

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

- 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
- 10/29 Monday**
7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting
- 10/31 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins
- 11/3 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by monthly Choir Rehearsal
- 11/4 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
Followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish
- 11/7 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins

NOTE: This is a double issue of the Parish Bulletin, for both Sundays, October 7, and October 14.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

October 7th, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, and, also, the Virgin Martyr Pelagia

Sunday, October 14, 2018

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

October 14th, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Venerable Parasceva of Serbia. Also this Sunday is the annual commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. This annual commemoration of the Seventh Council always takes place on a Sunday on or about October 11th.

Welcome, Fr. Sergius!

We welcome Archpriest Sergius Halvorsen to our parish on Sunday morning, October 7. On October 7, Fr. Sergius is substituting for our pastor, Fr. John Hopko, who is away.

The V. Rev. Dr. Sergius Halvorsen, Ph.D., is Director of the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Program at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary (SVS) and, also, Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Rhetoric at SVS.

Fr. Sergius received his M.Div. from SVS in 1996, and completed his doctoral dissertation (Ph.D) at Drew University in 2002. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1999 and to the priesthood in 2004. Fr. Sergius is an accomplished liturgical musician. He was director of the 1995 SVS Octet singing group, and has contributed to a number of recordings of liturgical music. Fr. Sergius has also been, for many years, part of the pastoral staff at the Annual New England Diocesan Youth Rally. Fr. Sergius currently lives in New Haven, CT. He and his wife, Dina, have three children.

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!

Anastasia Fill	10/7/1958
Nellie (Anastasia) Hrabsky	10/7/2002
Michael Kopcha	10/7/2007
Anastasia Baiga	10/9/1918
Vladimir Yaromshchik	10/10/1938
Olga Nimchek	10/11/2007
Anna Kaschak	10/12/1938
Ida Rozum	10/12/1982
John Pawelchak	10/12/2000
<u>Anna Duke</u>	<u>10/13/1932</u>
Peter Kopcha	10/14/1931
John Ketero	10/15/1934
John Kowalchuk	10/15/1972
Philip Kisiel	10/15/1980
Adam Habrukowich	10/17/1984
Alexander Kucirka	10/17/1993
Tatjana Jakimenko	10/17/2002
Metro Skrupsky	10/18/2002
Elizabeth (Bunker) Sweatt	10/19/1999
Margaret Gabor	10/20/1981
Sadie Witik	10/20/1991

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 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

Travelers, those soon to be traveling, and those apart from us

Fr. John and Macrina Hopko (10/3 to 10/11)
John "Jack" Kriniske (after 10/9)

Anniversaries

Timothy & Donna Osuch 10/10

Birthdays

Zachary Wegh 10/9
Jennifer Wegh 10/15

The Annual General Parish Meeting of the Parish: *Sunday, November 4, 2018*

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Parish will take place on Sunday, November 4, 2018. The meeting will take place after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and the Coffee Social Hour that day. The venue for the meeting will be, as usual, the Nave of the Church.

"Expanded" Coffee Hour, Sunday, November 4: Please sign-up to bring food to share during the "expanded" Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 4, which will take place after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and before the beginning of the Annual General Meeting that day. A "sign-up sheet" for this purpose, listing needed items, is now posted downstairs in the Church Basement Hall.

Annual General Meeting Reports Preparation: All those who usually submit reports for inclusion in the reports packet distributed in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting are asked to please give those completed reports to Fr. John by no later than Sunday, October 28.

Annual General Meeting Agenda Preparation: Anyone with items for the agenda should please see Fr. John or Paul Senecten, as soon as possible. Important and/or significant items should be listed on the agenda under the appropriate heading and should not be raised from the floor of the meeting without prior notice.

NEWS AND NOTES

Earthquake and Tsunami: Please pray for the suffering people of the Palu region of the island of Sulawesi in the country of Indonesia. There has been terrible loss of life and, now, suffering of survivors, in the wake of the terrible earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck that region on September 28. Please consider contributing financially to relief efforts aimed at alleviating the suffering of those impacted by this event. Church World Service (CWS), a longtime partner of IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) is a worthy charity to support in this regard. Here's the link to CWS's website: www.cwsglobal.org.

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. Please also leave a message on our Parish's Rectory telephone voicemail. That number is 860-582-3631. Thank you!

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 "Rally after Rally" Youth Gathering at All Saints Church, Hartford. The invited group are 11 to 17 year-olds. Here's the schedule: 6:30 PM – 9th 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.

Saturday, October 20, 9:30 AM – Examination of Wooden Icon: On Saturday morning, October 20, at 9:30 AM, all interested parties will gather to make a formal and in-depth examination and investigation of the carved wooden icon of Saints Cyril and Methodius that hangs over the front doors of our Church Building. Please participate if you are interested in this project. We could really use help and insight as regards this matter.

Pre-Advent Memorial Saturday, October 20: During the Church Year, a number of Saturdays are designated as "Memorial Saturdays", days when we are especially supposed to pray for the salvation of the souls of the departed. One of these Saturdays is always the one that falls before the Feast of the Great-martyr Demetrius, which falls on October 26. In our parish we have taken to referring to this Memorial Saturday as the "Pre-Advent" Memorial Saturday. We will mark the day, Saturday, October 20, by having a General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for all the departed beginning at 5:30 PM.

Meeting of the Nominations Committee, Sunday, October 21: During the Coffee Social Hour following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, October 21, there will be a meeting of the Nominations Committee (Fr. John Hopko, Paul Senetcen, Julie Kowaleski, John Osuch and Ann Sovyrda). The task of the Nominations Committee is to put together the slate of candidates for the Parish Council and other parish offices for the coming year.

November Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, October 29, 7:00 PM: That's not a typo: In order to make sure that the next Parish Council Meeting takes place before, rather than after, the Annual General Meeting of the parish, the November monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will actually take place in October! Specifically, the meeting will take place on Monday evening, October 29, beginning at 7:00 PM. The setting will be, as usual, the Parish Basement Social Hall. A primary goal of the meeting will be to make sure that we are properly prepared for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish that will take place on Sunday, November 4.

Readings from Holy Scripture

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!"

Scripture Readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 14

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Gal. 1:11-19)

Brothers and Sisters: I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."