

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

- 4/30 Sunday**
Holy Myrrh-bearers
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 5/1 Monday**
7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting
- 5/3 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 5/6 Saturday**
10:30 AM – Burial of Anna Rosko in the Parish Cemetery
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 5/7 Sunday**
The Paralytic
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 5/9 Tuesday**
Eve of the Feast of Mid-Pentecost
7:00 PM Vespers for the Middle of the Feast
- 5/10 Wednesday**
Eve of the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
NO Matins (Morning Prayers)
6:15 PM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy
- 5/11 Thursday**
Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
9:00 AM – Service of Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving
- 5/13 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 5/14 Sunday**
The Samaritan Woman
NOTE CHANGE TO START TIME OF LITURGY!
8:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 5/17 Wednesday**
NO Matins (NO Morning Prayers)
- 5/20 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil,
Followed by Monthly General Confession
- 5/21 Sunday**
The Blind Man
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 30, 2017

The 3rd Sunday of Pascha –
Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearers

Also, April 23, annually, is the date of the Commemoration of the Holy Apostle James, Son of Zebedee, Brother of the Apostle John

The Apostle James – which one?

There are three men named James, all of whom are mentioned in Holy Scripture, who bear the title “The Apostle James.” In Orthodox Christian Tradition, these are three distinct figures, not to be confused with one another.

One of these men is commemorated in the Church, annually, on April 30. This is the Apostle James, the older brother of John. Together, this James and John are referred to as “the sons of Zebedee.” They are both numbered among the Twelve Apostles, the closest followers of Jesus. (The Apostle John is called by the Church “The Evangelist,” and Tradition holds him to be the author of the Fourth Gospel, the three Epistles titled as being “of John”, and the Book of Revelation.) This Apostle James is referred to in all four Gospels, and in the Book of Acts. Tradition holds that this Apostle James was one of the earliest Christian martyrs.

Another of these men is commemorated in the Church, annually, on October 9. This is the Apostle James, son of Alphaeus. This Apostle James was also one of the Twelve Apostles. He is mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and in the Book of Acts. Holy Tradition holds that he also died a martyr’s death.

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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!*

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Eva Yacknick	4/30/1960
Protodeacon Simeon "Sam" Kopcha	4/30/2010
Wassa Sobestanovich	5/1/1989
Archpriest Andrew Kuharsky	5/1/1972
Archpriest Konstantine Kaminsky	5/1/1984
Jacob Kyriluk	5/2/1939
Olga Klachany	5/2/2014
Maria Shular	5/3/1920
John Ribak	5/4/1947
James Dougay	5/4/1942
Maria Salenko	5/4/1950
Julia White	5/5/1945
Vasili Bochno	5/5/1932
Afton Muchka	5/6/1963

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
Allison—undergoing cancer treatment; friend of Peter Serev
Matushka Marie Kreta—Fr. John Kreta's mother; increasingly unwell
Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's father; unwell
Phyllis George—Donna Kriniske's cousin; battling breast cancer
Maria Oraschewsky—unwell and grieving, and in need of our prayers
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
Hope—Fr. John's sister Catherine's sister-in-law; tumor in one of her kidneys
Nicole—acquaintance of Tom and Marie Wood; young mother, overcoming leukemia

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
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell
Bill Markovich—recently unwell
Veronika "Nika" Dubnansky—continuing her recovery
Samantha—extremely ill child for whom we have been asked to pray
Eugene—Tania Bouteneff's uncle; battling cancer
Marie Wood—still in recovery from recent ill health, but doing well, praise be
Peter Oraschewsky—recovering from back surgery
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
Deryl—Ann Sovyrda's nephew; kidney disease
Mark Sovyrda—recovering from back surgery
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
Lucretia—friend of Jeanne Moore; broken leg
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease
James—Louine King's son; chronic ankle joint issues, perhaps requiring surgery
Justin—Louine King's great-grandson; troubled and in need of our prayers
Steve Panasuk—recently unwell; now at home and feeling better of late
Zachary—nephew of acquaintances of Nimcheks; recent double lung transplant
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner; undergoing treatment for lung cancer
Virginia—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers
Dolores Matzkevich—Bob's mother; quite unwell at this time
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer
Vince—friend of the Oraschewsky Family; colon cancer
Maven—child of friends of the G. and D. Wegh Family; serious medical condition
Dianna—Jennifer Wegh's mother; suffered an apparent stroke with complications
John Kuzmich—underwent surgery on April 7
Louine "Anna" King—suffering from a very aggressive form of lung cancer

