

## 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***

- 9/2 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 9/5 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/7 Friday**  
***Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos***  
7:00 PM – Festal Great Vespers with Litya
- 9/8 Saturday**  
***Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos***  
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy  
*At the Chapel of the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Church, Waterbury, CT*  
6:00 PM – Vigil, as usual in Terryville
- 9/9 Sunday**  
***VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 9/10 Monday**  
11:00 AM – 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial for Amelia Bystry, at her gravesite in Northfield Cemetery  
7:00 PM – Monthly Parish Council Meeting
- 9/12 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/13 Thursday**  
***Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross***  
6:15 PM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy, with the bringing out of the Holy Cross for Veneration
- 9/15 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 9/16 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
*(Fr. Sergei Bouteneff substituting for Fr. John)*
- 9/19 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/22 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Monthly Rite of General Confession*
- 9/23 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 9/26 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

## Sunday, September 2, 2018

### *The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5*

September 2, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, Venerable Mamas of Caesarea (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) and Saint John the Faster (6<sup>th</sup> c.)

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### **Notes from Fr. John: Happy New Year!**

September 1<sup>st</sup> is the Church New Year. It really does feel like the beginning of the year for many of us, even if the civil calendar date of the year won't change to 2019 until January, because September is always a time of new beginnings. In September many of us return to a more normal routine after the passing of the summer months of June, July and August. Especially for those engaging in education, September is a time to get back to the school, and start something new.

Perhaps, also, spiritually, we might engage in some "revival" at this time of year, as we mark the Church New Year. For many of us, the summer months are a time when we lose track, somewhat, of our spiritual lives, and of the healthy rhythms and vital disciplines that nurture those lives. Maybe, over the course of the summer, we drifted into, or returned back to, some bad habits. Some of those bad habits might actually be quite sinful in nature, and we need to repent of those faults.

September includes in the Church's calendar two major Feasts that can help us get back on track. On September 8, we mark the birth of the Virgin Mary. On September 14, we mark the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Let's make an effort to keep those two big feast days, and, also, to fully participate in the rest of the calendar of liturgical services and activities here in our parish during the month of September. As we begin the Church New Year, let's make a fresh beginning of fruitful and faithful spiritual life.

With love 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***

Gene—friend of Maria Oraschewsky	d. 8/21/18
Kevin Allen—Ancient Faith Radio host	d. 8/7/18
Annalee Wenslow—Beverly Kuzmich's sister	d. 8/5/18
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

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

Gregory "Harry" Kablesh	9/3/1967
Lucy Brozinski	9/3/1989
Anna Glowa	9/4/1913
William Hasko	9/4/1992
Elizabeth Zadvorni	9/5/1947
Metro Panchok	9/5/1957
Anastasia Lyga	9/6/1962
Anna Kablesh	9/6/1966
Ann Plasko	9/8/1950

## **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 Steven Belonick—C. Belonick's brother; suffering terribly in illness  
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 ["Yaht-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer  
Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's father; unwell  
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—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 Szepele—Waterbury parishioner; underwent surgery recently  
Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support  
Eleanor—Rdr. J. Boruch's mother; surgery; chronic health challenges  
Carleen—recovering from major heart surgery; acquaintance of C. Palleria  
Laura—acquaintance of M. Oraschewsky—upcoming knee surgery  
Maria Oraschewsky—presently unwell and in need of prayerful support  
Magda—a person who has asked us to pray for her (request via our website)

### ***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***

Marilou Petroff  
And all those traveling over this holiday weekend

### ***Anniversaries***

Sarah Senetcen Gaulin & Justin Gaulin 9/4

### ***Birthdays***

Kristen Senetcen Austin 9/2

# NEWS AND NOTES

**Icon Cleaning Project:** We are still looking for sponsors for five more of the icons on the iconostasis to be cleaned. All the other icons are spoken for, except these five of the six icons that are on the top row of the icon screen, and which each feature two Old Testament prophets. The cost for cleaning one of those top-row icons of the prophets is \$500.00 apiece. Please contact Fr. John if you are interested in helping with this project. Thank you!

**Special Basket Collection in Support of the Parish Scholarship Fund, Sunday, September 2:** Friday, August 31, was (remarkably!) the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Nicholas Kiryluk, in whose memory our Parish Scholarship Fund is named. Many of us remember him (together with Matushka Olga, his wife, who passed away on December 1, 2003) with great warmth. This weekend, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 2, we will have a Special Basket Collection in honor of Fr. Nicholas and his family members with all proceeds benefiting the Parish Scholarship Fund. Please be generous in support of this worthy cause. The Parish Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for higher education (beyond high school) to parish members.

