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, October 20, 2019

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

Annually on October 20th we commemorate, among others,
the Greatmartyr Artemius (4th c. AD)
and the Righteous Child Artemy (16th c. AD)

Schedule of Services

10/20 Sunday – *18th Sunday after Pentecost*
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

10/23 Wednesday
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

NOTE: Fr. John will be away attending the Diocesan Assembly in Clinton, CT, all day on Friday, October 25, and until mid-afternoon on Saturday, October 26

10/26 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil

10/27 Sunday – *19th Sunday after Pentecost*
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

10/30 Wednesday
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

11/2 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by Choir Rehearsal

11/3 Sunday – *20th Sunday after Pentecost*
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

11/4 Monday
7:00 PM – Terryville Parish Council Meeting

11/6 Wednesday
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

11/9 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil

11/10 Sunday – *21st Sunday after Pentecost*
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
Followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish, after a brief Coffee Social Hour

11/13 Wednesday
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

11/16 Saturday
6:00 PM – Vigil

11/17 Sunday – *22nd Sunday after Pentecost*
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

11/20 Wednesday
Eve of the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
NO Matins (Morning Prayers)

6:15 PM – Vespers & Divine Liturgy for the Feast

The Annual General Parish Meeting of the Parish: *Sunday, November 10, 2019*

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Parish will take place on Sunday, November 10, 2019. 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 10: Please sign-up to bring food to share during the "expanded" Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 10, 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, November 3.

Annual General Meeting Agenda Preparation: Anyone with items for the agenda should please see Fr. John or Paul Senetcen, 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.

A "Thank you": Jack Kriniske would like to thank all those who contributed to the annual fundraising effort he made during recent weeks in support of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC). NOCC is an organization devoted to defeating the scourge of ovarian cancer. This year Jack's "Team Donna" initiative raised $1300.00 for this cause, and, as this is an annual effort, we note that Team Donna's significant six-year fundraising total is $13,970.00. Team Donna is named in honor and memory of Jack's late wife, Donna, who courageously battled ovarian cancer. Memory Eternal!

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

Mary Fomenko—our fellow parishioner	d. 9/17/19
William "Will" Lucas—a relative of Jack Kriniske's	d. 10/12/19

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Margaret Gabor	10/20/1981
Sadie Witik	10/20/1991
Agafia Papkov	10/21/1938
Aksenty Stasenko	10/22/1919
Mary Wallick (Carolyn Palleria's mother)	10/23/1979
Mary Panko	10/23/1992
Anna Spielman	10/25/1983
Anna Lyga	10/26/1966
Theodore Panko	10/26/1971
Paranka Cartona	10/26/1997
Daria Sholomicky	10/26/2002

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
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Jadwiga ["Yahd-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges
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; suffering with Huntington's Disease
Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Maria Oraschewsky—now requires dialysis three times a week
Charlotte—Chezelle Serev's mother; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Mark—friend of Frank Guba; battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Michael—friend of Frank Guba; rehabbing after bilateral lung transplant
Mat. Cindy Voytovich—facing health challenges at this time
Barbara—friend of Jack Kriniske; hip replacement surgery followed by complications
Yelena "Lenna" Massicotte—facing serious health challenges at this time
Vincent—Maria Oraschewsky's brother-in-law; battling cancer
Katie and Aubrey—a mother and daughter for whom we have been asked to pray
Tanya Beach—recovering from brain hemorrhage
Helen—friend of Anna Marie Boruch; suffering in illness
Eleanor—Rdr. Joseph Boruch's mother; increasing health challenges
Anna Szepel—suffered a fall; now in a rehabiltation facility
Mark—a profound diabetic that we have been asked to pray for
Heather—an acquaintance of C. Palleria; battling significant health challenges
Steven—Barbara Simard's son; still in the hospital, very unwell
Steven—acquaintance of members of Waterbury Parish; recently unwell
Elena Watras—recovering after knee joint replacement surgery
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna Osuch; battling breast cancer

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

Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; Irene has been quite unwell recently
Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother

Expectant Mothers

Alice and the child to be born of her
Yesenia and the child to be born of her—Yesenia is Jayne Grasso's daughter-in-law

Travelers, Those Soon to be Traveling, and Those Apart from Us

Tim and Donna Osuch and Family

Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy, hospital corpsman ("medic")
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
Joshua Pcsolyar—fiancé of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army pilot, now in Afghanistan

Anniversaries of Marriage

Paul & Claudia Senetcen	10/21
Thomas and Natalie Wingate	10/26

Birthdays

Paul Senetcen	10/22
John Dubnansky	10/22

Myrrh-Streaming Icon to Visit our Area in November

On Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, 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 have been privileged to venerate this icon, and to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from it.

The icon will arrive at Saint Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain at 6:00 PM on Friday evening, November 1. 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 2, 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.