Shut-ins and those in Nursing Homes

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol

Expectant Mother

Juliana and the child to be born of her—Juliana Dresko Vigh and her baby
Olga and the child to be born of her—Olga Fedorczak and her baby
Rachel and the child to be born of her—Rachel Kopcha Goulet and her baby
Sarah and the child to be born of her—L. King's granddaughter and her baby
Brianna and the child to be born of her—Chezelle Serev's niece and her baby
Mikel and the child to be born of her—J. and E. Watras' daughter and her baby

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

Birthdays

NONE THIS WEEK

This article The Apostle James – which one? continues here from page 1 of this bulletin.

The third of these men, also referred to as the Apostle James, was not one of the original Twelve. Rather, he is the James who is called "Brother of the Lord," and who is identified in the Book of Acts as the first leader (bishop) of the Church in Jerusalem. He presided over the Council of Jerusalem described in Acts 15. He is also understood in the Church's Tradition to be the author of the Epistle of James. According to Holy Tradition, he is called "Brother of the Lord" because he was one of the sons of Joseph the Betrothed—the husband of Jesus's mother, the Virgin Mary—from Joseph's first marriage. (Jesus was the only son of his mother, Mary. Jesus is called in Holy Scripture "the son" not "a son." "*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?*" – Mark 6:3.) This Apostle James, like both the others, is held in the Church's Tradition to have died as a martyr for Christ.

Holy Apostles James, pray to God for us!

News and Notes

Request for Prayers for Louine King: Our fellow parishioner, Louine King (who was received into the Orthodox Church a number of years ago with the Chrismation Name of Anna) has been diagnosed as suffering from a very aggressive form of lung cancer. Please keep Louine, her family, friends, and all her loved ones in your prayers.

May Meeting of the Parish Council: The May Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, May 1, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Burial of Anna Rosko, Saturday, May 6, 10:30 AM: The burial of Anna Rosko, which could not take place at the time of her funeral, since the Parish Cemetery was then closed for winter, will take place at 10:30 AM on Saturday morning, May 6.

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost, May 9-10: We will mark the Feast of Mid-Pentecost, the halfway point between Holy Pascha and Holy Pentecost, with the celebration of Vespers on Tuesday evening, May 9, the Eve of the Feast. That service will begin at 7:00 PM.

The Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, May 10-11: We will mark the Feast of our heavenly patrons, Saints Cyril and Methodius, with the celebration of Vespers with the Divine Liturgy beginning at 6:15 PM on Wednesday evening, May 10, the Eve of the Feast. We will also celebrate a Service of Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving to our Heavenly Patrons beginning at 9:00 AM on the morning of their Feast, Thursday, May 11.

Changes to the usual schedule on Sunday, May 14: On Sunday, May 14, Thomas Hopko (Fr. John and Macrina's oldest son) will be getting married to his long-time friend and now wife-to-be, Alexis Cordone, with the wedding beginning at 2:00 PM at All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford. Therefore, with the agreement of the Parish Council, the decision has been made to begin the Divine Liturgy in our parish on that Sunday morning at the earlier-than-usual time of 8:30 AM. Also, we will not be having the usual post-Liturgy Coffee Social Hour in our parish that morning. These changes to our parish schedule will allow those attending both the Divine Liturgy here in Terryville, and the wedding later in the day in Hartford, time to make the necessary transition from Terryville to Hartford. (Many members of the Hopko extended family will be worshipping with us at the Divine Liturgy that Sunday morning, May 14.) Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please see Fr. John.

New Email Address: Fr. John is transitioning to a new email address. Please delete all old email addresses for him and the parish that you may have stored in your contact lists. The new address is terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com. Please use this new email address, as emails sent to this address are immediately delivered to Fr. John's cell phone, so this is the best way to reach Fr. John quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation.

Graduates: If you or a member of your family is graduating this spring, please let us know so that we might share the news with our Parish Family and offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday of Pascha, called the Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearers

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 6:1-7)

At that time, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of

the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark (Mk. 15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the

first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back--it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.