Maria Oraschewsky—now requires dialysis three times a week
 Charlotte—Chezelle Serev's mother; unwell and in need of prayerful support
 Mark—friend of Frank Guba; battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
 Michael—friend of Frank Guba; rehabbing after bilateral lung transplant
 Irene Vassos—member of Diocesan Council; injured in fall
 Nina Gorbachev—very unwell
 Anna Szepeł—recently unwell; Waterbury parishioner
 Yelena Massicotte—facing some health challenges at this time
 Tanya Beach—recovering from brain hemorrhage; laboring in rehabilitation
 Sheila—friend of Donna Osuch; facing serious health challenges
 Mat. Cindy Voytovich—facing some health challenges at the present time
 Barbara—friend of Jack Kriniske; hip replacement surgery scheduled for April 22

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods, Bristol
 Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut
 Mary Fomenko—just out of the hospital after recent health troubles
 Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother

Expectant Mothers

Breanna and the child to be born of her – The Serevs' niece and her baby

Travelers, Those Soon to be Traveling, and Those Apart from Us

Kristen Austin
 Maria Oraschewsky

Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy, hospital corpsman ("medic")
 Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
 Joshua Pcsolyar—fiancé of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army pilot, now in Afghanistan

Birthdays

Gregory "Greg" Wegh	4/25
Frank "Fyodor" Guba	4/25
Laura Koski	4/26
Julie Kowaleski	4/26
Natalie Wingate	4/27
Sarah (Senetcen) Gaulin	4/27
Christopher Aaron "Chris" Osuch	4/27

Prayer to Bless the Palms and Branches on the Feast of Palm Sunday

O Lord, our God, Who rests upon the cherubim, You have reaffirmed Your power and sent Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His Cross, Burial, and Resurrection. When our Lord Jesus drew near to Jerusalem for His voluntary Passion, the People that sat in darkness and the shadow of death took, as tokens of victory, boughs of trees and branches of palms, thus foretelling His Resurrection. Do You Yourself, O Master, keep and preserve us also, who, following their example, on this eve of the Feast carry in our hands palms and branches, and who like the crowds and the children cry to You, "Hosanna!". With hymns and spiritual songs may we attain the life-giving Resurrection on the third day: through Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

NEWS AND NOTES

IN NEW BRITAIN: Bright Monday, April 29, 9:00 AM – Paschal Divine Liturgy and Festive Procession: This year, on Bright Monday, instead of having a service in our Parish, we will be joining with Fr. David Koles and the parishioners at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 305 Washington St, New Britain, CT, to celebrate a festive, Paschal Divine Liturgy and Procession. The Divine Liturgy will begin New Britain that morning at 9:00 AM.

Bright Wednesday, May 1 – Paschal Vespers and “Bring-and-Share” Meal, 7:00 PM: On Wednesday evening, May 1, we will have a festive occasion in our Parish. We will celebrate Paschal Vespers at 7:00 PM, and then enjoy a festive, Paschal “Bring-and-Share” Meal together downstairs in the Basement Social Hall. During Great Lent we enjoyed Wednesday evening worship and fellowship, and we would like to do this again, in a festive and Paschal manner, during Bright Week.

IN WATERBURY: Bright Saturday, May 4, 9:30 AM – Bright Saturday Liturgy in the Waterbury Parish Chapel: On Saturday, May 4, beginning at 9:30 AM, we will serve a Paschal Divine Liturgy in the Waterbury Parish Chapel, located at 3125 N. Main Street, Waterbury, CT. At the conclusion of this Liturgy, we will serve a Thanksgiving Prayer Service, including commemoration of the founders, benefactors and contributors, at the exterior front steps of the Parish Temple, which is now being prepared for dismantling.

Thomas Sunday Blessing of Graves, Sunday, May 5, 12:15 PM: On Sunday, May 5, we will celebrate the Sunday after Pascha, Thomas Sunday. As is our parish’s custom for Thomas Sunday, weather and ground conditions permitting, we will bless the graves in the parish cemetery that day beginning at 12:15 PM. (**NOTE: Looking Ahead!** The Waterbury Parish Cemetery blessing will take place on Sunday, June 23, beginning at 12:45 PM.)

Monday, May 6 – May Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council: The May Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, May 6, beginning at 7:00 PM.

IN CLINTON: Tuesday, May 7 – Festal Divine Liturgy at Saint Alexis Orthodox Church on the occasion of that parish’s patronal feast day: On Tuesday, May 7, beginning at 9:00 AM, Festal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Saint Alexis Orthodox Church, 108 E Main St, Clinton, CT, on the occasion of that parish’s patronal feast day. Fr. John will be participating there in his capacity as District Dean of the Connecticut Deanery, and anyone who would like to accompany him that morning is welcome to do so.

May 10th and 11th – Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius: We will celebrate our parish’s patronal feast day with the following schedule: On Friday evening, May 10, the Eve of the Feast, we will celebrate Vespers beginning at 7:00 PM. On Saturday morning, May 11, the actual Feast Day, we will celebrate the Festal Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:15 AM. Please plan to participate in the commemoration of our Patrons, Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Monday, May 20 – May Meeting of the Waterbury Parish Council: The May Meeting of the Waterbury Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, May 20, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Needs of the Food Pantry—May we all remember the needs of others at Holy Pascha! 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 goes grocery shopping, it would be appropriate and worthy of a blessing for us to purchase some items for donation to the Food Pantry.

LOOKING AHEAD: Graduates: If you or a member of your family is graduating this spring, please let us know, so that we might share the news with our Parish Family, and offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

Pertaining to Pascha

- **Volunteers Gathering:** Volunteers are coming to the Church early on Holy Monday, April 22, to iron all the black and white covers for use in the Church later in the week for Holy Friday, Holy Saturday, and Holy Pascha. That ironing session will begin at 9:30 AM on Monday, April 22. Bring your iron and ironing board, and join in!
- **Paschal Appeals:** Please give generously to our Parish's General Paschal Appeal and to the Easter (Paschal) Flower Offering. We always have lovely flowers in the Church for Pascha and our contributions help cover the cost of these beautiful additions to our Paschal worship. Your support of these two appeals is deeply appreciated.
- **Blessing of Paschal Baskets:** The Blessing of Paschal Baskets will take place at the conclusion of the Paschal Midnight Services in the Church Basement Social Hall, after which time the Parish Paschal "Agape" Meal will take place in the same location.
- **Paschal Agape Meal:** The Parish Paschal "Agape" Meal, which will happen after the Paschal Midnight Divine Liturgy, will take place in the Church Basement Social Hall, immediately following the Blessing of the Paschal Baskets. We will not have a general food table, but will be eating from and sharing the contents of our family Paschal Baskets, while enjoying each other's company. If you are planning to stay for this meal, please bring everything you need with you—your own plates, cups, and cutlery, your own beverages and condiments, etc. (P.S. The word "agape," pronounced "ah-GAH-pay," means "love" in the Greek language and is the traditional word used to describe this Paschal meal.)

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Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for Palm Sunday

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (Phil. 4:4-9)

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John (John 12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.