

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

- 9/16 Sunday**
The Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
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**
Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 9/24 Monday**
Feast of the Synaxis of All Saints of Alaska
Feast of Saint Silouan of Mount Athos
8:00 AM – Matins, with added liturgical texts for the commemoration of the saints
- 9/26 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/29 Saturday**
5:30 PM – First-year memorial service (“Panikhida”) for John Kuzmich
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 9/30 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM – Parish Open House
4:00 PM – Vespers
- 10/1 Monday**
Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos
9:00 AM – Prayer Service to the Virgin Mary

Fr. John will be away from Wednesday, October 3, through Wednesday, October 10, on personal vacation

- 10/3 Wednesday**
NO Matins – Fr. John away on vacation
- 10/6 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/7 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
(Fr. Sergius Halvorsen substituting for Fr. John)
- 10/10 Wednesday**
NO Matins – Fr. John away on vacation

Sunday, September 16, 2018

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7

**The Sunday after the Feast
of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

September 16th, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Greatmartyr Euphemia, the All-Praised (d. 304 AD), and of the Martyr Ludmilla (d. 921), grandmother of St. Wenceslaus, the famous saint known as “Good King.”

IOCC Hurricane Response Fund

Every Christian person must be working to meet the needs of others through self-sacrificial charitable giving of money (treasure), and, also, of time and talent.

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has a **Hurricane Response Fund** to help respond to the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas, and other devastating storms, such as we are seeing and have seen.

Donations to this Fund may be made at www.iocc.org. Or, you may donate by mail by sending a check made out to IOCC to 110 West Road, Suite 360, Baltimore, MD 21204. Specify that it is for the Hurricane Response Fund. All donations to IOCC are tax-deductible as IOCC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. IOCC’s Federal Tax ID number (“FEIN number”) is 25-1679348.

Since inception, on average, 92 cents of every dollar donated to IOCC goes directly to humanitarian work. The other 8 cents meets administrative and fundraising costs. IOCC has been in existence since 1992, providing Orthodox Christians in North America with an organization they can trust to accomplish good things with their charitable donations.

Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), which is an independent charity watchdog organization, presently gives IOCC a numerical rating of 88.62 out of a possible 100. To compare IOCC to other charities, visit Charity Navigator’s website. (Charity Navigator is an excellent resource for finding worthy organizations to support with your charitable contributions, in support of many and various good causes.)

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

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Matrona Mattson 9/16/1960
Steven Zylka 9/16/1975
William Markovich 9/18/1986
John Tkach 9/19/1921
Olga Petroff 9/19/2016
Amelia Pastyrnak 9/20/1975
Anthony Kowaleski 9/21/1963

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. Joseph Boruch's mother; surgery; chronic health challenges
Carleen—recovering from major heart surgery; acquaintance of C. Palleria
Laura—acquaintance of M. Oraschewsky—knee surgery
Maria Oraschewsky—quite unwell and in need of prayerful support
Charlotte—Chezelle Serev's mother; unwell and in need of prayerful support

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

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Juliana and the child to be born of her—Claudia Senecten'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

Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Peter Hopko

9/22

(UPDATED!) FIGHT THE SCOURGE THAT IS OVARIAN CANCER!!!

NOCC Support in 2018 (UPDATED NOTICE!): 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 \$1,125.00.) 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.

UPDATE: Jack Kriniske has now announced that an informal "NOCC Awareness Walk" will take place on Saturday morning, September 29, beginning at 9:30 AM, at the Memorial Boulevard in Bristol, CT. For further details about this event, please contact Jack. Thank you!

NEWS AND NOTES

This weekend, Sunday, September 16 – Guest Priest, Fr. Sergei Bouteneff, serving here in our Terryville Parish: This weekend, 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 at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated at Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Waterbury. Therefore, we welcome Fr. Sergei Bouteneff to our parish. Fr. Sergei is presiding in Fr. John’s place at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated here in the Terryville Parish this Sunday morning. Fr. Sergei Bouteneff is a past pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, New Britain, CT, and of 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 as he presides at the Divine Liturgy in our parish this weekend. Welcome, Fr. Sergei! Thanks for being with us!

No Commemorative Loaves! On Sunday, September 16, we are not making available our usual and customary, small, commemorative, prosphora loaves. These loaves will be available again next weekend, on Sunday morning, September 23.

Brief, One-Topic Meeting of the Parish Council, Sunday, September 23: After the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, September 23, there will be a brief, one-topic meeting of the Parish Council, to address one concise matter.

Sisterhood Meeting, Sunday, September 23: The Sisterhood of the Parish will meet during the Coffee Social Hour that follows the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, September 23. All the sisters (that is, all the female members) of both the Terryville and Waterbury Parishes are invited to attend this meeting. For further information, please see Laura Koski.

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 (“Panikihda”) 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.

Roger and Elaine Karabin announce permanent move: Members of our parish for almost four full decades, Roger and Elaine Karabin are announcing that they have now moved fulltime to Maine. Roger and Elaine have split time between Connecticut and Maine for many years, but they have now sold their home here in Connecticut, and will be living permanently in Maine. Roger and Elaine have asked to be kept informed fully about life in our parish, and assure us of their heartfelt best regards, and their love, thoughts, and prayers for our parish community. Goodbye for now, Roger and Elaine! May God bless you and yours richly, in every way pleasing to His Will! God grant you many years!

LOOKING AHEAD: October Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, October 1, 7:00 PM: The October monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, October 1, beginning at 7:00 PM. The setting will be, as usual, the Parish Basement Social Hall. Among the agenda items will be a discussion designed to prepare us for participation in the Annual Diocesan Assembly in late October.

Diocesan Assembly Lay Delegate Sought: The Annual Diocesan Assembly will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, in Hartford. We are seeking person(s) to serve as our Parish lay representatives at that Assembly. Please see Fr. John for further details.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Sunday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 2:16-20)

Brothers and Sisters: We know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark (Mark 8:34-9:1)

At that time, Jesus called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Scripture Readings for the Feast of the Conception of Saint John the Baptist, which falls on September 23, annually

The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Gal. 4:22-31)

Brothers and Sisters: For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar – for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children – but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband." Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 1:5-25)

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless. So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."