

# 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***

- 11/17 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**  
5:30 PM – Memorial Service for Departed Members of the Guba Family  
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
- 12/12 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins  
7:00 PM – Advent Vespers

## Sunday, November 18, 2018

*The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8*

November 18<sup>th</sup>, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Martyrs Platon, Roman, and the Youth Barulas

### **THIS SUNDAY: Special Basket Collection to Benefit IOCC, Sunday November 18**

This 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.



# 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***

Prdn, Dennis and Helen Lucak—died in tragic circumstances d. 11/11/18  
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!***

Mary Uckin 11/18/1982  
John Fomenko 11/18/1998  
Theodore Senetcen 11/19/1948  
Walter Pastyrnak 11/19/1974  
Alec Jon Omichinski 11/19/1993  
Olga Kowal 11/19/2013  
Maxim Vavriniak 11/22/1945  
Mary Wandzilak 11/22/1960  
Joseph Kowaleski 11/23/1987

## **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  
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—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

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

Elena and Jim Watras  
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***

Carol Johnson 11/18  
George Wegh 11/22

**Please keep praying for Carol Johnson:** Carol Johnson has been transferred to a rehabilitation facility and is, we hope, enjoying some improvement in her health. Please continue to keep Carol in your prayers. (Carol, also, is celebrating her birthday this weekend, on Sunday, November 18.)

## ADVENT (THE NATIVITY FAST) BEGAN THIS PAST WEEK

**Advent Confession Appointments—Advent began 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 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!

# NEWS AND NOTES

**THIS WEEK: Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple:** The Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple takes place annually on November 21. This feast commemorates the occasion when the Virgin Mary, when still a very small child, was dedicated by her parents, Joachim and Anna, to live in the precincts of the Temple at Jerusalem and to serve God with the totality of her young and tender life. The Virgin Mary lived there, in the Temple area, until such time as she was betrothed to the Righteous Joseph and was found to be with child—that child being, of course, our Lord, Jesus Christ. In our parish, we will mark this feast with the celebration of Vespers with Divine Liturgy on Tuesday evening, November 20, the Eve of the Feast. That service will begin at 6:15 PM. We will, also, serve Matins on the morning of the Feast, Wednesday, November 21, at 8:00 AM.

**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!

**UPDATE: Wooden Icon on the Front of the Church:** Three members of the Parish spent most of Saturday morning, November 17, and part of the same Saturday afternoon, working towards the eventual removal of the wooden icon of Saints Cyril and Methodius that hangs over the front exterior doors of our Church building. Fifty-nine of the long stainless steel screws that were holding that icon in place were painstakingly removed (they were very difficult to dislodge!), and now the icon is being held in place only by the thick and heavy caulk that completely rings the icon. We are hoping soon to have another work session to further work towards removing the wooden icon from the exterior front of the Church, so that it can then be completely restored and renovated, and thereafter hung in a place of honor inside the Church where it will no longer be battered by the weather.

**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.

**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.

**LOOKING AHEAD: December Parish Council Meeting, Monday, December 3:** The December Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, December 3, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement Social Hall, as usual. This is the last meeting of the 2018 Parish Council. The Year 2019 Parish Council will begin its work in January. (Those newly elected to the 2019 Parish Council are certainly invited to attend this last meeting of the 2018 Council, if they so desire.)

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *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."

## *Scripture Readings for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 25*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 5:9-19)**

Brothers and Sisters: Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 13:10-17)**

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.