

# 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*

- 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  
7:00 PM – Advent Vespers
- 12/1 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 12/2 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
*Followed by the Annual "Visit of Saint Nicholas"*
- 12/5 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins  
7:00 PM – Advent Vespers
- 12/6 Thursday**  
**Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker**  
9:00 AM – Service of Prayer to St. Nicholas
- 12/8 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 12/9 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

## Sunday, November 11, 2018

### *The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7*

November 11<sup>th</sup>, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others: the Martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent, and Stephanida; the Venerable Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of Studion; Saint Maximus of Moscow, the Fool-for-Christ; and the Venerable Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours in France. Holy Saints of God, pray for us sinners!

### Notes from Fr. John

At the encouragement of some who were present at last Sunday's Annual General Meeting, I have been encouraged to repeat here some of the things that I said last Sunday during the AGM. Thanking those who reported back to me, here is some of that:

- It's great if we are strong in mind and strong in body. But if our souls are sick, we're not going to be joyful people. A fact of human life is that over time our bodies will weaken, our mental faculties will likely dull, but our souls persist—either in a state of spiritual health or not. So, we must take care of our souls, always directing them towards God, always endeavoring, by God's grace, to keep our souls spiritually healthy.

- We exercise to make our bodies fit. We study to make our minds fit. But, we go to Church to make our souls fit. The Orthodox Church is a "gym" for the soul and that's what we do: "soul fitness."

- The way in which the Church challenges us makes us fit for everything else that challenges us.

- Our biggest task now is being faithful ourselves and, also, helping our young people to be faithful and to have some sense that being faithful is worth it.

- There are people around us who are seeking the Orthodox Christian Church, whether they realize it or not—really, they are already substantively Orthodox in faith and in life. It's not that we have to go out and convince these people of something other than what they believe. Rather, we have to find those who already believe what we believe and give them a home, here with us, in the 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***

Fred Thomas "Tom" Senetcen—Paul's brother d. 11/6/18  
Mary Wasula—a parishioner of the Waterbury Parish d. 10/22/18

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

John Kriniske 11/11/1999  
Catherine Plasko 11/12/2002  
Mikolai Sulima 11/13/2006  
Xenia Shakhno 11/14/1939  
Ignaty Sobestanovich 11/14/1963  
Anna Wazorko 11/15/1953  
Michael Myshka 11/16/1945  
Paraskeva Glowa 11/17/1917

## **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  
Darylne—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  
Mark—friend of Frank Guba; 2<sup>nd</sup> phase non-Hodgkin's lymphoma  
Michael—friend of Frank Guba; awaiting the possibility of a lung transplant  
Arthur James "A.J." Brauer—Food Pantry volunteer; awaiting heart surgery  
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

### ***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

### ***Travelers, those soon to be traveling, and those apart from us***

Robert Michael "Bob" Matzkevich

### ***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 (Recent and Soon)***

Tanya Beach 11/8  
Karry Orelup 11/13

**Please keep praying for Carol Johnson:** Carol Johnson is still unwell and is still in Hartford Hospital. She has been hospitalized for many weeks now. We had hoped that Carol would be transferred from the hospital to a rehabilitation facility this week, but she suffered a setback on Friday, November 9, when that transfer was supposed to happen, and her doctors decided that it was best for her to remain at Hartford Hospital. Carol is not able to receive visitors at this time, except by appointment. ***If you would like to visit with Carol, please, check with Fr. John first!*** Please keep Carol, and her family members who are so concerned about her, in your prayers, fervently. Thank you.

## TWO MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY

**Parish Council Meeting, Sunday, November 11:** This weekend, on Sunday, November 11, during the Social Hour that follows the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the Parish Council will meet briefly to discuss one urgent matter. For further information, please contact Fr. John.

**Parish Sisterhood Meeting, Sunday, November 11:** This weekend, on Sunday, November 11, during the Social Hour that follows the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the Parish Sisterhood will meet briefly to discuss some scheduling matters. For further information, please contact Laura Koski.

# ADVENT (THE NATIVITY FAST) BEGINS THIS WEEK

**Advent Confession Appointments—Advent begins on November 15:** 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!

**Advent (Nativity Fast) Vespers:** As is our custom, from Thanksgiving Day on, we will celebrate Daily Vespers on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, and include during those services special hymns to prepare us for the celebration of the Feast of Christmas. Those Wednesday evenings during the Nativity Fast are: November 28, and December 5, 12 and 19. Prepare for Christmas in the best way possible—with gratitude expressed in prayer!

**Choir Rehearsals during the Nativity Fast:** On Saturday evenings 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.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**NEXT SUNDAY: Special Basket Collection to Benefit IOCC, Sunday November 18:** 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.

**Fr. John away for Thanksgiving:** Fr. John will be away from Terryville for Thanksgiving. He will be out of the office on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 21-23. (We will have Matins, as usual, on that Wednesday morning.) In the case of a true pastoral emergency requiring the ministry of a priest while Fr. John is away, please contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013, or by email at [frdavid@htocnb.org](mailto:frdavid@htocnb.org). Please also leave a message on our Parish’s Rectory telephone voicemail. That number is 860-582-3631. Thank you!

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 11*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 2:14-22)**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ Jesus is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### **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."

## *Scripture Readings for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 18*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 4:1-6)**

Brothers and Sisters: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 12:16-21)**

The Lord spoke this parable, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."