

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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Sunday, July 1, 2018

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

July 1, annually, is the date of the commemoration of the Holy Wonder-working and Unmercenary Healers, Saints Cosmas and Damian

Sunday, July 8, 2018

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5

July 8, annually, is the date of the commemoration of the Great Martyr Procopius

Schedule of Services

7/1 Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
Followed by Parish Picnic

Fr. John will be on vacation, from Sunday afternoon, July 1, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, until late in the afternoon on Saturday, July 7. He will be present to preside at the Divine Liturgy here in Terryville on both Sunday, July 1, and Sunday, July 8.

7/7 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by Monthly Choir Rehearsal

7/8 Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

7/11 Wednesday
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

7/14 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil

7/15 Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

7/18 Wednesday
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

7/21 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by Monthly General Confession

7/22 Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

Fr. John, together with our Lay Delegate Deb Wegh, will be in St. Louis, MO, representing our parish at the 19th Orthodox Church in America All-American Council (OCA AAC), from Monday morning, July 23, until Saturday, July 28. Fr. John will be present to preside at the Divine Liturgy here in Terryville on both Sundays, July 22 and July 29.

7/28 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil

7/29 Sunday
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

7/30 Monday
7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting

TRADITIONAL CHRISTIAN WORSHIP: Some Words of Explanation from Metropolitan Kallistos Ware

It is often claimed that the symbols and objects used in traditional Christian worship, and the style of beauty which it displays, have become outdated and irrelevant in the contemporary world. These symbols, so it is argued, are drawn from an agricultural way of life, and are in many instances no longer appropriate to an urban and industrial environment. Why should we worship God with a candle or a censer in our hand, and not with a stethoscope or a pneumatic drill? Are we not restricting our worship to one particular type of person, and excluding the rest? To this an Orthodox would reply that the acts and symbols which we employ in worship possess a universal significance. Although the Divine Liturgy has been influenced externally by the social and artistic conventions of particular eras—for example, by the ceremonial of the Byzantine court—yet in its inner essence it transcends these limitations and speaks to the fundamental condition of humankind, whether...

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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

Galina—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray d. 5/28/18
Anne Topek—a Waterbury parishioner d. 6/25/18

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Theodore Yatsenick	7/1/1946
Michael Shopay	7/1/1981
Ann Biscoe	07/01/??
Peter Sandyk	7/2/1966
Tillie O'Hazo	7/2/1991
Michael Shaltis	7/3/1931
John Astrow	7/6/1959
<u>Michael Wittick</u>	<u>7/7/1920</u>
Stephen Shopay	7/8/1917
Alexander Sveschuk	7/10/1928
Mary Hrabsky	7/10/1981
Theodora Andrash	7/11/1949
Peter Kowaleski	7/11/2008
Lovey (Luba) Kowaleski	7/11/2015
Michael Zolotar	7/12/1964
Pedro Kaidalow	7/12/1985
Joanna Susidko	7/13/1969

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

Archpriest Nicholas Timpko—presently unwell
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
Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support
Anna Szepeł—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Forrest (Paul)—Waterbury parishioner; recovering from medical procedure
Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Louine "Anna" King—our fellow parishioner; recently unwell
Wayne—prayers requested for successful surgery
Eleanor—Rdr. J. Boruch's mother; upcoming surgery; chronic health challenges
Barbara—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Joan Markovich—medical procedure on July 5
Maria Oraschewsky—recently suffered a fall; now recovering

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
Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother; recently worsening health

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Juliana and the child to be born of her
Anyia and the child to be born of her—Fr. John's niece

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 Thetford—seminarian on mission in Guatemala; Fr. John's nephew
Peter Hopko—presently in the United Kingdom (Great Britain) until July 11

Birthdays

Alexandra Wingate	7/1
Elaine Karabin	7/4
Olivia Wingate	7/5

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...ancient or modern, eastern or western. The Orthodox Church in her prayer makes use of the primary realities of human existence, such as bread and water, light and fire. If people in an urban and technological environment no longer find these primary realities meaningful, then is this not a disturbing indictment of the artificiality and unreality of contemporary "civilization"? Perhaps what is needed is not a change in the symbols but a change in us, a cleansing of the doors of our perception....

