

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Schedule of Services

- 5/26 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
12:15 PM – Blessing of the Graves
in the Terryville Parish Cemetery
- 5/29 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/1 Saturday**
5:30 PM – Memorial Service for departed
members of the Oraschewsky Family
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 6/2 Sunday of the Blind Man**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
*12:00 NOON – Special Full Parish Meeting
in the Waterbury Parish (See note inside bulletin
for details)*
- 6/3 Monday**
7:00 PM – Terryville Parish Council Meeting
- 6/5 Wednesday**
***The Leave-taking of Holy Pascha
Eve of the Feast of the Ascension***
(*NO* Matins in the morning!)
6:15 PM – Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast
- 6/6 Thursday**
The Feast of the Ascension
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/8 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 6/9 Sunday**
The Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 6/12 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/15 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
- 6/16 Sunday**
Feast of Holy Pentecost
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy, followed immediately
by the Service with the Pentecost Kneeling
Prayers

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

The Fifth Sunday of Pascha – Tone 4

Also, May 26, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Apostles Carpus and Alphaeus of the Seventy (1st century AD), Saint Augustine, Bishop of Canterbury (d. 604 AD), and the Martyr George the New of Bulgaria (d. 1515 AD)

Notes from Fr. John

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is risen!

Recently I encountered this statement:

“My grandmother (who died in 1931) said, ‘Truth is sitting over there in the corner, well fed and not thirsty, but no one even wants to look at it.’” – *Professor Alexei Osipov*

We live in times when obvious truth is so often simply denied.

Take a question that (Somehow! It seems impossible!) is presently subject to debate in our country: Is the baby in its mother’s womb a human being whose life must be protected?

The fact that this is even a question that anyone thinks we need to discuss, the fact that this is a question about which any person has even a moment’s doubt, is an indication of just how spiritually blind we have become, an indication of the degree to which we just do not want to see the truth, and then to humble ourselves before it.

Our capacity to tell lies, to listen to lies, to accept lies, to live out lies, is stunning evidence of just how far we have drifted away from truth, and from God, Who is Truth.

Brothers and Sisters: We need to pray, with all the strength and attention that we can muster, that we will see the truth, that we will know the truth, that we will humble ourselves before the truth, and that we will live the truth.

Our Lord said that the truth shall set us free (Gospel of John 8:32). Do we not want to be free? Do we want to be enslaved to lies and falsehoods? One of the Devil’s names is “Father of Lies.” One of Jesus’s names is “Truth.” In whose service do we wish to be found?

Lord, help us, and have mercy on us, and deliver us!

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

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

Louis Alverides—Marilou Petroff's cousin	d. 5/21/2019
Neonilla (Nilca)—a former, short-time, member of Terryville parish	d. 5/5/2019
Raymond—Ashley Paden's father-in-law	d. 5/4/2019
Sheila—friend of Donna Osuch	d. 4/28/2019
Donald—Chezelle Serev's uncle	d. 4/20/2019

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Olga Sobestanovich	5/26/1931
Vassily Murin	5/27/1915
Steven Shewchuk	5/27/1983
Nicholas Andrash	5/27/1985
Helen "Nellie" Biscoe	5/27/1995
Anastasia Panasuk	5/30/1974
John Pavelchak	5/31/1920
Nicholas Banziruk	5/31/1949
Francis Chevorniak	5/31/1956
Christine Pasachuk	5/31/1962
Archpriest Joseph Fedoronko	5/31/1971
Mary (Markovich) Dailey	5/31/2001

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 Szepel—recently unwell; Waterbury parishioner
Tanya Beach—recovering from brain hemorrhage; laboring in rehabilitation
Mat. Cindy Voytovich—facing health challenges at this time
Barbara—friend of Jack Kriniske; hip replacement surgery followed by complications
Yelena "Lenna" Massicotte—facing serious health challenges at this time
Vincent—Maria Oraschewsky's brother-in-law; battling cancer

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods, Bristol
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother
Mary Fomenko—serious health situation two weeks ago; now seemingly stabilized
Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother

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

Mark and Karry Orelup and Family

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

Elliott Wingate

6/1

Prayers for each of the 24 Hours of the Day – attributed to Saint John Chrysostom.

