

## 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, September 17, 2017

*The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6*

After-Feast of the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Sophia (Wisdom), and her daughters, Faith, Hope and Love (Rome, 2<sup>nd</sup> c.)

### ***Schedule of Services***

- 9/17 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 9/20 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/23 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Monthly Rite of General Confession*
- 9/24 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 9/27 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 9/30 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/1 Sunday**  
***Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 10/2 Monday**  
7:00 PM – Monthly Parish Council Meeting
- 10/4 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 10/7 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/8 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 10/11 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins
- 10/14 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/15 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 10/18 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins
- 10/21 Saturday**  
***Pre-Advent Memorial Saturday***  
5:30 PM – General Memorial Service  
("Panikhida") for all Departed  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/22 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

### **Notes from Fr. John**

Last Sunday we had a parish meeting about Church Growth and Development, and we considered an option for a formal program (Orthodox Natural Church Development—[www.oncd.us](http://www.oncd.us)) in which to engage, but we did not feel ready, as a group, to make a firm commitment to something that might be a larger endeavor than we are ready to take on right now.

This does not mean, however, that we are giving up on the fact that we desire strongly, as a parish, to focus in on the issue of Church Growth and Development. Everyone at the meeting unanimously agreed that we are interested in the concept of qualitative growth, that is, the idea of developing the quality of our parish life, as a whole.

Right now, arguably, the single most important thing we can do is remember how great and powerful is God. This week we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. If God can turn a means of cruel, death-dealing punishment into the symbol of Christian victory, if He can transform the Cross from a symbol of death to the symbol of death's destruction, certainly He can do great things among us, too. However, God only works with those who cooperate with him, faithfully and steadfastly. Let us freely offer ourselves to God as His instruments, so that He might, through His wisdom, and through our faith, hope, and love, accomplish beautiful things for His people.

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***

Tatiana—a woman we have been asked to pray for	d. 8/19/17
Michael—father of a friend of the Hopko family	d. 8/20/17
Catherine—Fr. Vladimir Aleandro's aunt	d. 8/24/17
Stephen Kowalchuk—was member of our parish as a child	d. 8/31/17
David Lordi—acquaintance of the Hopko Family	d. 9/3/17
Ann Spohrer—member of the Waterbury parish	d. 9/3/17
Yolan Forish—member of the Waterbury parish	d. 9/11/17

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

William Markovich	9/18/1986
John Tkach	9/19/1921
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***

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  
Phyllis George—Donna Kriniske's cousin; battling breast cancer  
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke  
Darylne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin  
Michael "Mischa" Semanitzky—Dn. Paul's uncle; ongoing health issues  
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

Anatoli—a friend of Tania Bouteneff; diagnosed with colon cancer  
Galina—wife of above-mentioned Anatoli  
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  
Deryl—Ann Sovyrda's nephew; kidney disease  
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer  
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease  
Zachary—nephew of acquaintances of Nimcheks; recent double lung transplant  
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner; still in need of prayers for health  
Virginia—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers  
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer  
Vince—friend of the Oraschewsky Family; colon cancer  
child Maven—child of friends of the G. and D. Wegh Family; serious medical condition  
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell  
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer  
Peter Oraschewsky—hip joint replacement surgery earlier this summer  
Barbara Sovyrda—Mark Sovyrda's former wife; health challenges  
Mary—Deacon Paul Nimchek's sister; back surgery  
John Kuzmich—suffering from lung cancer  
Louine "Anna" King—suffering from lung cancer  
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell; now back home, but still ailing  
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers  
Nadia Krawchuk—Bob Matzkevich's mother-in-law; recently unwell

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut

### ***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

### ***Travelers, those soon to be traveling and those away from us***

Douglas Henrick—O. Petroff's great-grandson; in China until spring 2018  
Peter and Chezelle Serev and family  
Lucy Hopko—on clinical rotation in Allentown, PA, until October 6

### ***Wedding Anniversaries***

Thomas & Marie Wood	9/18
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### ***Birthdays***

Thomas Wood	9/19
Peter Hopko	9/22
Caleb Andrew Paden	9/23

## IOCC Hurricane Response Fund

International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has set up a **Hurricane Response Fund** to help respond to the devastating effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Donations to this fund may be made at [www.iocc.org](http://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.

