

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Schedule of Services

- 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 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
- 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
- 5/30 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/2 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 6/3 Sunday**
Feast of All Saints
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 6/6 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

Sunday, May 13, 2018

The 6th Sunday of Pascha –
Sunday of The Blind Man

Also, May 13, annually, is the date of the commemoration of the Virgin Martyr Glyceria of Heraclea (2nd c.) and the Martyr Laodicius the Jailer (2nd c.)

Happy Mother's Day!

This weekend we offer our prayerful gratitude to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers—to all those exercising motherly ministry on our behalf in any way. Thank you and God bless you!

Words to Ponder

“He can no longer have God for his Father,
who has not the Church for his Mother.”

– St. Cyprian of Carthage (d. 258)

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
Calvin—an acquaintance of Ann Sovyrda	d. 5/10/18
John Olear—member of the Waterbury Parish	d. 5/6/18
Mary Ann Macko—Fr. John's aunt	d. 4/4/18

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Michael Lyga	5/13/1969
Rupert Twombly, Sr.	5/13/1975
Irene Kopcha	5/13/1976
William J. Susla	5/13/1991
Rose Barna	5/13/2002
John Slevinsky	5/14/1959
Paul Christophy	5/14/1976
Anna Twombly	5/14/1992
John Ratushne	5/15/1973
Mary Maichak	5/15/1980
Roy Johnson—Carol's husband	5/18/2012
Gregory Broda	5/19/1940
Sylvester Kostyk	5/19/1969
Matushka Catherine Semanitsky	5/19/1972
Feodor "Pat" Senetcen	5/19/1995
Dennis Tichon	5/19/2005

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

Anniversaries of Marriage

George & Jennifer Wegh 5/19

Birthdays

Eva Kopcha 5/17

The Martyr Glyceria and her Jailer, the Martyr Laodicius

The Martyr Glyceria was a young woman who became a Christian in the middle of the 2nd century. She lived in what is today northern Greece. When she refused to be obedient to an edict of the Emperor that all his subjects should participate in the pagan civil ceremonies, and offer incense before the pagan idols, she was imprisoned.

While in prison, Glyceria so impressed her jailer, Laodicius, that Laodicius himself accepted Christ, and became a Christian.

When Glyceria was taken to trial, Laodicius wrapped himself in Glyceria's chains and accompanied her. There, at the trial, before the authorities, he publically proclaimed himself a Christian.

In the end, both Glyceria and Laodicius were martyred together, kneeling and bowing their heads—not just physically before their executioners, but, in truth, spiritually before the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. Thus, submitting themselves to the Lord God, the holy witnesses were beheaded, by the ungodly headsman.

Holy Martyrs, pray to God for us sinners!

News and Notes

Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 13: This weekend, 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.

Thank you! We thank the person (who prefers to remain anonymous) who covered the entire cost of the beautiful flowers that decorated the Church for Holy Pascha. Earlier this week, Fr. John contacted our florist to ask why he had not submitted a bill to the parish for the cost of those flowers; and, for the second year in a row, the florist informed us that someone had come to him directly and paid for the flowers personally. Thank you and God bless you, kind benefactor!

Sunday, May 27, The 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.

The Saints Peter and Paul (The Apostles') Fast: The Apostles' Fast takes place each year from the Monday after All Saints Day (this year, Monday, June 4) until the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29. This year, during the Apostles' Fast we will be adding some Thursday evening services to the schedule, with a view to maintaining those additions going forward, so that we will have fuller worship during the week in our Church. The regularly scheduled Wednesday morning Matins (Morning Prayer) services have become very precious to those who regularly attend them, and we are looking to expand our offering of weekday services to include services in the evenings.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, September 9, 2018 – Visit of the Archbishop: On Sunday, September 9, 2018, His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON, will be visiting our parish. Please put this date firmly in your calendar of events, and plan to participate when our diocesan hierarch is here with us.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Pascha, called the Sunday of the Blind Man

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 16:16-34)

At that time, going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were

praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our

son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.