



# 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

- 12/18 Saturday**  
6:00 PM –Vigil  
*followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 12/19 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
***Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
*"Terryville Christmas Walk"*
- 12/22 Wednesday**  
7:00 PM – PreFeast Vespers
- 12/24 Friday – Christmas Eve**  
9:00 AM – Vespers Divine Liturgy  
4:00 PM – Vigil of Christmas  
Followed by the Parish "Holy Supper"
- 12/25 Saturday – Christmas: The Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of our Lord, Jesus Christ**  
9:00 AM –Divine Liturgy  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 12/26 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
***Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity***  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 12/31 Friday – New Year's Eve**  
7:00 PM – Great Vespers with Prayers for the New Year
- 1/1 Saturday**  
6:00 PM –Vigil  
*followed by Choir Rehearsal*
- 1/2 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
*Installation of the Year 2011 Parish Council*
- 1/5 Wednesday – Eve of Theophany**  
***Strict Fast***  
7:00 PM – Festal Vigil
- 1/6 Thursday – Feast of Theophany**  
**Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord**  
9:00 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy
- 1/8 Saturday**  
6:00 PM –Vigil
- 1/9 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:20 AM – Parish Education  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 1/10 Monday**  
7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting
- 1/11 Tuesday**  
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM – Bible Study



This is a double issue of the Parish Bulletin covering the weekends of Dec. 18-19 and Dec. 25-26.

## December 19, 2010 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- The Sunday before Christmas
- Commemoration of the Martyr Boniface and the Righteous Aglaida

## December 26, 2010 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- The Day after Christmas: Commemoration of the Holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
- The Sunday after Christmas

*Christ is born! Glorify Him!*

### Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church, Terryville, CT

#### **VISION – MISSION – VALUES**

**Our Vision:** To receive, accept, make known and share God the Father's love in all its saving power, through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

**Our Mission:** To make present in this time and place the fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith, so that all persons might come to the knowledge of the Truth. We carry out this mission through worship, stewardship, education, nurture, fellowship, charity and outreach.

**Our Values:** We are traditional: We value time-honored truths and morality. We hold to long-established patterns of worship, devotion and service. We value every person, family, and community. We believe that life lived rightly has boundaries—there are things that we should do and things we should not; but within the structure provided by those limits there is the opportunity for boundless growth, creativity and joy. Indeed, we affirm this apparent paradox: that the path to true freedom and eternal blessedness is to be a servant—to be a servant of God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

## ✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

### + THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

#### Newly Departed

Kayleigh—R. Hannon's 11-year old niece; heart transplant failed	d. 12/17/10
Chris—friend of Mary Hitchcock; brain tumor	d. 11/2010
Ronald—acquaintance of the Hopkos	d. 12/06/10
Dan Vasiliu	d. 12/02/10
Herman—acquaintance of Maria Oraschewsky	d. 11/24/10
Mary Yankovich—Ann Sovyrda's sister-in-law	d. 11/16/10

#### Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Johanna Slawnyj	12/19/2009
Dorella Panasuk	12/20/2007
Anna Mislecheff	12/21/22
John Virovoy	12/21/61
Andrew Yakowitz	12/25/55
Philip Uckin	12/25/64
Nicholas Hriceniak	12/25/75
Harry Kanot	12/26/52
Joseph Pawelchak	12/27/72
Afton Susidko	12/30/63
Anna Baychuk	12/30/67
Harry Leba, Sr.	12/31/99
Afton Andrash	1/1/37
Peter Duke	1/1/56

### THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

#### Those who are sick and suffering

Bishop NIKON—has now concluded radiation treatments for throat cancer  
Archpriest William DuBovik—Hartford pastor; chronic debilitating arthritis  
Thomas—chronic illness, lupus; Paul Sentecen's brother  
Tamara—Maria Oraschewsky's daughter; chronic illness  
Fyodor (Frank) Guba—suffering profoundly from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)  
Brett Paul, Jordan and Taylor Hitchcock—family in need of prayers  
Emily Donnelly—Peter Donnelly's daughter; suffering severe migraines  
Anthony "Tony" Grejdus—acquaintance of Fr. John; disabled by stroke  
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment  
Zita Chaney—ongoing health issues affecting speech  
Linda—friend of the Wojciks; recovering from cancer surgery  
Sharon—friend of Patty Nimchek; suffering with breast cancer  
Arlene Osuch—battling pancreatic cancer; undergoing various therapies  
Allen Stretch—Donna Osuch's uncle; seizure with bleeding in the brain  
Vera—Olga Petroff's sister; breast cancer  
Elyse Noelle—granddaughter of a friend of Deb Wegh; unwell, in need of prayers  
John—Dn. Paul Nimchek's brother; heart trouble, quite unwell  
Joseph "Joe" Benn—suffering with Stage Four cancer; friend of Mark Orelup  
Hans—friend of Maria Oraschewsky; brain tumor surgery  
Hans Jorg—friend of Maria Oraschewsky; suffering debilitating effects of stroke  
Deacon John Zarras—Southbury Parish; four tumors (cancer) in intestinal tract  
Lisa—Steven Panasuk's daughter; recovering from injury suffered in fall  
Justin—son of Fr. John's cousin; in-patient rehabilitation for drug addiction  
Eunice—mother-in-law of Fr. John's cousin; non-Hodgkin's lymphoma  
Michael—severe lung disease; high school classmate of Mike and Matt Nimchek  
Maureen—Matt Austin's step-mother, injured in motorcycle accident  
infant Evan—born very prematurely; mother Cathy is a friend of Mike Nimchek's  
Mary Hitchcock—liver cancer; undergoing experimental treatment at Yale/New Haven  
Mark—Lovey Kowaleski's son; recovering from hip joint replacement surgery  
Theresa—friend of Elena Watras; knee replacement surgery, Friday, Oct. 22  
John Paul Omichinski—Daria's son; struggling with several challenging issues  
Hank—acquaintance of J. Casey; injured in freak accident  
Donald (Donnie)—friend of D. Omichinski; congestive heart failure and cardiomyopathy  
Hunter—Roseann Hannon's grandson; hearing trouble in one ear  
James (Jimmy)—R. Hannon's grandson; unwell, in need of prayers  
Heather—niece of a friend of R. Hannon; suffering with brain cancer

