

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 29, 2017

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

Commemoration of Martyr Anastasia of Rome

Schedule of Services

- 10/29 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/1 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/4 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/5 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/6 Monday**
7:00 PM – Monthly Parish Council Meeting
- 11/8 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/11 Saturday**
5:30 PM – 40th Day Memorial Service
for John Kuzmich
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/12 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
11:45 AM – The Annual General
Meeting of the Parish
- 11/15 Wednesday**
First Day of Advent
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/18 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/19 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/20 Monday**
6:15 PM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy
("Vesperal Liturgy") for the Feast of the
Entrance of the Theotokos
into the Temple at Jerusalem
- 11/22 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/25 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/26 Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/29 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

Myrrh-Streaming Icon to Visit our Area this Week

On Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, 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 were privileged to venerate this icon, and to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from it, several years ago, when the icon visited Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Mill Hill Avenue, Bridgeport, CT.

The icon will arrive at Saint Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain at 6:00 PM on Friday evening, November 3. 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 4, 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.

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

John Kuzmich—fellow parishioner d. 10/2/17
Matushka Marie Kreta—Fr. John Kreta's mother d. 10/23/17
Ida Skrip—former member of the Waterbury Parish d. 10/8/17

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

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
Joseph Sholtis 11/4/1934
Paul Leba 11/4/1960
Joseph Braeinow 11/4/1964

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
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
Phyllis George—Donna Kriniske's cousin; battling breast cancer

Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
Michael "Mischa" Semanitzky—Dn. Paul's uncle; ongoing health issues
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
Anatoli—a friend of Tania Bouteneff; diagnosed with colon cancer
Galina—wife of above-mentioned Anatoli
William "Bill" Markovich—recently unwell
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
Zachary—nephew of acquaintances of Nimcheks; recent double lung transplant
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner; still in need of prayers for health
Virginia—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer
Vince—friend of the Oraschewsky Family; colon cancer
child Maven—child of friends of the G. and D. Wegh Family; serious medical condition
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer
Barbara Sovyrda—Mark Sovyrda's former wife; health challenges
Louine "Anna" King—suffering from lung cancer
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell; now back home, but still ailing
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Nadia Krawchuk—Bob Matzkevich's mother-in-law; recently unwell
Fr. Marc Vranes—underwent total right knee replacement surgery on October 4

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol; now on hospice care
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut

Those from among us serving 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

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

Douglas Henrick—O. Petroff's great-grandson; in China until spring 2018
Peter and Chezelle Serev

Birthdays

Fr. John Hopko 10/29

Annual General Parish Meeting of the Parish - Sunday, November 12, 2017 -

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Parish will take place on Sunday, November 12, 2017, the last Sunday before the beginning of the Nativity Fast (Advent). 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 12: Please sign-up to bring food to share during the "expanded" Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 12, 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, please, to give those completed reports to Fr. John by no later than Sunday, November 5.

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...

Fr. John away from Terryville, Monday, October 30: Fr. John will be away from Terryville all day long on Monday, October 30. He will be in Pennsylvania attending the funeral of Matushka Marie Kreta, who entered into blessed repose on Monday, October 23, 2017. Matushka Marie is the mother of our Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest John Kreta. She will be buried at Saint Tikhon's Monastery Cemetery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania, alongside her husband, Protopresbyter Joseph. A full obituary of Matushka Marie, who led a long and interesting life of service to the Church, especially in the Diocese of Alaska, may be read on the website of the Orthodox Church in America (www.oca.org). Memory Eternal!

Meeting of the Nominations Committee, Sunday, October 29: During the Coffee Social Hour following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 29, there will be a meeting of the Nominations Committee (Fr. John Hopko, Paul Senecten, 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.

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, November 6, 7:00 PM: The November monthly meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, November 6, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Delegation to Next Summer's All American Council: The 19th All American Council (AAC) of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) is scheduled to take place next summer, July 23-27, 2018, in St. Louis, Missouri. The OCA AAC takes place every three years and is a gathering of the whole Church made up of all the bishops, together with representatives of all the dioceses, deaneries, parishes, and institutions (seminaries, monasteries, etc.). Each parish is represented by its pastor and a lay delegate. (At the most recent AAC in Atlanta a few years ago, our parish was represented by Fr. John and Jack Kriniske.) The OCA AAC is the highest legislative body of the Church. For further information about the AAC, please see this website: <https://19aac.oca.org/>. Several members of our parish have expressed interest in serving as our parish's delegate. Also, it should be noted that it is possible to attend the OCA AAC with official observer status. We will be electing our OCA AAC delegate at our Annual General Meeting on November 12. If you are interested in attending the OCA AAC next summer in St. Louis, either as our parish's lay delegate or as an official observer, please see Fr. John, as soon as possible.

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 19, 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 3, 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 2017 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 (roughly) about one percent (1%) of our annual income budget for 2017. The Orthodox Church in America, by means of a formal resolution passed at the Seattle All-American Council several years ago, has asked every parish to pledge 1% of their annual income each year towards the support of the seminaries. 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 21st Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 29

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 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 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 5

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 8:41-56)

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.