

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

- 4/29 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 – Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast
- 5/17 Thursday**
The Feast of the Ascension
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 5/19 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by the Monthly Rite of General Confession
- 5/20 Sunday**
The Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 29, 2018

The 4th Sunday of Pascha –
Sunday of The Healing of the Paralytic

Also, April 29, annually, is the date of the commemoration of the Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus (3rd c.) and Saint Basil, Bishop of Ostrog (16th c.)

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost, or, more accurately, the Mid-feast of Pentecost, when we mark the halfway point of the fifty-day-long period between Great and Holy Pascha and the Feast of Holy Pentecost, takes place this coming week.

We will mark the Feast with the celebration of Great Vespers at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evening, May 1, and with the celebration of Matins (that is, morning prayers, simplified, as we usually do that service on weekdays in our parish) on Wednesday morning, May 2, the actual feast day, beginning at 8:00 AM.

Please, join in and celebrate the feast!

These are the beautiful words of the main hymn (the troparion) of Mid-Pentecost, quoting our Lord's words from the Gospel of John, chapter 7, verse 37:

“In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: 'If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink'. O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory be to Thee!”

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!

Eva Yacknick	4/30/1960
Protodeacon Simeon "Sam" Kopcha	4/30/2010
Wassa Sobestanovich	5/1/1989
Archpriest Andrew Kuharsky	5/1/1972
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
Julia White	5/5/1945
Vasili Bochno	5/5/1932

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 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
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
Steven Panasuk—our fellow parishioner; very 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

Mothers and the Children newly born of her

Abigail and her newly born twin daughters, Ava Mary and Mia Lynn—born 4/27

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

Those traveling, soon to be traveling, and apart from us

John "Jack" Kriniske – away until May 11

Birthdays and Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK!

Some Prayer Notes

Birth of Twins! Congratulations! Many Years! We have been praying for Mark and Karry Orelup's daughter, Abigail, who has been working her way through a very difficult pregnancy. Now, we are so pleased to be able to announce that on Friday, April 27, Abigail's twin daughters, Ava Mary and Mia Lynn, were safely delivered, and that everyone is doing well. Praise be! Alleluia! The Orelup Family thanks everyone for their prayerful support during Abi's pregnancy. Please, do keep Abigail, her husband Jeremy, and their three children (a big brother, and, now, two little twin sisters!) in your continuing prayers.

Unwell and in need of Prayers: Please keep, especially, in your prayers, the servant of God, Steven Panasuk, our fellow parishioner. Steven is quite unwell at the moment, once again. In recent months, Steve has suffered much, and it has been a trying time for him and his family. Please pray that God's Holy Will shall be received, accepted and accomplished as Steve, and his family, endure this time of trial, tribulation, and testing.

Traveling: Please keep our fellow parishioner, John "Jack" Kriniske, in your prayers. He is presently on a nearly two-week-long seaborne journey touring Ireland, Iceland, and the Shetland Islands (far northern Scotland), together with friends made and known through many years of Church-related activities and fellowship. May God bless Jack and his fellow travelers with a safe, enjoyable and inspiring journey! May God bless them to rejoice in, and be inspired by, the beauty of God's creation!

News and Notes

Meeting of the Choir Members: Our Choir Directors and Choir Members will meet with Fr. John after the liturgical services this weekend to discuss the date and time for a possible Choir Workshop here in our parish to be led by Robin Freeman, Director of Music at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY. [*Here is a web link with some details about Robin Freeman: <https://www.svots.edu/profile/robin-freeman>.*] The primary proposed date for this event is Saturday afternoon and evening, June 16. If that date is not able to be agreed to, however, we do have some other dates that may be mutually workable.

Blessing of the Graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery, Sunday, April 29, 12:45 PM: On Sunday, April 29, Fr. John will be departing Terryville soon after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in order to preside at the annual blessing of graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery. That blessing will begin at 12:45 PM. (Fr. John has been the Pastoral Administrator of the Waterbury Parish since December 2016.)

Fr. John away from Terryville on Thursday, May 3: Fr. John will be away from Terryville for most of the day on Thursday, May 3. He will be giving a presentation on youth work at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY.

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 Fourth Sunday of Pascha, called the Sunday of the Paralytic

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 9: 32-42)

At that time, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples,

hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 5:1-15)

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him,

"Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Fifth Sunday of (Fourth Sunday after) Pascha, called the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 11:19-26, 29-30)

At that time, those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain

faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus, came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."