

## 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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This is a double issue of the bulletin  
for Sundays November 19 and 26

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

- 11/19 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 11/20 Monday**  
***Eve of the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple***  
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
- 12/6 Wednesday**  
***Feast of Saint Nicholas***  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)  
7:00 PM – Advent Vespers
- 12/9 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 12/10 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
“Visit of Saint Nicholas”
- 12/13 Wednesday**  
***Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska***  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)  
7:00 PM – Advent Vespers
- 12/16 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*

### **Sunday, November 19, 2017**

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

Commemoration of the Prophet Obadiah  
Commemoration of the Martyr Barlaam

### **Sunday, November 26, 2017**

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

Commemoration of the Venerable Alypius the Stylite  
Commemoration of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk (Siberia)

**Sunday, November 19: Special Basket Collection to Benefit IOCC:** On Sunday, November 19, we are having 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***

Valentina Tichy Rhodes—acquaintance of the Hopkos	d. 11/17/17
Anatoli Demanosow—grew up in our parish	d. 11/1/17
Nadia Krawczyk—Bob Matzkevich's mother-in-law	d. 11/2/17
Matushka Marie Kreta—Fr. John Kreta's mother	d. 10/23/17

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

Theodore Senetcen	11/19/1948
Walter Pastymak	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
Philip Kowsher	11/25/1949
William Kablesch	11/25/1984
Vasily Senetcen	11/26/1926
Christine Homsevich	11/26/1931
Elena Homsevich	11/26/1931
Iosephat Dziamba	11/26/1960
Michael Duke	11/27/1960
Konstanty Kisiel	11/27/2000
Anna Delendik	11/28/1929
Panteleimon Dziamba	11/28/1931
Olga Wrettick	11/29/1966
Stephen Kablesch	11/29/1992
Procopiy Chervoniak	11/30/1956
(Matushka) Olga Kiryluk	12/1/2003
Mary Kostyk	12/2/1984
Dan Vasiliu	12/2/2010

## **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 Krinske's cousin; battling breast cancer  
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke  
Darilyne—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  
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell; now back home, but still ailing  
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers

### ***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  
Maria Oraschewsky—traveling to Germany and then to visit family  
All those traveling for the Thanksgiving Holiday

### ***Birthdays***

George Wegh	11/22
Nicholas Tichon	11/27

## A Scheduling Note

During the week beginning November 13, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America met, as they do twice a year. During the same week, by means of an announcement made on Monday, November 13, His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON, with the other members of the Holy Synod of Bishops, made a request that all Orthodox Church in America parishes take a collection in support of the OCA Stewards program on Sunday, November 19. In our Parish, with the knowledge of His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON, we are postponing that collection for OCA Stewards to a date in the future. We are doing this because we already had a collection for International Christian Charities (IOCC) prepared for and scheduled for the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

OCA Stewards (much like ONE Stewards in the Diocese of New England) supports program work for causes such as evangelization, youth work, and the publication of liturgical texts. It is a worthy cause. In the meantime, if you want to join OCA Stewards, please use this Internet link: <https://oca.org/become-a-steward> or send a check to **The Orthodox Church in America (OCA), PO Box 675, Syosset, NY 11791-0675**, with a note on the memo line that your donation is for the purposes of joining **OCA Stewards**. Thanks for your consideration!

## News and Notes...

**Sunday, November 19: Waterbury Parish Annual General Meeting:** The Waterbury Parish Annual General Meeting is taking place on Sunday, November 19. Therefore, Fr. John will be leaving Terryville immediately following the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy on November 19 in order to travel to Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Church, Waterbury, so that he can chair that meeting in his capacity as Pastoral Administrator of that Parish.

**Monday, November 20: Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple:** This week we will celebrate one of the great feasts of the Church Year, the Entrance of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, into the Temple at Jerusalem. This feast commemorates the occasion when, as a small child, the Virgin Mary was enrolled by her parents to be one of the young women who served as temple handmaidens at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was the central shrine of the Jewish people, those people who worshipped the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God whom we are privileged today to call "Our Father." In our Parish, we will mark this feast with the celebration of Vespers with Divine Liturgy on the Eve of the Feast, Monday, November 20, beginning at 6:15 PM. Please, make an effort to participate.

**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 observe 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 hears Confessions by appointment. Please contact Fr. John now to make your appointment. Thank you for your cooperation!

**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 Saints Tikhon's Seminary, and 20% to Saint Herman's Seminary.

**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.

**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.

**Annual Terryville "Christmas Walk", Sunday December 3:** The annual Terryville Christmas Walk is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2017, beginning at 3:00 PM and ending at about 6:00 PM. Listed in order of visitation, the seven participating local Christian communities this year are: Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Saint Casimir's Roman Catholic Church, Saint Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, and Terryville Congregational Church. NOTE: This year Fr. John will NOT be requiring the participation of the Choir for this event. Rather, he will be preparing a simple service that he will be able to perform on his own or, perhaps, with a few willing volunteers.

**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 24th Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 19*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 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 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 25th Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 26*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 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 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.