

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

- 9/24 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 (Morning Prayers)
- 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
- 10/25 Wednesday**
8:00 AM -- Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 10/28 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/29 Sunday**
9:15 AM -- Divine Liturgy
- 11/1 Wednesday**
8:00 AM -- Matins (Morning Prayers)

Sunday, September 24, 2017

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7

Commemoration of the Holy Proto-Martyr and
Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c.)

Commemoration of All the Saints of Alaska on the 223rd
anniversary of the arrival of the first formal and official Orthodox
Christian missionaries in Alaska on September 24, 1794

A Prayer in Time of Need

O merciful and compassionate God, our help in time of need, You Who are just and merciful, and Who are mindful of the supplications of Your people: Look down upon us and have mercy on us. Deliver us from the troubles that now threaten to overwhelm both us and those for whom we have concern and compassion.

Deal with us not according to our sins, but according to Your great mercy, for we are the work of Your hands, and You know our weaknesses. We pray to You, Lord: Grant us Your divine helping grace, and give us, and those for whom we intercede, patience and strength to endure our hardships with complete trust in Your holy Will.

Only You, our merciful God, fully know and truly understand our misery and sufferings, and to You, our only hope and refuge, we flee for relief and comfort. We trust in Your infinite love and compassion, and have confidence that in due time, when You know best, You will deliver us from our troubles, and turn our distress into comfort.

O Heavenly Father, both now as we struggle, and in the time to come when you shall grant us relief, we rejoice in Your mercy, and exalt and praise Your Holy Name—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—now and forever, and to the ages of ages. 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

Tatiana—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray 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!

Olga Petroff (*first anniversary of repose*) 9/19/2016
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

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
Darlyne—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

Roger & Elaine Karabin 9/26

Birthdays

NONE THIS WEEK

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, Irma, and Maria.

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.

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 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...

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 attending to personal concerns 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. The plans for the table were drawn up by Fr. John some years ago, when Jon built the altar table now in use in the Southbury Parish.)

Saturday, October 7: Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Education Day: On Saturday, October 7, Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY, will sponsor their annual Orthodox Education Day, which is the Seminary's annual open house and fall festival. This year "Ed Day" will address one of the most painful realities of the 21st century: *"Modern Martyrs: Christians of the Middle East and North Africa."* 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, ethnic food, pour-over coffee, an icon display, a book sale, an Akathist Service, a Vespers service, and more. Our own Fr. John Hopko will be giving a young people's presentation that day. Admission to the grounds, lectures, and Church services is free, though pre-registration is requested. Payments are requested for the food and coffee. For further information about this event, please visit the Seminary's website at [www.svots.edu/events/orthodox-education-day-\"modern-martyrs\"](http://www.svots.edu/events/orthodox-education-day-\).

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.

Myrrh-Streaming Icon to Visit our Area in November

On Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, the Wonder-working Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God ("Kardiotissa") from Saint George Orthodox Church, Taylor, PA, will be visiting St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, CT.

This icon is known as "Kardiotissa", which means "Tender Heart". The icon has this title because it depicts the Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus in a tender-hearted fashion. This icon has been streaming "myrrh," which is a sweet-smelling oil, since October 13, 2011. Some members of our parish were privileged to venerate this icon, and to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from it, several years ago, when the icon visited Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Mill Hill Avenue, Bridgeport, CT.

The icon will arrive at Saint Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain at 6:00 PM on Friday evening, November 3. At that time a talk about the icon will be given, a prayer service will be served before it, and all present will have the opportunity to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from the icon. Again, on Saturday morning, November 4, beginning at 9:00 AM, the same schedule of events (talk, prayer service, and anointing) will take place.

The Kardiotissa icon has been associated with a number of miraculous occurrences, including the healing of seemingly incurable illnesses, as well as the repentance and conversion of those previously strongly opposed to Christ and His Church.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that it is strictly forbidden to take pictures or video of the icon or events associated with the icon. Every effort is made to maintain pious and sober Orthodox Christian decorum in the presence of the icon, and to avoid any tone or atmosphere of the "sensational." Although unusual, myrrh-streaming icons do occur from time to time in the life of the Church. Usually, when such an event happens it is understood to be an occurrence for the interior life of the Church, a consolation for the faithful. As such, we Orthodox tend NOT to share too much with those "outside" when an icon begins to stream myrrh. We do not invite in the public, and especially not the media. Rather, we gather in prayer and gratitude, thanking and praising God for His unending love and care for us.

Readings from Holy Scripture

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.

Scripture Readings for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 1

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)

Brothers and Sisters: What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."