**No Commemorative Loaves!** On Sundays, September 9, and Sunday, September 16, we will not be making available our usual and customary, small, commemorative loaves. This is because of changes to the usual order of events on those days. On Sunday, September 9, the Archbishop will be with us; and, on Sunday, September 16, a guest priest will be serving the Divine Liturgy in Fr. John's place. (*Note: Yes, we will have the usual commemorative loaves available this weekend, on Sunday, September 2. Just not on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.*)

# MORE NEWS AND NOTES

**Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God, in the Waterbury Parish Chapel, Saturday, September 8:** On Saturday morning, September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God (i.e., the Birth of the Virgin Mary), the Festal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in the Chapel at the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Waterbury, CT, beginning at 9:00 AM. Fr. John is and has been the Pastoral Administrator in Waterbury since December 2016. We will not have Divine Liturgy that morning here in our Terryville 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. One of the priests who will be with us that morning will be Fr. Perikles (Perry) Kallis, Pastor of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Waterbury.

**Sunday, September 9: The Visit of the Archbishop:** His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON, will be visiting our parish on Sunday, September 9. Please, plan to be present when His Eminence the Archbishop is with us. Also, we will be having a “Bring-and-Share Bishop’s Brunch” that morning with the Archbishop, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, so, please, plan to participate in that event, too. A sign-up list for the Brunch is posted in the Basement Social Hall.

**40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service for Amelia Bystry:** On Monday morning, September 10, at 11:00 AM, at her gravesite in Northfield Cemetery, Northfield, CT, we will serve the 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) for Amelia Bystry. Memory Eternal!

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

**Sunday, September 16 – Guest Priest to serve here in our Terryville Parish:** On Sunday, September 16, Fr. John’s duties as Dean of the Connecticut Deanery and as Administrator of the Waterbury Parish require him to preside that morning at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated at Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Waterbury. Therefore, Fr. Sergei Bouteneff will be presiding in Fr. John’s place at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated that Sunday morning here in the Terryville Parish. Fr. Sergei is a past pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, New Britain, CT, and Saint George Orthodox Church, Trumbull, CT. Fr. Sergei recently retired from the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (“the VA”) after more than three decades of service as a VA Chaplain. In recent years, until his retirement this past spring, Fr. Sergei was serving, on a full-time basis, as Chief of Chaplaincy Service at the West Haven Campus of the VA Connecticut Healthcare System. Please, welcome Fr. Sergei when he comes to preside at the Divine Liturgy in our parish on Sunday, September 16. Thank you!

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

**Sunday, September 30, Parish Open House:** On Sunday afternoon, September 30, 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. 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.

**NOCC Support in 2018:** In past years, our Parish has participated in the annual National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) Fundraising Walk at Rentschler Field (“The Rent”) in East Hartford. This annual walk had the purpose of raising funds for research into ovarian cancer, in hopes of raising awareness, developing treatments, finding cures, and fostering prevention of that dreadful disease. Our fellow parishioner, Jack Kriniske, has been the organizer of our participation in those walks, in memory of his late wife, Donna, who succumbed to that disease on March 3, 2014, after a brave and courageous battle. (Memory Eternal!) This year, unfortunately, the Hartford Chapter of the NOCC is not organizing the usual annual fundraising walk. Nevertheless, Jack Kriniske has taken the initiative to make an appeal in support of the NOCC, so that we can continue to support the organization. September is “Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month,” and Jack has set up a donation site that is directly connected to the NOCC national fundraising effort. Jack’s donation site will remain active and accessible on the Internet throughout the month of September, and Jack has set a goal of raising \$2000.00 in support of this worthy cause. (As of this writing, Jack’s site has already raised \$650.00. A good beginning!) Jack’s site can be accessed at: <https://events.ovarian.org/fundraise/jack>. Please note that Jack’s website is a subset of and directly connected to and associated with the national NOCC website. Donating through Jack’s site is an appropriate and efficient way to support this cause. At Jack’s website, donations can be processed by credit card. Alternatively, if you want to make a donation by check, please, see Jack personally, and he will let you know how best to do that.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost, this year September 2*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 1:21-2:4)**

Brothers and Sisters: It is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 22:1-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

## *Scripture Readings for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, this year September 9*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 4:6-15)**

Brothers and Sisters: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 22:35-46)**

At that time there came to Jesus a lawyer, asking him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." Jesus said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies thy footstool.'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.