To an Orthodox Christian it is of the utmost importance that the act of worship should express the joy and beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven. Without the dimension of the beautiful our worship will never succeed in being prayer in the fullest sense, prayer of the heart as well as the reasoning brain. This joy and beauty of the Kingdom cannot be properly expounded in abstract arguments and logical explanations; it has to be *experienced*, not discussed. And it is above all through symbolic and ritual actions—through the burning of incense, through the lighting of a lamp or candle before an icon—that this living experience is rendered possible. These simple gestures express, far better than any words, our whole attitude towards God, all our love and adoration; and without such actions our worship would be grievously impoverished.

These words are from Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, from his article *The Theology of Worship*, in his book *The Inner Kingdom* (SVS Press 2000), pages 64 and 65. [Almost everything Metropolitan Kallistos, a prominent British convert to the Orthodox Faith, has written is worthwhile reading for an English-speaking Orthodox Christian. His writing is particularly accessible and useful to those of us living in "the West". Particularly to be recommended is his wonderful, timeless book, *The Orthodox Way*.]

NEWS AND NOTES

Fr. John on Vacation, First Week in July: Fr. John will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, July 1, until late in the afternoon on Saturday, July 7. He will be present to preside at the Divine Liturgy in our Parish on both Sunday, July 1, and Sunday, July 8. During Fr. John's vacation, in the case of a true pastoral emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, please, first, leave a message on the Parish voicemail (860-582-3631), and then contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013. (Alternatively, you may also contact any priest of one of the parishes of the Diocese of New England's Connecticut Deanery. You may also reach out to our parish deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek at 860-489-3220.)

Choir Rehearsals: First Saturday of the Month: Our Choir has decided to have monthly rehearsals on the first Saturday evening of each month, following the conclusion of the usual Saturday evening Vigil service. One goal of these rehearsals will be to continue the good work accomplished at the recent Choir Workshop. We are all so grateful for our fine Parish Choir and their wonderful ministry among us! Thanks, Choir!

LOOKING AHEAD: Terryville Parish Council Meeting, Monday, July 30: The Terryville Parish Council, which, by custom, only meets once during the summer months, will next meet on Monday evening, July 30, beginning at 7:00 PM.

LOOKING AHEAD: Monday, August 6, The Feast of the Transfiguration – Pilgrimage to New Haven! The Feast of the Holy Transfiguration this year falls on Monday, August 6, and we will **NOT** have services here in Terryville that morning. Rather, we will travel to Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, New Haven, CT, in order to celebrate the patronal feast of that parish together with Fr. Michael Westerberg, the pastor there, and the parishioners of that parish. In recent years, every part of the entire interior of Holy Transfiguration Church has been magnificently adorned with incredible frescos (icons, in the form of large wall paintings). This beautiful array of iconography is worth experiencing in person. So, we hope that all those who are able will join us for this pilgrimage to coastal Connecticut. We will be arranging carpools for this trip, so, please, check future parish bulletins for more information about this upcoming opportunity.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, September 9, Visit of the Archbishop: His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON, will be visiting our parish on Sunday, September 9. Please, enter this date in your calendar now, and plan to be present when His Eminence the Archbishop is with us in September.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, September 23, Parish Open House: On Sunday afternoon, September 23, our parish will be hosting an "Open House". Please, note this date in your calendar now, and plan to participate. We look forward to sharing with our friends and neighbors about the truth and beauty of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Liturgical Music – new CD available

Recently, our Choir enjoyed an edifying and productive liturgical music workshop with Robin Freeman, Director of Music at Saint Vladimir's Seminary. Now Saint Vladimir's Seminary Press has announced the release of a new CD of liturgical music entitled "Every Day Will I Bless Thee." It is the first CD of liturgical music from Saint Vladimir's Seminary to feature, exclusively, woman's voices. Robin Freeman is the Director, and the group performing is the Saint Vladimir's Seminary Women's Sextet. For further information you may visit the SVS Press website at this link: <https://www.svspress.com/every-day-will-i-bless-thee>.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is July 1

The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 10:1-10)

Brothers and Sisters: My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is July 8

The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 12:6-14)

Brothers and Sisters: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.