

## 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 30, 2018

### *The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1*

September 30<sup>th</sup>, annually, is the date of the commemoration of the Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia

### Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky writes about Truth...

“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,” says the Lord. Truth is the way through life. Truth does not appear to a person complete and transparent. It cannot just be contained in a doctrine. It cannot be contained in a book. Even the Bible doesn’t describe it as an idea. Truth is worked out by living. One is born and set on the course towards infinity. What happens on the way affirms, challenges, contradicts and verifies the truth about God in Christ and the relationship with self. At times some are forced to deal with lies, as it was in the last century under communism [in the old Soviet Union]. A system based on falsehood, run on mistrust and deception. [The great Russian writer Alexander] Solzhenitsyn wrote that the only way to overthrow such a government was: “Do not lie; do not surrender to the lie; do not spread lies.” Today’s world rejects Christian truth and morals, replacing them with a modern version of [Pontius] Pilate’s conclusion, claiming there is no truth, because there is no God. Be a god for yourself, the world says, and create your own truths. Jesus Christ as Truth must be found and followed in our time by each who is eager to follow the Way and share Life that He offers along with the peace that He gives “not as the world gives.”

For Fr. Vladimir’s full essay, please visit this link:

<https://oca.org/reflections/berzonsky/what-is-truth>

Fr. Vladimir is a retired priest of the Orthodox Church in America. Before his retirement, he served a parish in northeastern Ohio.

## Schedule of Services

- 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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- 10/3 Wednesday**  
**NO** Matins – Fr. John away on vacation
- 10/6 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 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
- 10/17 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins
- 10/20 Saturday – Memorial Saturday**  
5:30 PM – General Memorial Service  
Commemorating All Faithful Departed  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by monthly Rite of General Confession*
- 10/21 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 10/24 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins
- 10/27 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/28 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

# 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!***

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

George Witick	10/1/1949
Adam Mattson	10/1/2006
Edward Tadaychuk	10/2/1962
Clement Sarakhyn	10/2/1952
Averky Hubchik	10/2/1969
Harry Kostyk	10/2/1980
John Kuzmich (First Anniversary of Repose!)	10/2/2017
Andrew Shkarypsky	10/4/1940
Vasili Belick	10/4/1965
Eva Mattson Pierce	10/5/2007
John Biscoe	10/6/1966
Madeline Pikul	10/6/1989

## **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 Szepele—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 Senetcen's niece and her baby  
Anyia 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***

Kristen & Matthew Austin 10/3

### ***Birthdays***

Luke Kowaleski 10/1

# NEWS AND NOTES

**Fr. John away on Vacation from October 3 through October 10:** Fr. John will be away on vacation from Wednesday, October 3, through Wednesday, October 10. He will be back in the office in our Parish on Thursday morning, October 11. In case of an emergency requiring the ministry of a priest while Fr. John is away, please contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013, or by email at [frdavid@htocnb.org](mailto:frdavid@htocnb.org). Please also leave a message on our Parish's Rectory telephone voicemail. That number is 860-582-3631. Thank you!

**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!

**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.

# MORE NEWS AND NOTES

**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. We will be tabling most of the usual agenda items so that we will have sufficient time to have an extended discussion designed to prepare us for participation in the Annual Diocesan Assembly in late October. All interested members of the Parish are invited to attend this meeting.

**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**Choir Rehearsal, Saturday, October 6, after the conclusion of Vigil:** As is now their custom, the Choir will hold Choir Rehearsal after the conclusion of the Saturday evening Vigil service on the first Sunday on the month, in this case, after the conclusion of Vigil on Saturday evening, October 6.

**Social Security Workshop, Wednesday evening, October 17, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM:** With the permission of our Parish Council, Mr. R. Joseph Knudsen will be presenting a workshop at our Church sponsored by AAA (The American Automobile Association) on the topic "Planning for and Maximizing Social Security." This workshop is intended to provide information to those receiving or about to receive Social Security benefits about how best to manage that process. For further information and to pre-register, please visit this website: <http://www.aaaretire.com/SocialSecurityWorkshops.aspx>. (NOTE: If you do not have access to the Internet, you may telephone AAA at 1-800-978-7953, for further information and to pre-register.) Joseph Knudsen not only does this work professionally, he is also a member of Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Bethel, CT, one of our sister parishes in the CT Deanery. Joseph has been presenting these workshops in local public libraries and similar locations, but recently he has been doing some of these workshops at churches, too, including at our sister parish in Southbury, CT.

**Youth Event, Friday evening, October 19:** On Friday evening, October 19, there will be a Youth Gathering at All Saints Church, Hartford, CT. The invited group is 5<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Here's the schedule: 6:30 PM – 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Vespers; 7:15 PM – Dinner and Fellowship; 7:45 PM – Presentation and Discussion on the Topic "Living Life Daily," led by Fr. James Parnell; 8:30 PM – Group Activity and Further Fellowship; 9:15 PM – Closing Prayers; 9:30 PM – Dismissal. Admission is FREE, but, if you are planning to attend, please let Fr. John know.

**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 now 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 18th Sunday after Pentecost, this year September 30*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 9:6-11)**

Brothers and Sisters: The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to 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."

## *Scripture Readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 7*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 11:31-12:9)**

Brothers and Sisters: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"