

# 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

- 10/21 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
- 11/10 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/11 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/14 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins
- 11/17 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/18 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/20 Tuesday**  
*Eve of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple*  
6:15 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the Feast
- 11/21 Wednesday**  
*Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple*  
8:00 AM – Matins

## Sunday, October 21, 2018

### *The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4*

October 21<sup>st</sup>, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Venerable Hilarion the Great (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> century AD). He was an early and great monk.

## OCA Steward Sunday – October 28

His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, and the Holy Synod of Bishops have designated Sunday, October 28, 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 28.

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.

# 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!*

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
Tatiana Martynylr	10/27/1918
Olga "Suzy" Choate	10/27/2001

#### 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  
Karen—Mary Fomenko's niece; unwell and in need of prayers  
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimchecks; 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 Boutenoff's uncle; battling cancer

Donna—Ann Sovyrd's niece; kidney disease

Dayrl—Ann Sovyrd'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 Boutenoff—Tania Boutenoff's mother; presently unwell

Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers

Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support

Anna Szepel—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

Nina Gorbachev—former parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support

Carol Johnson—quite unwell and in need of our 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  
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*

Richard and Laura Koski

Joel and Julie Kowaleski and Family Members

Maria Oraschewsky

James and Elena Watras

#### *Anniversaries*

Paul & Claudia Senetcen 10/21

Thomas and Natalie Wingate 10/26

#### *Birthdays*

Paul Senetcen 10/22

John Michael Dubnansky 10/22

Rose Orelup 10/27

## 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 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.

# NEWS AND NOTES

**Meeting of the Nominations Committee, Sunday, October 21:** 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.

**Annual Diocesan Assembly, October 26-27:** The Year 2018 Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England will take place on Friday-Saturday, October 26-27, in Hartford, CT. Our Parish will be represented at the Assembly by Fr. John Hopko, Deacon Paul Nimchek, and Mrs. Louine King.

**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. 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.

**40 Days for Life, Hartford, October 31:** Each Fall in Hartford, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford's Pro-Life Ministry sponsors "40 Days for Life", which is an event during which, for forty consecutive days, vigils of prayer are held on the traffic circle outside of the Hartford GYN Center, located at One Main Street, Hartford. One of the primary services offered by the Hartford GYN Center is, in fact, abortion. (This is plainly evident on the Center's website.) Fr. James Parnell and our sister parish in Hartford, All Saints Orthodox Church, will be leading the daily prayer vigil on Wednesday, October 31. Fr. John will be participating that day, from Noon to 4:00 PM, as a representative of our parish, and those who would like to join him are welcome to do so. Please see Fr. John for details. ("40 Days for Life" is now an international initiative. It began in 2004 in one small city in Texas, and now thousands of people, all around the nation and the world, participate: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com))

**LOOKING AHEAD: Advent Confession Appointments:** The Nativity Fast (Advent) lasts for the forty days from November 15 until the celebration of The Nativity (Birth) of our Lord, Christmas, on December 25. Each of us should plan to keep the Fast in an appropriate manner. Besides keeping the Fast, we should all make, prepare for and keep an appointment to take part in the Sacrament of Personal and Private Confession. Fr. John will hear Confessions by appointment. Please contact Fr. John now to make your appointment. Thank you for your cooperation!

**LOOKING AHEAD: Special Basket Collection to Benefit IOCC:** On Sunday, November 18, we will have a "Special Basket" Collection at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to benefit the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), as part of our parish's way of marking the Thanksgiving Holiday. Is there a better way of expressing thanks for the blessings that we have received than giving to meet the needs of others? Since 1992, IOCC has been the official humanitarian aid agency representing the charitable concern of Orthodox Christians living in North America. Since its founding, IOCC has delivered millions of dollars in service to tens of thousands of people around the globe. To learn more about IOCC, visit their website at [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org), or see Fr. John.

## A Letter of Thanks from Jack Kriniske: A "*Walk to Break the Silence of Ovarian Cancer*"

On Saturday, September 29, 2018, friends, and members of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT, joined me in walking to raise funds and awareness for Ovarian Cancer research in honor and memory of my wife Donna, who waged a courageous struggle to overcome this most devastating affliction.

Normally the walk is sponsored annually by the Connecticut Chapter of the NOCC (National Ovarian Cancer Coalition). NOCC is focused on developing awareness of this disease, as well as raising funds for research; but this year there was no formal activity in Connecticut.

Instead, fifteen friends joined me in Bristol to walk Memorial Boulevard, which was still decorated with teal ribbons. Through our overall fund raising effort "Team Donna" raised \$1,710. In the five years we have been doing the fundraising effort, "Team Donna" has raised a total of \$12,670.

I would like to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who participated in this year's Walk to Break the Silence of Ovarian Cancer. "Team Donna" has been blessed to have so many caring and loving people who joined us in the walk, along with those who did not walk but made monetary donations locally, and from around the country.

With much love, John (Jack) Kriniske

# Readings from Holy Scripture

*Scripture Readings for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 21*

## **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 2:16-20)**

Brothers and Sisters: We know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 28*

## **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 6:11-18)**

Brothers and Sisters: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## **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.