

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

- 9/22 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
7:00 PM – Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council
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- Fr. John will be away from Wednesday, October 3, through Wednesday, October 10, on personal vacation*
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- 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
- 10/13 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/14 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 23, 2018

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8

The Feast of the Conception of Saint John the Baptist

September 23rd, annually, is the date of the commemoration of the conception of Saint John the Baptist by his parents, the Righteous Elizabeth and the Prophet Zachariah, as related in the First Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke

Sunday, September 30

The Parish Open House

Next Sunday afternoon, September 30, our parish will be hosting an “Open House”. Please, 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.

Please, plan to participate in this special event! Thank you!

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!

Helen Hasko 9/24/1985
Wiatschelaw (Slava) Wasyluk 9/24/2007
Peter Hriceniak 9/25/1970
Paul Baychuk 9/25/1973
Anastasia Glowa 9/26/1919
Sava Shakhno 9/26/1951
Michael Witick 9/26/1974
Joseph Pavelchak 9/27/1918
Katherine Ostopchuk 9/27/1961
Deacon Stephen Wrettick 9/27/1977
Michael J. Duke 9/27/1957
Elizabeth Wauriniak 9/28/1963
Cyril Talinko 9/29/1963
Harold Lyga 9/29/1979

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
Rupert Twombly—Dolores's brother; unwell and declining in health
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
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 Szepeł—Waterbury parishioner; recently unwell
Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Eleanor—Rdr. Joseph Boruch's mother; surgery; chronic health challenges
Carleen—heart surgery with complications; acquaintance of C. Palleria
Laura—acquaintance of M. Oraschewsky—knee surgery
Maria Oraschewsky—now requires dialysis three times a week
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

NONE THIS WEEK

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 catastrophically 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 American 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.)

NEWS AND NOTES

Brief Meeting of the Parish Council, Sunday, September 23: This weekend, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, September 23, there will be a brief meeting of the Parish Council.

Sisterhood Meeting, Sunday, September 23: This weekend, the Parish Sisterhood 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.

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Walk, Saturday morning, September 29: Jack Kriniske has announced that an informal “Ovarian Awareness Walk” will take place next Saturday morning, September 29, beginning at 9:30 AM, at the Memorial Boulevard in Bristol, CT. Walkers will meet at 9:30 AM in the parking lot of the former Memorial Boulevard School. For further details about this event and about how to help the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) fight the scourge of ovarian cancer, please contact Jack. 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 (“Panikihda”) for our fellow parishioner, John Kuzmich, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 2, 2017. Memory Eternal!

Maria Oraschewsky unwell: Our fellow parishioner, Maria Oraschewsky, has been diagnosed with severe kidney illness, requiring that she undergo dialysis three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM, each time. *If you are able to help Maria travel to and from these dialysis appointments, please see Fr. John.* Also, please, keep Maria in your prayers. May God be merciful and compassionate to his faithful handmaiden, Maria!

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.

Saturday, October 6: Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary Education Day: On Saturday, October 6, Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY, will sponsor their annual Orthodox Education Day (for the 50th year!). “Ed Day” is the Seminary’s annual open house and fall festival. The day begins in the morning with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM, and then continues on through the day with public lectures, children’s activities, a teen gathering, ethnic food, pour-over coffee, an icon display, a book sale, an Akathist Service, a Vespers service, and more. Fr. James Parnell, of All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, will be giving a young people’s presentation that day. That talk will serve as a “Youth Rally Reunion” event. Admission to the grounds, lectures, and Church services is free. Payments are requested for the food and coffee. For further information about this event, please visit the Seminary’s website at <https://www.svots.edu/events/orthodox-education-day-celebration-50>.

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 representative(s) at that Assembly. Please see Fr. John for further details.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, November 4, The Annual General Meeting of the Parish: The Annual General Meeting of the Parish has been scheduled by the Parish Council to take place after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 4. (Yes, this is a week earlier than usual!) Those who normally supply materials and reports for this meeting, are asked to begin the preparation of those materials and reports. We will have a brief brunch immediately after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy that morning, and then convene the meeting, as usual, in the Nave of the Church. Thank you for your cooperation.

Readings from Holy Scripture

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)

At that time, in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zachariah, 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 Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zachariah, 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 Zachariah 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 Zachariah, 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.”