

## 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, November 5, 2017

### *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5*

Commemoration of the Martyr Galacteon  
and his wife Epistemis

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### ***Schedule of Services***

- 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 – 40<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 12/2 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 12/3 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

### **About the Plymouth Community Food Pantry**

As many as 5% of the people who live in our Town of Plymouth do not know for sure where their next meal is coming from, and do not have reliable access to sufficient quantities of affordable, nutritious food. At the present time, 671 people are enrolled at the Plymouth Community Food Pantry: 216 are children, 118 are seniors. Last year the Food Pantry gave away 133,000 pounds of food to residents of Plymouth and Terryville. This year the Food Pantry's entire annual budget (for all costs—not just for food, but including food) is just under \$69,000.00, so it is an efficient, cost-effective program.

The Food Pantry is housed in the basement portion of our parish's Community Center building, at the far end of the parking lot from the Church building. At the present time, Fr. John Hopko is the Food Pantry Board President and Deacon Paul Nimchek is the Treasurer of the Food Pantry.\* The Food Pantry has an excellent Executive Director, Erin Kennedy, and dozens of wonderful volunteers, including a number of people from among our own parish membership. Erin Kennedy is the only paid employee of the Food Pantry, and she works part-time. Volunteers are the "backbone" of the Food Pantry program, and new volunteers are always welcome.

This month the Food Pantry will distribute 125 complete Thanksgiving baskets, including in each a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, and cranberry sauce—but the Pantry needs help to make that happen. If you would like to donate food or volunteer for the holidays, please do so during the Food Pantry's hours of operation: Mondays 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Wednesdays 1:30 – 3:30 PM, Fridays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and the first Tuesday evening of each month 5:00 – 6:00 PM. Nonperishable food items may also be donated every day at The Ambulance Corps. Building, 191 Main Street, Terryville, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM, or brought to Church when we have services. Donations of money can be made online at [www.plymouthfoodpantry.org](http://www.plymouthfoodpantry.org) or by mail to 20 Dewey Avenue, Terryville, CT, 06786.

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\*Note: While having some advantages, in the final analysis it is not ideal that both the Food Pantry President and Treasurer are members of our Church, as well as members of the Food Pantry Board. This circumstance impedes negotiation between our Church and the Food Pantry on some issues by creating a conflict of interest. Therefore, the Food Pantry Board is presently looking to recruit new Board members who are not parishioners of our Church, in order to maintain a proper lessor ("landlord") to lessee ("renter") relationship between the Food Pantry and our Church.

# 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
Ida Skrip—former member of the Waterbury Parish	d. 10/8/17
Matushka Marie Kreta—Fr. John Kreta's mother	d. 10/23/17
Anatoli Demanosow—grew up in our parish	d. 11/1/17
Nadia Krawczyk—Bob Matzkevich's mother-in-law	d. 11/2/17

## ***Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!***

Ignati Tihansky	11/5/1938
Gabriel Vabriniak	11/6/1932
Agafia Shkarypski	11/6/1940
Sophie Johnston	11/6/1956
Harry Popko	11/6/1990
Anna Kurdeka	11/7/1997
Mary Susla	11/8/1971
Metro Maichack	11/8/2000
Tekla Dziamba	11/9/1940
Paul Duke	11/10/1949
Ekaterina Koltko	11/10/1967
John Kriniske	11/11/1999

## **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 ["Yaht-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 ("Gina")—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  
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  
Stefan Koski—travelling to attend a friend's wedding this weekend

### ***Birthdays***

Michael Nimchek 11/8

## **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...

**Anatoli Demanosow:** This past week Anatoli Demanosow was buried beside his parents in our parish cemetery. Anatoli was not a member of our parish as an adult, but, as an act of Christian charity, we do extend the privilege of burial to the children of faithful members of the Church already buried in the cemetery. Memory Eternal!

**Nadia Krawczyk's Funeral:** Many of us have been pleased and privileged to get to know Bob Matzkevich, a devoted member of the Waterbury Parish, who often attends services here in the Terryville Parish. Bob's mother-in-law, Nadia Krawczyk, 94, entered into blessed repose this past Thursday evening. Nadia's funeral arrangements are as follows: Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 11:00 AM at Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Waterbury. Burial will follow in Waterbury Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday evening, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Naugatuck Valley Memorial/Fitzgerald-Zembruski Funeral Home, 240 North Main Street, Naugatuck, followed by a Panikhida service to begin there at 7:00 PM. Memorial contributions, in Nadia's name, may be made to Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, 3125 North Main Street, Waterbury, CT, 06704. To send an on-line condolence, please visit [www.naugatuckvalleymemorial.com](http://www.naugatuckvalleymemorial.com). Fr. John Hopko, Administrator of the Waterbury Parish, will serve the funeral services. Fr. John will be joined by Fr. Marc Vranes, a friend of the family, and, perhaps, by Fr. Nicholas Timpko, who has been serving on Sunday mornings in the Waterbury Parish. Memory Eternal!

**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.

**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!

**THIS COMING WEEK: Saint Nektarios Day celebrations at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT:** Saint Nektarios of Aegina (1846 - 1920) is greatly venerated as a patron at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT, a parish that was founded 26 years 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 12, beginning at 4:00 PM, Vespers with the Veneration of the Relics of Saint Nektarios will take place. On the actual day of Saint Nektarios's annual commemoration, Thursday, November 9, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 9:30 AM. (Fr. John is planning to attend the Thursday morning Liturgy. He is also planning to attend the Sunday afternoon Vespers.) For more information about the annual commemoration of Saint Nektarios at Christ the Savior Church, please see Fr. John.

**IN TWO WEEKS' TIME: 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](http://www.iocc.org), or see Fr. John.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Choir Rehearsals during the Nativity Fast:** On Saturday nights throughout the month of December leading up to the Feast of Christmas, we will be having Choir Rehearsals following the conclusion of the Vigil service, in order to prepare for the Feast.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Advent Vespers, Wednesday evenings in December:** On Wednesday evenings in December, during the several weeks leading up to the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas), we will celebrate Daily Vespers beginning at 7:00 PM. This has been our custom for many years now and is an edifying part of our liturgical preparations to celebrate the Feast.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Annual Visit of St. Nicholas, Sunday, December 10:** On Sunday, December 10, during the Coffee Hour after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our children (with all of us!) will enjoy the Annual "Visit of St. Nicholas" to the Parish.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## *Scripture Readings for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 12*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 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 10:25-37)**

At that time a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."