Prayers for the hours of the night:

- (1) O LORD, deprive me not of your heavenly blessings.
- (2) O LORD, deliver me from eternal torments.
- (3) O LORD, if I have sinned in mind, in thought, in word or in deed, forgive me.
- (4) O LORD, deliver me from all ignorance, heedlessness, cowardice and hard indifference.
- (5) O LORD, deliver me from all temptation.
- (6) O LORD, enlighten my heart which has been darkened by lust.
- (7) O LORD, I, being human, have sinned; being God, forgive me in your compassion, for you know the weakness of my soul.
- (8) O LORD, send your mercy to help me so that I may extol your glorious Name.
- (9) O LORD, Jesus Christ, inscribe me, your servant, in the Book of Life and grant me a peaceful end.
- (10) O LORD, though I have done nothing good in your sight, grant that through your grace I may now make a good beginning.
- (11) O LORD, shower upon my heart the dew of your grace.
- (12) O LORD of heaven and earth, remember me, your sinful, shameful and unclean servant, in your kingdom.

Prayers for the hours of the day:

- (1) O LORD, accept me in repentance.
- (2) O LORD, do not leave me.
- (3) O LORD, lead me not into temptation.
- (4) O LORD, grant me good thoughts.
- (5) O LORD, grant me tears, remembrance of death and humility.
- (6) O LORD, grant me mindfulness to confess all my sins.
- (7) O LORD, grant me humility, chastity and obedience.
- (8) O LORD, grant me patience, courage and meekness.
- (9) O LORD, implant in me the root of blessings – the fear of you in my heart.
- (10) O LORD, grant that I may love you with all my mind and soul and that I may do your will in all things.
- (11) O LORD, deliver me from evil men, from the devil, from bodily passions and from all unlawful things.
- (12) O LORD, I know that you act according to your will; may your will also be in me, a sinner, for you are blessed unto all ages.
Amen.

News and Notes

Sunday, May 26 – Blessing of the Terryville Parish Cemetery: Weather permitting, the Blessing of the Graves in the Terryville Parish Cemetery will take place on Sunday, May 26, beginning with a Memorial Service on the Grounds of the Cemetery starting at 12:15 PM. We were unable to bless the Cemetery on the originally scheduled date, Saint Thomas Sunday, because of the heavy, soaking, rain that fell that day. (NOTE: The Blessing of the Graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery, will take place on Sunday, June 23. Details about that occasion will be shared as we get closer to that date.)

Sunday, June 2 – Full Parish Meeting in the Waterbury Parish: On Sunday, June 2, we will have a full meeting of the entire Waterbury Parish Membership. That meeting will begin at 12:00 NOON, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Waterbury Parish Chapel, located within the Parish Center at 3125 N. Main St., Waterbury. The agenda of the meeting is to discuss concerns regarding the Waterbury Parish House (the Rectory), and to discuss concerns regarding the ongoing matter of the Waterbury Parish Temple. We will not be celebrating Divine Liturgy that morning in the Waterbury Chapel. Fr. John will be presiding at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated that morning at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, and then will be traveling over to Waterbury for the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please, contact Fr. John Hopko, Pastoral Administrator of the Waterbury Parish. Fr. John may be reached at 860-582-3631 (his office landline), or at terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com.

Monday, June 3 – Terryville Parish Council Meeting: The June Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will take place beginning at 7:00 PM, on Monday evening, June 3, in the Terryville Parish Basement Social Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD: The “Paired” Feasts of the Leave-taking of Pascha and the Ascension of our Lord, June 5 and June 6: On Wednesday, June 5, we will commemorate the 40th day of Holy Pascha (Easter) on which we mark the Leave-taking (the conclusion) of the celebration of Holy Pascha. The next day, Thursday, June 6, is the 40th day after Holy Pascha, on which we commemorate the Ascension of Our Lord. We will mark these two “paired” feasts in our parish with one liturgical service, which will be a Vespereal Divine Liturgy celebrated on Wednesday evening, June 5, beginning at 6:15 PM. That service will begin with a brief rite, during which we will “give away” the celebration of Holy Pascha for this year, singing the Paschal Troparion, “Christ is risen...,” for the last time until next year’s celebration of Holy Pascha.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday, June 15: Saturday, June 15, is the Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday this year. Memorial Saturdays, which occur a number of times during the year, are days set apart in the Church’s liturgical calendar for special and careful commemoration of the departed. We will mark the Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday with a Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) beginning at 5:30 PM, just before the Vigil of Pentecost (Great Vespers with Litya) that we will serve beginning at 6:00 PM.

Online Donations to the Parish: A PayPal Donation “button” is located on our parish website to make online donations possible. Our parish is registered as a charity with PayPal, so we have slightly lower fees connected to the use of that means of receiving donations. For us, PayPal’s fees are 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction and no monthly fee. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)

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.

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."