

## 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***

- 12/2 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
*Followed by the Annual "Visit of Saint Nicholas"*
- 12/3 Monday**  
7:00 PM – Monthly Parish Council Meeting
- 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  
*(Fr. Steven Voytovich will be here in Terryville, substituting for Fr. John, who will be serving in the Waterbury Parish, and then presiding at that parish's Annual General Meeting.)*
- 12/12 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins  
7:00 PM – Advent Vespers
- 12/13 Thursday**  
**Feast of St. Herman of Alaska**  
9:00 AM – Service of Prayer to St. Herman
- 12/15 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 12/16 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 12/19 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins  
7:00 PM – Advent Vespers
- 12/21 Friday**  
7:00 PM – Pre-Christmas Service of Scripture Readings and Hymns
- 12/22 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
*Followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 12/23 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

## Sunday, December 2, 2018

*The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2*

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Holy Prophet Habbakuk and the Martyr Myrope

## Christmas in our Parish

**Christmas Services in our Parish:** The Services for the Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of Our Lord in our parish will take place as follows: On Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve, we will celebrate the Vigil of Christmas at 4:00 PM, followed by the Parish Holy Supper. On Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Feast beginning at 9:15 AM.

**Parish Christmas Eve "Holy Supper":** Christmas Eve, after Vigil: Immediately following the conclusion of the Vigil of Christmas on Christmas Eve, there will be a "bring-and-share" Holy Supper in the Church Basement Hall. While many families have household events then, others are pleased to gather at the Church at that time for this traditional meal. If you are planning to participate in the Parish Holy Supper, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Church Basement indicating what you will be bringing so that we might then ensure that all needs are met for the Holy Supper. Suggestions are included on the sign-up sheet as to foods and other items that are needed for the Supper. If you have any questions about this, please 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
John—Deacon Gregory Curran's father-in-law	d. 11/24/18
John Sobestanovich—Fr. John presided at this man's funeral	d. 11/24/18
Fred Thomas "Tom" Senetcen—Paul's brother	d. 11/6/18
Marguerite—Kathy Mihailoff's 103-year-old aunt	d. 10/27/2018
Mary Wasula—a former parishioner of the Waterbury Parish	d. 10/22/18

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

Mary Kostyk	12/2/1984
Dan Vasiliu	12/2/2010
Eleanor Plasko	12/3/1966
Tito Zadvorny	12/3/1962
Mary Waite	12/3/2009
Joseph Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's father	12/3/2015
Katherine "Kay" Kopcha	12/3/2016
Gabriel Hasko	12/4/1963
Christina Banziruk	12/7/1968
Stella Redman	12/8/2007

## **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  
Archpriest Michael Westerberg—debilitating hip injury  
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 Szepel—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

### ***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—fiancé of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army officer, helicopter pilot

### ***Birthdays***

Sean Orelup	12/6
Effie Saltourides	12/7

# NEWS AND NOTES

**Parish Sisterhood Christmas Cookie Fundraiser:** We have been asked to remind all those many people who have agreed to bake and provide cookies for the Parish Sisterhood Christmas Cookie Fundraiser that the organizers would like to put together the cookie trays on Saturday, December 8. (Any person will to help with that work is most welcome to assist!) This means that all the cookies being baked and provided need to be brought to Church by no later than that morning, December 8. For further information, please contact Laura Koski or Patty Nimchek, directly. (Please note, that on Friday, December 7, from 2:00 PM onwards, Fr. John will be at Church hearing confessions, and doing other necessary work in the Church. So, that afternoon the Church will be open, and cookie trays may be dropped off at that time.)

**Weather Related Cancellations:** If we need to cancel parish services and/or other events due to bad weather, those announcements will appear on NBC Connecticut Television and on the NBC Connecticut Internet web-site. We will, also, send out an email to the Parish email group and post an announcement on the Parish website. Finally, you can always call the Parish House (860-582-3631) for further information. (NOTE: If you need to have your email address added to the Parish email group, please contact Fr. John.)

## NEWS AND NOTES, continued

**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 be keeping 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 is hearing Confessions by appointment. Please contact Fr. John now to make your appointment. Thank you for your cooperation!

**THIS WEEKEND: Annual “Visit of St. Nicholas”, Sunday, December 2:** On Sunday, December 2, 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.

**THIS WEEKEND: 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 Saints Tikhon’s Seminary, and 20% to Saint Herman’s Seminary.

**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.

**Sunday, December 9—Guest Priest to serve here in our Terryville Parish:** On Sunday, December 9, Fr. John’s duties as the Administrator of the Waterbury Parish require him to preside that morning at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated at Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Waterbury, and then preside at that Parish’s Annual General Meeting. Therefore, Fr. Steven Voytovich will be presiding in Fr. John’s place at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated on Sunday morning, December 9, here in the Terryville Parish. Please, welcome Fr. Steven when he comes to preside at the Divine Liturgy in our parish on Sunday, December 9. Thank you!

**Christmas Appeals:** Our Parish’s two Christmas Appeals, the General Christmas Appeal that goes to the basic support of the Parish, and the Flower Appeal, that helps us pay for the floral arrangements with which we decorate the Church at Christmas-time, will soon be distributed. Please be generous in your support of these appeals. Thank you!

**Online Donations to the Parish:** A PayPal Donation “button” is located on our parish website to make possible online donations. Our parish is registered as a charity with PayPal, so we have slightly lower fees connected to the use of that means of receiving donations. For us, PayPal’s fees are 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction and no monthly fee. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)

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**Earthquake in Alaska:** There was a large earthquake, with many aftershocks, near Anchorage, Alaska, this past Friday. Initial reports indicate that, while there has been widespread damage to buildings and roads and other property, there have been few, if any, human casualties. Alaska has a large Orthodox population, and His Grace, Bishop David of Alaska, reports that early information indicates that there has not been much, if any, damage to any parish buildings or property in Alaska.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year December 2*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 6:10-17)**

Brothers and Sisters: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 18:18-27)**

At that time: a ruler of the synagogue asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

## *Scripture Readings for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year December 9*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (Col. 1:12-18)**

Brothers and Sisters: We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in who we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 17:12-19)**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."