News and Notes

Coffee Social Hour Hosts required: We require Coffee Social Hour hosts for upcoming Sundays. If you are able to host Coffee Hour, please, sign up on the list posted in the Parish Basement Kitchen. Thank you, for your consideration.

New Gas Line to be Installed, Thursday, October 24: On Thursday, October 24, Eversource (our natural gas utility), will be replacing the extremely old gas line (piping) that services our Community Center Building. That work should be accomplished in one day, but will involve digging up and replacing the gas line that runs under a portion of our Parish parking lot. The work is being done at Eversource's initiative and cost, and is part of their program to upgrade their natural gas line infrastructure.

Annual Diocesan Assembly, October 25-26: The Year 2019 Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England will take place on Friday-Saturday, October 25-26 at Saint Alexis Church, Clinton, Connecticut. Our Parish will be represented at the Assembly by Fr. John Hopko and Protodeacon Paul Nimchek.

Parish Budget Committee will meet on Sunday, October 27: It is now time to prepare the Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The Budget Committee has been named by the Parish Council and consists of Mark Orelup, Treasurer; Paul Senetcen, Parish Lay President; Fr. John Hopko, Pastor; and Deacon Paul Nimchek, Parish Deacon. Also, any other interested adult member of the parish presently in "good standing" is invited to participate in the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is an *ad hoc* committee named each year by the Parish Council for the specific purpose of preparing the annual Parish Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Budget Committee will meet on Sunday, October 27, during the Coffee Social Hour following the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy that morning.

OCA Steward Sunday – October 27

His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, and the Holy Synod of Bishops have designated Sunday, October 27, as Steward Sunday in the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). They have asked every parish in the OCA to take a special basket collection that Sunday to support the work of the Stewards of the OCA.

Here's the link to the section of the OCA website about the Stewards of the OCA: https://oca.org/directories/organizations/stewards-of-the-orthodox-church-in-america.

The Stewards of the OCA, much like ONE Stewards (Orthodox New England Stewards) here in the Diocese of New England, raises funds above and beyond the annual budget of the OCA, to support, in a more substantial way, departmental and program work on a Church-wide level here in North America.

One such initiative funded, at least in part, by such stewardship gifts, is the section of the OCA website that is devoted to supporting the vital and central liturgical life of the Church, by preparing and making available in electronic/digital format the liturgical music and texts required for upcoming worship services. Over the years, more than 6500 pages of material have been made available through the liturgics portal on the OCA website, and the entire Church, including our parish, has benefited, greatly. (To see some of this work, visit this web-link: https://oca.org/liturgics.)

So, please, either go directly to the portal on the OCA Website (https://oca.org/directories/organizations/stewards-of-the-orthodox-church-in-america) and join the Stewards of the OCA, or make a contribution to the special collection for that stewardship program, which we will be taking in our parish next Sunday, October 27.

Stewardship, which is the appropriate and faithful management of the time, talents, and treasure with which God has blessed us, is a central part of every Christian person's life. May God help us to fulfill our calling to be good stewards on His behalf.

Alarm System to be installed: We will, soon, be installing an alarm system in our Church building. All those who presently hold keys to the Church ***MUST*** see Fr. John Hopko, as soon as possible, in order to be briefed on this process. Once the alarm system is activated, key-holders will, ***absolutely and without exception,*** need to know how to manage that system so that we do not have false alarms. Again, all key-holders are to contact Fr. John, immediately. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

List of Known Key-Holders: The following persons are known presently to hold keys to the Church building: Fr. John Hopko, Deacon Paul Nimchek, Beverly Kuzmich, Joan Markovich, Michael Nimchek, Paul Senetcen, and Vera Wegh (shared with Richard Koski). Please, let Fr. John know if you know of any changes to this list. Thank you.

Emery Wegh's Fall Senior Recital, Sunday, November 3, 6:00 PM: Our fellow parishioner, Emery Wegh, has been studying double bass performance at the Hartt School at the University of Hartford for three years now. Emery's Fall Senior Recital will take place on Sunday, November 3, beginning at 6:00 PM, in Room 21 at the Fuller Music Center on campus at the University of Hartford. Emery will perform solo pieces, as well as a duet with a graduate cello student. For more information about Emery's recital, please see him and Deb Wegh.

Saint Nektarios Day celebrations at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT, Sunday, November 10: Saint Nektarios of Aegina (1846 - 1920) is greatly venerated as a patron saint at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT, a parish that was founded almost three decades ago as a missionary outreach from our parish. This year the schedule of events to mark the annual commemoration of Saint Nektarios in the Southbury parish is as follows: On Sunday afternoon, November 10, beginning at 4:00 PM, Vespers with the Veneration of the Relics of Saint Nektarios will take place. His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, *Locum Tenens* of the Diocese of New England, will preside at that service, which will be followed by a reception with a light buffet.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 20

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 16:19-31)

The Lord said: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Scripture Readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 27

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 8:26-39)

At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.