

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

- 8/4 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 8/5 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 8/6 Monday**
Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
at Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven, CT
- 8/8 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
10:00 AM – Wake for Amelia Bystry
11:00 AM – Funeral for Amelia Bystry
- 8/9 Thursday**
Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska
9:00 AM – Prayer Service to St. Herman
- 8/11 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 8/12 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- *Fr. John will be away from the early afternoon of Sunday, August 12, until the late evening of Saturday, August 18, serving as Director and Rector of the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally, Contoocook, NH.*

Note: Please see the note inside this bulletin inviting all parishioners to celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 14 and 15 at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT

- 8/18 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 8/19 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 8/22 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 8/25 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by Monthly Rite of General Confession
- 8/26 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 8/29 Wednesday**
Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM – Service of Prayer to St. John the Baptist

Sunday, August 5, 2018

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

August 5, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Martyr Eusignius (4th c.), and the Righteous Nonna (4th c.).

It is, also, the Forefeast of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Mount Tabor.

Prayers asking the Theotokos, the Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, to intercede for us before her Son and Our God, the Lord, Jesus Christ

O all-pure and incorruptible Virgin Bride of God and our Sovereign Lady: you made the Word of God one with mankind by gloriously giving birth to your Son and joining our fallen nature to His divine nature; you are the hope of the despairing and the support of those in distress, the swift defender of those who turn to you and the refuge of all Christians:

Do not turn from me, an unclean sinner, who have destroyed myself with unworthy thoughts, words and deeds, and have been enslaved by forgetfulness to the carnal passions of life; but have compassion on me, Theotokos, and accept the prayer of a sinner and prodigal, offered from unclean lips.

Exercise your boldness as a Mother and pray to your Son, our Lord and Master, that He will make known to me also His compassionate goodness, and overlooking my countless sins, will turn me to repentance and make me fervent in doing His commandments.

Be with me always in your grace and loving mercy, for you are the fervent helper who turns away the assaults of enemies and guides men towards salvation, caring for my unworthy soul at the hour of death, and driving from it the darkness of evil spirits.

In the Day of Judgment free me from eternal torment, and show me to be an heir of the divine glory of your Son and our God.

Grant this, Lady Theotokos, by your prayers and intercessions, through the mercy and lovingkindness of your Only-begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom are due all glory, honor and worship, with the Father Who is eternal and His all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O exceedingly glorious and ever-virgin Theotokos: bring our petitions before your Son and our God, and implore Him that through you He will save our souls. Amen.

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

Amelia Bystry—our fellow parishioner	d. 8/1/18
Wyatt—a young acquaintance of L. King's family	d. 7/25/18
Cheryl—friend and classmate of the Nimcheks	d. 7/25/18
Karrell John Mamshuck—Waterbury parishioner	d. 7/17/18
Paul Hrabsky—friend of J. Osuch	d. 7/12/18
Margaret (Steinagel) Witick—widow of William M. Witick	d. 7/15/18
Rita—friend of Ann Sovyrda	d. 7/8/18
Anthony Jones—relative of the Livermans	d. 6/29/18
Ludena Reeder—M. and J. Liverman's grandmother	d. 6/26/18

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Maria Karpitsky	8/5/1950
Tatiana Kaidalow	8/5/2010
Rosemary Fetzko	8/5/2010
Lydia Hussey	8/7/1990
Sophie Kaplonik	8/8/1963
Natalia Venger	8/9/1941
Francis Boudreau	8/9/1985
William Hasko	8/10/1956
Pelagia Pavelchak	8/10/1979
Anna Wasyluk	8/10/2005
John Fedishin	8/11/1940
Michael Lyga	8/11/1971
Anna Jay	8/11/1983
Peter Andrash	8/11/2011

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
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Darilyne—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—unwell and in need of prayerful support
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
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support
Anna Szepel—Waterbury parishioner; underwent surgery recently
Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Louine "Anna" King—our fellow parishioner; recently unwell
Eleanor—Rdr. J. Boruch's mother; surgery; chronic health challenges
Carleen—recovering from major heart surgery; acquaintance of C. Palleria
Maria Oraschewsky—undergoing inpatient rehabilitation therapy

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—Claudia Senetcen's niece and her baby
Anya and the child to be born of her—Fr. John's niece and her baby

Those from among us serving on active duty 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
Joshua Pcsolyar—acquaintance of the Hopkos; U.S. Army officer, helicopter pilot

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

John, Effie, and Anna Saltourides
Paul and Claudia Senetcen and Family
Ronald Kramer
John Kriniske
And all those traveling during these summer months

Anniversaries

Protodeacon Paul & Patty Nimchek 8/9

Birthdays

NONE THIS WEEK

NEWS AND NOTES

Amelia Bystry – Memory Eternal! Our fellow parishioner, Amelia Bystry, entered into blessed repose earlier this week, on Wednesday, August 1, at her daughter's home in upstate New York. She was 98 years old, and had been living for some years near and with her daughter. Amelia's funeral will take place on Wednesday, August 8, with all events taking place here in Church. From 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM there will be calling hours. At 11:00 AM the Funeral Service will be sung. Burial will follow at Northfield Cemetery, Knife Shop Road, Northfield.

Back-to-School Clothing for Terryville Children: We have been asked to provide back-to-school clothing for ten less-privileged children in the Town of Plymouth (Terryville). We have lined up shoppers (Thanks, Shoppers!), but we still require financial support for this project. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please give your donation to Fr. John or Mark Orelup, our Treasurer, specifying that your donation is for the back-to-school clothing project. Thank you!

