

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

- 4/22 Sunday**
The Holy Myrrhbearers
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 4/25 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 4/28 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 4/29 Sunday**
The Paralytic
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 5/1 Tuesday**
Eve of the Feast of Mid-Pentecost
7:00 PM Vespers for the Middle of the Feast
- 5/2 Wednesday**
Feast of Mid-Pentecost
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 5/5 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 5/6 Sunday**
The Samaritan Woman
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 5/7 Monday**
7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting
- 5/9 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 5/10 Thursday**
Eve of the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
6:15 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy
- 5/11 Friday**
The Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
8:00 AM – Service of Prayer to our Patron Saints
- 5/12 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 5/13 Sunday**
The Blind Man
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 5/16 Wednesday**
The Leave-taking of Holy Pascha
Eve of the Feast of the Ascension
6:15 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the Feast
- 5/17 Thursday**
The Feast of the Ascension
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

Sunday, April 22, 2018

The 3rd Sunday of Pascha –
Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Also, April 22, annually, is the date of the commemoration of St Theodore the Sykeote, the Bishop of Anastasiopolis (6th c. AD)

A PRAYER

- O Lord, with the certainty of Your love, overcome my misgivings.
- O Lord, with the trustworthiness of Your love, overcome my distrust.
- O Lord, with the sweetness of Your love, overcome my bitterness.
- O Lord, with the hope of Your love, overcome my hopelessness.
- O Lord, with the confidence of Your love, overcome my cynicism.
- O Lord, with the cheerfulness of Your love, overcome my negativity.
- O Lord, with the optimism of Your love, overcome my pessimism.
- O Lord, with the serenity of Your love, overcome my irritation.
- O Lord, with the acceptance of Your love, overcome my resentment.
- O Lord, with the calm of Your love, overcome my anger.
- O Lord, with the happiness of Your love, overcome my sadness.
- O Lord, with the joy of Your love, overcome my sorrow.
- O Lord, with the delight of Your love, overcome my grief.
- O Lord, with the power of Your love, overcome my weakness.
- O Lord, with the healing of Your love, overcome my pain.

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

Archpriest John Nehrebecki	d. 4/7/18
Mary Ann Macko—Fr. John's aunt	d. 4/4/18
Kurt Walter—friend of Maria Oraschewsky	d. 3/29/18
Melanie (Zapotocky) Loose—Fr. John's great-aunt	d. 3/22/18

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

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
Konstantine Yatsenick	4/27/1961

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
Archpriest Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's brother; chronic illness
Phyllis George—Donna Krinske'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
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
Virginia ("Gina")—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Bachloan—friend of Jeanne Moore; recent open heart surgery
Jerry Grasso—Jayne Grasso's husband; unwell and in need of prayers
Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support
Steve Panasuk—our fellow parishioner; recently unwell

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods, Bristol
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods, Bristol
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut
Mary Fomenko—shut-in at home

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

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

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 Osuch	4/27

Questions coming out of our recent Parish Council Meetings

During our last several Parish Council Meetings, the Parish Council, and others who have joined the meetings, have been considering the issue of Church Growth and Development. One of the initiatives that has been suggested is that we have an "Open House" (or similar event) at Church, an occasion to which we can invite acquaintances in order to share with them about our Faith and our Church.

One of the concerns, when considering how to prepare and to host such an event, is that we would want to ensure that the event be organized in such a way that we would actually feel comfortable with it, ourselves. We certainly do not want to set up an event to which we would not want to invite friends and family. Rather, we want to arrange an event that is an occasion that we would want to share with and participate in with others, those who might not know much or anything about the Orthodox Faith and Church.

So, we are asking for feedback; and may soon do so in a more formal manner, by means of a survey or questionnaire. But, in the meantime, we would like to ask ourselves to think about these questions (and more): What sort of event at Church would we feel comfortable inviting non-Orthodox acquaintances to attend? How would that event be structured? When would it take place? How long would it last? Who would organize and host the event, and what specifically would be the content of the occasion? Why would we be hosting such an event? What specifically would be its goals?

Please, do take some time to think about these questions, and to provide some feedback to our Parish Council members, and, especially, to Richard Koski, our Parish Secretary, so that Rich can compile some of the responses he receives to share with the Parish Council. Thanks for your time and consideration.

News and Notes

Fr. John to depart right after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 22, and on Sunday, April 29: Both on Sunday, April 22, and on Sunday, April 29, Fr. John will be departing Terryville right after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in order to attend events in the Waterbury Parish. On Sunday, April 22, Fr. John is chairing a special meeting in the Waterbury Parish, and, on Sunday, April 29, he will be blessing the Waterbury Parish Cemetery. (Fr. John has been the Pastoral Administrator of the Waterbury Parish since December 2016.)

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.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius: We will mark the Feast of our heavenly patrons, Saints Cyril and Methodius, with the celebration of Vespers with the Divine Liturgy beginning at 6:15 PM on Thursday evening, May 10, the Eve of the Feast.

LOOKING 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 goes grocery shopping, it would be appropriate and worthy of a blessing for us to purchase some items for donation to the Food Pantry.

Upcoming Event in a Neighboring Orthodox Christian Parish: On Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT, Fr. Paul Tarazi will offer a pair of lectures based on his new book, *The Rise of Scripture*, which is about how the Bible, as we have it today, became recognized as Holy Scripture. This is part of the long-running *Connecticut Bible Lecture Series* that Christ the Savior Church has hosted for many years. The event begins at 12:30 PM and ends with the celebration of Great Vespers, beginning at 5:00 PM. There will be two talks, separated by a short break. Light refreshments (but no meal) will be served. The event is free, but requires pre-registration. For further details, see the materials posted on the bulletin boards in our Parish Basement Social Hall. Also, you may call Christ the Savior Church at (203) 267-1330 to find out more and to pre-register for the event.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday of Pascha, called the Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 6:1-7)

At that time, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of

the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark (Mk. 15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back--it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.