

## 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, October 15, 2017

*The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2*

Commemoration of the Venerable Euthymius the New  
Commemoration of the Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch

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

- 10/15 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 10/18 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 10/21 Saturday**  
***Pre-Advent Memorial Saturday***  
5:30 PM – General Memorial Service  
("Panikhida") for all Departed  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/22 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 10/25 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM -- Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 10/28 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 10/29 Sunday**  
9:15 AM -- Divine Liturgy
- 11/1 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM -- Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 11/4 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/5 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 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)
- 11/16 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 11/17 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

### **A Traditional Account of the Life of St. Lucian of Antioch (d. 312 AD)**

*Commemorated October 15*

The martyr, Saint Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch, was born in Syria. At the age of twelve he was orphaned. Lucian distributed his possessions to the poor, and went to the city of Edessa to the Confessor Macarius, under the guidance of whom he diligently read Holy Scripture and learned the ascetic life. Eventually, Lucian was ordained a priest. In Antioch, Saint Lucian opened a school where he taught his students how to understand the Holy Scriptures, and how to live a virtuous life.

In the year 303 AD, during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian, Saint Lucian was arrested and was sent to prison in the city of Nicomedia, where for nine years he encouraged other Christians with him to remain steadfast in their confession of Christ, urging them not to fear tortures or death.

Saint Lucian died in prison from many terrible tortures and from hunger. Before his death, he wished to partake of Holy Communion, on the Feast of Theophany, January 6, 312 AD. Certain Christians who visited him brought bread and wine for the Eucharist. Having no altar, Lucian was compelled to offer the Bloodless Sacrifice, the Holy Eucharist, upon his chest (as if it were an altar)\*, and all the Christians there in prison received Communion. The next day, January 7, the Emperor sent people to see if the saint was still alive. Saint Lucian said three times, "I am a Christian," then surrendered his soul to God. The body of the holy martyr was thrown into the sea, but, it is said, dolphins brought it to shore. Believers then reverently buried his much-suffering body. As January 7 is the Feast of the Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist, Saint Lucian's commemoration is now kept on October 15.

*\*It is known that in more modern times, for instance, in prison camps in Eastern Europe under atheistic regimes in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, this practice of serving the Eucharist on the chest of an imprisoned Christian in the absence of an altar also occurred. The logic is this: When we serve the Eucharist, we do so on an altar and antimension in which are enshrined the relics of the saints (usually, martyred saints). So, in the absence of an altar or antimension, the body of the living one suffering for Christ, and, perhaps, soon to be martyred, might well serve as a substitute. Thought-provoking!*

# 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
Yolan Forish—member of the Waterbury parish	d. 9/11/17
Ann Spohrer—member of the Waterbury parish	d. 9/3/17
David Lordi—acquaintance of the Hopko Family	d. 9/3/17

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

John Ketero	10/15/1934
John Kowalchuk	10/15/1972
Philip Kisiel	10/15/1980
Adam Habrukowich	10/17/1984
Alexander Kucirka	10/17/1993
Tatjana Jakimenko	10/17/2002
Metro Skrupsky	10/18/2002
Elizabeth (Bunker) Sweatt	10/19/1999
Margaret Gabor	10/20/1981
Sadie Witik	10/20/1991

## **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 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—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 Maver—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—Deacon Paul Nimchek's sister; back surgery  
Louine "Anna" King—suffering from lung cancer  
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell; now back home, but still ailing  
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers  
Nadia Krawchuk—Bob Matzkevich's mother-in-law; recently unwell  
Macrina Hopko—underwent arthroscopic knee surgery on Friday, October 6  
Fr. Marc Vranes—underwent total right knee replacement surgery on October 4  
Fr. Vladimir Aleandro—recovering at home from a bout of diverticulitis  
Matushka Deborah Belonick—recovering at home after a recent illness

### ***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 and family

### ***Birthdays***

Jennifer Wegh 10/15

## **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 to please 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...

**“Thank you!” from Beverly Kuzmich:** Beverly Kuzmich says, “I would like to thank all of you who have been so supportive and kind during my husband John’s last illness and entry into blessed repose. Thank you for all your calls, greetings, gifts of food, etc., and kind remembrances. May God bless you all! Thank you. With love in Christ, Beverly.”

**Brief, One-Topic Meeting of the Parish Council, Sunday, October 15:** On Sunday, October 15, there will be a brief, one-topic meeting of the Parish Council to discuss some impediments that have been put in our path regarding the Parish Chimney Renovation Project. All concerned parishioners are invited to take part. This meeting will take place after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, at the beginning of the Coffee Social Hour. (The big impediment is this: We are having a VERY hard time accessing matching brick, and we need to decide how to proceed.)

**Fr. John away, Tuesday, October 17:** Fr. John will be away from Terryville all day long on Tuesday, October 17.

**NEXT SATURDAY – Pre-Advent Memorial Saturday, October 21:** During the Church Year, a number of Saturdays are designated as “Memorial Saturdays”, days when we are especially supposed to pray for the salvation of the souls of the departed. One of these Saturdays is always the one that falls before the Feast of the Great-martyr Demetrius, which falls on October 26. In our parish we have taken to referring to this Memorial Saturday as the “Pre-Advent” Memorial Saturday. We will mark the day, Saturday, October 21, by having a General Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) for all the departed beginning at 5:30 PM.

**Meeting of the Nominations Committee, Sunday, October 29:** During the Coffee Social Hour following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 29, there will be a meeting of the Nominations Committee (Fr. John Hopko, Paul Senetcen, Julie Kowaleski, John Osuch and Ann Sovyrda). The task of the Nominations Committee is to put together the slate of candidates for the Parish Council and other parish offices for the coming year.

**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.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Saint Nectarios Day celebrations at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT:** Saint Nectarios 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 Nectarios 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 Nectarios will take place. On the actual day of Saint Nectarios’s annual commemoration, Thursday, November 9, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 9:30 AM. (Fr. John is hoping to attend the Thursday morning Liturgy. He is also hoping to attend the Sunday afternoon Vespers.) For more information about the annual commemoration of Saint Nectarios at Christ the Savior Church, please see Fr. John.

**LOOKING AHEAD: 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!

**LOOKING AHEAD: 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: 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 2016 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 \$1410.00, which is 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 Saint Tikhon’s Seminary, and 20% to Saint Herman’s Seminary.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

*Scripture Readings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 15*

## **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 11:31-12:9)**

Brothers and Sisters: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 8:5-15)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

*Scripture Readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 22*

## **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (Galatians 1:11-19)**

Brothers and Sisters: I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

## **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 16:19-31)**

The Lord said: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"