Icon Cleaning Project: Earlier this week an email was sent out informing all members and friends of the Parish that we have the goal of cleaning more of the icons on the iconostasis of our Church. We have now received an exact and precise bid for the accomplishing of that work. If you are interested in helping fund the cleaning of more of the icons on the iconostasis, please see Fr. John for further details. Thank you!

The Dormition Fast, August 1 to August 14: The Dormition Fast is the two-week-long fast (August 1 -14) that comes before the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, which is always celebrated on August 15. The Feast of the Dormition marks the day that the Virgin Mary died and, also, commemorates the fact that, after her blessed repose, the Virgin Mary was received bodily into the Kingdom of Heaven by her son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We should be making efforts to keep and mark the fast in a pious manner. It is customary during the fast to pray additional prayers asking the intercessions of the Mother of God before her son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. (Note: The word “Dormition” comes from the Latin “dormire,” which means “to sleep.”)

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. The Divine Liturgy begins that morning in New Haven at 9:00 AM. 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.

Congratulations, Graduates! On Saturday, August 11, Lucy Hopko, our parishioner, and her friend, David Crosby, who has been regularly attending services in our parish, will both be completing their multi-year course of study in the Entry-Level Master's Physician Assistant (ELMPA) Program at Quinnipiac University. The ELMPA Program, which takes at least six years to complete, and which both David and Lucy entered directly upon completing high school, has seen both Lucy and David complete, not only their Bachelor's degrees in Health Science, but, also, at this time, their Master's of Health Science degrees in Physician Assistant Studies. We congratulate both David and Lucy on the completion of their academic studies and their clinical training, and wish them God's blessings as they now prepare to take the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) in the near future. Upon receiving their national certifications, both Lucy and David will be seeking out employment as Physician Assistants in hospitals and clinics here in Connecticut. Many years, David and Lucy!

The Annual Diocesan Youth Rally, August 13-18: Youth Rally 2018 will take place from Monday, August 13, through Saturday, August 18, at the usual campsite in Contoocook, NH. Fr. John Hopko will once again be serving as Rally Rector and Director, and Macrina Hopko will once again be serving as Rally Nurse. Fr. John has been participating in Youth Rally since 2003 and leading Youth Rally since 2004. At least five other members of our parish will also be participating in Youth Rally that week, either as youth participants (“Rallyers”) or as staff members. Please pray for the success of Youth Rally, and the well-being and edification of all those who will be participating.

Pastoral Coverage during Fr. John’s time away at Youth Rally, August 12-18: While Fr. John is away in New Hampshire leading the annual Diocesan Youth Rally from August 12 through 18, pastoral coverage in the case of a **TRUE** emergency requiring the ministry of a priest will be provided by Fr. Vladimir Aleandro of our neighboring Southbury Parish. Fr. Vladimir can be contacted at 203-267-1330. (If you call Fr. Vladimir, please, also, leave a voicemail message about your circumstance on our Parish Rectory phone, which can be reached at 860-582-3631. Thank you.) You may, also, reach out to any other priest of the Connecticut Deanery, and, also, to our Parish Deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek at 860-489-3220. Thank you for your cooperation with these procedures.

The Feast of the Dormition, August 15: Since Fr. John will be away on August 15, the Feast of the Dormition, we ought to avail ourselves on that day of the opportunity to celebrate the feast in one of the other parish communities of the Connecticut Deanery. As Fr. David Koles will, also, be away on that day, our customary plan of attending services that day in the New Britain Parish is not an option this year. Therefore, possibilities for celebrating the Feast of the Dormition include attending services at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT, where the schedule is as follows: On Tuesday evening, August 14, the Eve of the Feast, the Vespers and Liturgy of the Feast will be celebrated, beginning at 6:30 PM. That will be followed by the traditional blessing of Flowers, and a Bring-and-Share Supper. On Wednesday morning, August 15, the Day of the Feast, Festal Matins will be celebrated in Southbury, beginning at 8:30 AM.

LOOKING AHEAD: Terryville Parish Council Meeting, September 10: The Terryville Parish Council, will next meet on Monday evening, September 10, beginning at 7:00 PM.

LOOKING AHEAD—Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God, Saturday, September 8: On Saturday, September 8, the Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Mother of God (the Virgin Mary), the Festal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday morning, September 8, at the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Waterbury, CT, where Fr. John is and has been the Pastoral Administrator since December 2016. We will not have Divine Liturgy that morning here in our parish, but rather Fr. John will concelebrate with a number of priests in the Waterbury Parish that morning, as that day is the patronal feast day of that Church.

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

LOOKING AHEAD—One Year Memorial for John Kuzmich: On Saturday, September 29, at 5:30 PM, will we sing the one-year Memorial Service (“Panikhda”) for our fellow parishioner, John Kuzmich, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 2, 2017. Memory Eternal!

DATE CHANGE!!! LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, September 30, Parish Open House: On Sunday afternoon, September 30, our parish will be hosting an “Open House”. Please, note this new 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. This event will begin at 2:30 PM, and will feature the following: Musical selections sung by members of our Choir on the quarter hours; ongoing informal tours of the Church with Fr. John and other members of the Parish; light refreshments in the Parish Basement Social Hall. The event will conclude with the celebration of Daily Vespers beginning at 4:00 PM.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is August 5

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 4:9-16)

Brothers and Sisters: I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 17:14-23)

At that time a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is August 12

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 9:2-12)

Brothers and Sisters: If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."