#### Shut-ins and those in Nursing Homes

Peter Andrash  
Joanna Cefaratti—after a recent crisis, Joanna has recovered substantially  
Emma Leardi—suffering effects of stroke

Julia Maichack—suffering with memory issues  
Anna—Jon Matcheson's mother  
Eve Stashenko—unwell of late; now feeling a bit better

#### Expectant Mothers

Elena Granoth and the child to be born of her—our own parishioner

#### Travelers and those soon to be Traveling

Jack and Donna Kriniske—will be in Florida from November 8 through to January 15  
Mary Fomenko – will be away for Christmas  
George, Jennifer, Alex and Zachary Wegh – will be away for Christmas

#### Birthdays

Joel Kowaleski	12/22/60
Roland Oscar Joseph Massicotte	12/26/2004
Nina Dubnansky	12/29/59

#### Serving in the Armed Forces

Justin—U.S. Marine (in Afghanistan), son of Aferdita ("Dita") Grace, a friend of F. Guba's

**The Plymouth Community Food  
Pantry Presently Needs: Mashed  
Potatoes, Canned Pasta, Cereal, Jelly,  
Personal Care Items, Paper Towels  
and Toilet Paper, Cold and Flu  
Medicines, Coffee, Snacks.**

## A NOTE OF THANKS AT CHRISTMAS...

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in  
Christ: *Christ is born! Glorify Him!* We wish  
to thank all those who are remembering us  
during this holiday season with generous  
gifts and cards. Thank you so much.

With love in Christ,

*Fr. John, Macrina and Family*

**PARISH HOLY SUPPER:** 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 sheets 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 or Macrina Hopko.

## News and Notes... News and Notes... News and Notes...

**Christmas Appeals:** Everyone is reminded of and exhorted to support our parish's two Christmas Appeals—the general Christmas Appeal and the Christmas Flower Appeal. Thank you!

- **2011 Weekly Contribution Envelope Sets now available:** The 2011 Contribution Envelopes are now available. Please pick up the boxed set of envelopes with your name on it in the Narthex. Thank you!
- **Year 2011 Orthodox Christian Pocket Planning Calendars now available:** Year 2011 Orthodox Christian Pocket Planning Calendars are now available for sale in the Parish Bookstall located in the Narthex of our Church. The cost is \$3.00 apiece. When you purchase a Pocket Calendar, please make your payment at the Candle Desk. Thank you!
- **Year 2011 Wall Calendars now available:** The Wall Calendars for 2011 are now available listing the daily commemorations of feasts and saints and the daily Scripture readings, too. These are free of charge. Please pick up yours in the Narthex. **One per household, please!** We thank Scott Funeral Home for again sponsoring these calendars for us.
- **Annual Christmas Walk, Sunday, December 19, beginning at 3:00 PM:** The annual Terryville Christmas Walk has been scheduled for Sunday, December 19, 2010, beginning at 3:00 PM and ending at about 6:00 PM. **Choir members are reminded of the need for their help that afternoon for this annual event.** 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, St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church, St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church and Terryville Congregational Church. The walk will end with a reception at Terryville Congregational Church.
- **House Blessings:** Soon it will be time for the annual blessings of homes. House Blessing Forms are now available in the Narthex. If you want your home blessed this year, please fill out a form and return it in the box provided.
- **Preaching Program for 2011:** Beginning on Sunday, January 2, 2011, Fr. John will be using preaching time on Sunday mornings to explore the Holy Bible beyond the usual lectionary (schedule) of Sunday readings. A Program of Preaching will be distributed before that time, so that all will be informed and will be able to review ahead of time the parts of Holy Scripture that will be focused on.
- **Year 2011 Parish Council and FOCA Officers Installation, Sunday, January 2:** The Year 2011 Parish Council will be formally installed with a brief service of prayer at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, January 2, 2011. At the same time, the Year 2011 officers of the Parish Chapter of the FOCA (the "R" Club) will also be installed.
- **Sunday Morning Parish Education:** Weekly Sunday morning Parish Education sessions will resume on Sunday morning, January 9, 2011, beginning at 8:20 AM.
- **Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, January 10, 2011, 7:00 PM:** The Year 2011 Parish Council will meet for the first time on Monday, January 10, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM.
- **Weekly Bible Study Sessions:** Beginning on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, we will be having a weekly Bible Study every Tuesday, beginning promptly at 11:00 AM and ending right at 12:30 PM. We encourage participants to bring guests with them to these sessions.

# ***Readings from Holy Scripture***

## **Scripture Readings for the Sunday before Christmas and the Forefeast of the Nativity of our Lord**

### **The Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40)**

Brethren: By faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 1:1-25)**

THE BOOK of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of She-alti-el, and She-alti-el the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanu-el" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

## **Scripture Readings for the Sunday after Christmas**

### **The Reading from the Epistle to the Galatians (Gal. 1:11-19)**

Brother 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 Saint Matthew (Matt. 2:13-23)**

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."