

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 28, 2018

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5

October 28th, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Martyrs Terrence and Neonila and their Children, as well as the Venerable Job of Pochaev

Schedule of Services

- 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
- 11/24 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/25 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/28 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins

OCA Steward Sunday – October 28

His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, and the Holy Synod of Bishops have designated this 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 on this 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 on this 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!

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| Theodosia Tkach | 10/28/1917 |
| Theodore Kriniske | 10/28/1940 |
| Nikolaj Slawnyj | 10/29/2009 |
| Julia M. Casey | 10/30/2013 |
| Peter Duke | 11/2/1913 |
| Vasili Hrabsky | 11/2/1935 |
| Katherine Grella | 11/2/1990 |
| Paulus Stanko | 11/2/1995 |
| Michael Andrash | 11/3/1950 |
| Irene Tichon | 11/3/1970 |

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 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; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Eleanor—Rdr. Joseph Boruch's mother; chronic health challenges
Carleen—heart surgery with complications; acquaintance of C. Palleria
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—very, very 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

Mother and the Child born of her

Anya and the son newly born of her—Fr. John's niece and her new baby

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

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

Birthdays

Fr. John Hopko 10/29

Please pray for Carol Johnson: Carol Johnson is very unwell and is being transferred to Hartford Hospital. Fr. John visited with her on Saturday afternoon, on his way home from the Diocesan Assembly. Please keep Carol in your prayers, fervently. Thank you.

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 Monday, 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

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)

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, or see Fr. John.

LOOKING AHEAD: Special Basket Collection to Benefit our Seminaries: On Sunday, December 2, we will be having a "Special Basket" Collection at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to benefit the three seminaries of the Orthodox Church in America: Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood (Yonkers), New York; Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, Pennsylvania; and Saint Herman's Seminary, Kodiak, Alaska. In our 2018 Parish Budget we have an expenditure line item for the support of our seminaries. This planned collection will help meet that line item. That line item is \$1270.00, which is just a bit more than one percent (1%) of our annual income budget for 2018. The Orthodox Church in America, by means of a formal resolution passed at the 16th All-American Council in Seattle in 2011, has asked every parish to pledge 1% of their annual income each year towards the support of the seminaries, and we have done so in our parish since that time. In terms of breaking down our donation between the three schools, we are planning to send 40% of our total donation to Saint Vladimir's Seminary, 40% to Saint Tikhon's Seminary, and 20% to Saint Herman's Seminary.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 22nd 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.

Scripture Readings for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 4

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 2:4-10)

Brothers and Sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.