

## 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***

- 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***  
**TIME CHANGE!!!**  
7:30 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 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 5/23 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 5/26 Saturday**  
***Eve of Holy Pentecost***  
***Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday***  
5:30 PM – General Memorial Service  
Commemorating All Departed Faithful  
6:00 PM – Great Vespers with Litya
- 5/27 Sunday**  
***Feast of Holy Pentecost***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy, followed immediately  
by the Service with the Pentecost Kneeling  
Prayers

## Sunday, May 6, 2018

### The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha – *Sunday of The Samaritan Woman*

Also, May 6, annually, is the date of the commemoration of Righteous Job the Long-suffering, about whom we read in the Old Testament.

Also, May 6, annually, is the date of the commemoration of the Holy Martyr Barbarus the Soldier, and those whom he inspired to suffer with him: the Soldier Martyrs Bacchus, Callimachus and Dionysius, all of whom who suffered and died for Christ in the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

### **The Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius** ***May 10 and 11***

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.

Also, on the morning of the Feast, Friday, May 11, we will serve a Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving to our patron saints, beginning at 7:30 AM. (7:30 AM is 30 minutes *earlier* than the previously published start time. This time change was necessitated by a change in Fr. John's schedule of appointments that Friday morning.)

# 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

## ***Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!***

Afton Muchka 5/6/1963  
Theodore Duke 5/8/1948  
Eva Leba 5/8/1966  
Anna Senetcen 5/8/2005  
Sophroni Bayd 5/9/1933  
Metro Bilycia 5/9/1954  
Mary Shotack 5/9/1980  
Michael Gorsky 5/10/1960  
Mary Markovich 5/10/1970  
Julius Cassius 5/11/1972  
Nicholas Demonosow 5/11/1972  
Andrew Glowa 5/12/1915  
Maria Sysedko 5/12/1919  
David Duke 5/12/1945  
Madeline Tkach 5/12/1954

## **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  
Louine "Anna" King—unwell presently, expecting to be back at services soon  
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 them***

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***

Lillian "Lily" Orelup 5/12

## **Soldier Martyrs: Serving faithfully, yet suffering for the truth**

There are many saints in the calendar of saints who fit in this category: soldier martyrs. These martyrs are usually soldiers who served faithfully in the armed forces of the Roman Empire. However, being faithful Christians, they refused to participate in the Roman pagan religions.

What often happened to them was this: They served bravely and, upon being recognized for their courageous service, they were asked to participate in military ceremonies intended to honor their service. The religious component of these ceremonies included the burning of incense offered to the pagan deities, as was the custom of the time. Being Christians (often secretly, but now revealing themselves), these soldiers refused to offer incense before the pagan idols. Thus, they experienced a sudden reversal of fortune. Now, instead of being celebrated for their brave military service, they found themselves being persecuted for Christ.

Each year on May 6, we honor the memory of one such soldier martyr, the Holy Martyr Barbarus. Barbarus was a soldier serving in the Roman Army under the Roman Emperor Julian the Apostate in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. (Emperor Julian was called "The Apostate", because he was raised as a Christian, but had abandoned Christianity for a return to the paganism of his earlier predecessors. "Apostate" is a technical term for one who abandons the Faith.)

Barbarus was a mighty warrior, who in one particular battle found himself in single combat with a fearsome enemy fighter, but emerged victorious. His commanding officer, a man named Bacchus, desired to honor Barbarus, and set up military ceremonies to do so—ceremonies, which, fatefully, included pagan rituals.

Barbarus refused to participate in the pagan rituals and revealed himself to be a Christian. This refusal earned him, rather than accolades, tortures. Remarkably, Barbarus's commanding officer, Bacchus, was so moved by Barbarus's faith, courage, and miraculous resilience under torture, that he, too, together with two more of Barbarus's fellow soldiers, Callimachus and Dionysius, also repudiated the pagan deities, and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, God and Savior. The final result was that all four of these men were martyred, suffering and dying for the Christian Faith.

It is paradoxical and poignant that those who martyred Barbarus, Bacchus, Callimachus and Dionysius did not recognize that they were, in fact, ridding themselves of the bravest and most courageous of their soldiers, those who, arguably, most clearly demonstrated the virtues necessary for faithful service.

The soldier martyrs are important witnesses for us in our times, for they demonstrate that we must never compromise our Orthodox Christian Faith. Holy martyrs, pray to God for us!

# News and Notes

**Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, May 7, 7:00 PM:** The May monthly meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, May 7, at 7:00 PM.

**Congratulations, Graduates!** Rose Orelup is graduating this weekend, on Sunday, May 6, from the University of Connecticut (UConn) with her bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Lily Orelup is graduating on Friday, May 11, from Northwestern Connecticut Community College, with her associate's degree in Engineering Science, and will now be continuing her studies at the University of Hartford, pursuing a full bachelor's degree in the engineering field. Congratulations to Rose and Lily! Congratulations, also to their parents, family and friends, all those who have supported Rose and Lily in their scholarly endeavors! Many Years!

**Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 13:** On Sunday, May 13, following the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, we will have a festive Mother's Day Brunch, hosted by Paul Senetcen and Tim Osuch. We look forward to honoring our mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, and all those who exercise motherly ministry in our lives.

**Sunday, May 27, Feast of Holy Pentecost:** Please be reminded that on Sunday, May 27, the Feast of Holy Pentecost, we will serve the Service with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost immediately following the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy. Pentecost is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church Year, and commemorates the occasion when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ's Apostles fifty days after His Resurrection from the dead.

**Sunday, June 10 – Pilgrimage to All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, Connecticut:** On Sunday, June 10, which, this year, is the Feast of All Saints of North America, we have an opportunity, once again, to make a pilgrimage to pray before and venerate the relics of nine of the saints of North America. At 4:00 PM on that Sunday afternoon, at All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, CT, the Akathist Service to the Saints of North America will be celebrated before the relics of nine of the saints of North America. At the conclusion of that service we will have the opportunity to venerate the relics of those saints and to be anointed with holy oil. The nine saints—small portions of whose relics are enshrined at All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury—are Saint Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska; Saint Innocent, Apostle to America; Saint Tikhon, Enlightener of North America; Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis; Saint Raphael of Brooklyn; Saint Nicolai of Zicha, Saint John of San Francisco; the Holy New Martyr Saint Vasily Martysz, the Archpriest and Military Chaplain; and Saint Sebastian of Jackson. You may access and read accounts of the lives of all these saints at the Lives of Saints section of the Orthodox Church in America website: <https://oca.org/saints/lives>.

**Choir Workshop, Saturday, June 16:** On Saturday, June 16, in the afternoon, our Choir will be participating in a Choir Workshop to be led by Robin Freeman, Director of Music, at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. The exact schedule and agenda of this event will be shared when they are finalized.

# 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."