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](http://www.charitynavigator.org)), which is an independent charity watchdog organization, presently gives IOCC a four-star rating, which is their highest, and a numerical rating of 92.92 out of a possible 100. To compare IOCC to other charities, visit Charity Navigator's website.

# News and Notes...

**Special Urgent Meeting of the Entire Parish Body, Sunday, September 17:** Immediately following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on this Sunday morning, September 17, we will have a brief Special Meeting of the Parish to address, quickly and efficiently, the following two issues:

First, we will confirm Mrs. Louine King as our parish's lay delegate to the upcoming New England Diocesan Assembly, taking place at the end of October in Northfield Falls and Montpelier. This is as nominated by the Parish Council.

Second, we require repair, renovation and additions to our Church building's chimney and chimney system. There is some urgency, as we would like to have this repair and amendment completed before the winter. Associated with the chimney, we have a leak of water into the building, as well as profuse efflorescence (the white crystalline deposits that sometimes appear on masonry) developing on the chimney inside the building. After consulting with two roofing companies and a chimney specialist, the Parish Council would like to accept a bid in the amount of \$11,900.00 from Creative Masonry & Chimney, LLC (1451 New Britain Ave., Farmington, CT 06032, Ed Sziabowski, Owner) to do the following work as described in their bid: *"Recommend to set up scaffolding as needed in order to do a basic/Standard install of a 316 stainless steel chimney relining system for gas heating appliances and connect to both furnaces. Demo [demolish] brick chimney to flashing. Rebuild with new readily available standard brick. Install new lead flashing. Install new cement crown. Spray chimney with water repellent. Install stainless steel chimney cap. Clean up work area and dispose of old chimney materials. Includes all applicable sales taxes."* The Parish Council would also like the Parish, as a whole, to authorize the expenditure of additional funds to obtain matching brick to rebuild the chimney. Creative Masonry's bid specifies standard brick, but we do have a lead on obtaining the large, brown brick with which all the brickwork on our Church is presently accomplished. This will be an additional cost. We are working on determining that cost right now. Because of the cost of this project, the Parish Council is required to bring this matter to the entire body of the Parish.

**Sunday, September 17—Fr. John leaving for Waterbury promptly after the conclusion of our Special Parish Meeting:** As soon as possible following the conclusion of our Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, September 17, Father John will be leaving to travel to the Waterbury Parish for a meeting in that parish concerning Bylaws revision and amendment.

**Tuesday, September 19—Fr. John away from Terryville:** Fr. John will be away from Terryville on Tuesday, September 19. He will be travelling to Massachusetts for a meeting with His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON.

**Sunday afternoon, September 24, through to Tuesday morning, September 26—Fr. John away from Terryville:** Fr. John will be away from Terryville and out of state on personal business from Sunday, afternoon, September 24, until Tuesday morning, September 26.

**Saturday, September 30—Consecration of the New Altar Table in the Willimantic Parish:** Fr. John will be away from Terryville for most of the day on Saturday, September 30. He will be participating in the consecration of the new altar table in the Willimantic Parish. (NOTE: The new altar table was built by Willimantic parishioner John Matcheson, a former member of our parish, together with his wife, Merci.)

**To stay informed about events via email, please, join the parish "Google Group":** If you have not already done so, please join our parish's "Google Group." This email group is replacing the previous email mailing list that our parish had from the old, obsolete parish email address, so you must join the Google Group in order to continue receiving the informational emails about parish events and occurrences that are occasionally sent out by Fr. John. To join the group either respond to the invitation email that was sent to you on Friday, September 1, or send an email to Fr. John at the parish email address [terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com](mailto:terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com) authorizing him to add you to the group. Thank you!

**Things we could use at Church:** We are in need of items for Coffee Social Hours including paper plates, paper napkins, juice cups, plastic forks, plastic spoons, etc. If you would like to donate some of these items they will be gratefully received.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, this year September 17*

### **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.

## *Scripture Readings for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost, this year September 24*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 6:1-10)**

Brothers and Sisters: Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 5:1-11)**

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.