

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Schedule of Services

- 6/3 Sunday**
Feast of All Saints
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 6/4 Monday**
First Day of the Apostles' Fast
7:00 PM – Monthly Parish Council Meeting
- 6/6 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/9 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 6/10 Sunday**
Feast of All Saints of America
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

[Sunday, June 10: Afternoon pilgrimage to All Saints of America Church, Salisbury, CT, to pray before the relics of the American Saints. Services begin there at 4:00 PM. See details inside this bulletin.]

- 6/13 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/14 Thursday**
7:00 PM – Daily Vespers
- 6/16 Saturday**
Choir Workshop in the Afternoon
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 6/17 Sunday**
Father's Day
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 6/20 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/21 Thursday**
7:00 PM – Daily Vespers
- 6/23 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil, Followed by the Monthly Rite of General Confession
- 6/24 Sunday**
Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 6/27 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

Sunday, June 3, 2018

The 1st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8 **Sunday of All Saints**

Also, June 3, annually, is the date of the commemoration, among others, of the Martyr Lucillian and His Companions (3rd c.). Also commemorated on this day is Saint Kevin of Glendalough (6th c.).

An Episode from the Life of Saint Kevin

Saint Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough Monastery, Wonderworker of Ireland, was born in Ireland in about 498 AD and died in 618 AD, at the age of 120.

There is a lovely episode recorded in the life story of Saint Kevin, which goes like this: When Kevin was a child, he did not feel very comfortable around people, but he loved animals. When he was still a young boy, Kevin's parents sent him to spend time in a monastery. There, on the first day of Great Lent, Kevin was praying in a hut in the forest, on his knees, with his hands outstretched. Then, it is said, this happened: A blackbird landed in one of Kevin's outstretched hands, and there, amazingly, began to build a nest. Out of love for the bird, Kevin did not move, and, as it happened Kevin remained there, with a bird's nest in his hand, for the whole of Great Lent. During that time, the blackbird laid eggs in the nest, and, by the end of Lent, the eggs had hatched, and the hatchlings were able to fly away. Then, Kevin was, once again, able to move his hands and stand on his feet. During the time that he had been holding the nest, the blackbird had fed Kevin with nuts and berries, to sustain him throughout the days of Lent.

What does one make of this fabulous, legendary story? Perhaps, it is a story about how God can reach us and purify us through that which we love...through that which is worthy of our love.

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

Steven Panasuk—our fellow parishioner	d. 5/18/18
Galina—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray	d. 5/28/18
Calvin—an acquaintance of Ann Sovyrda	d. 5/10/18
John Olear—member of the Waterbury Parish	d. 5/6/18

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Barbara Lisyk	6/3/1933
Matthew Kopcha	6/3/1958
Walter Petroff	6/3/1975
Anna Arburr	6/4/1986
Michael Rewak	6/5/1950
John Christophy	06/05
Julia Kriniske	6/5/1995
Stephie Mattson	6/5/2013
Theodora Dubnansky	6/6/1960
Helen Devine	6/6/1962
George Kablesh	6/6/1997
Dimitri Shewchuk	6/7/1949
Alexei Fomin	6/8/1942
Anna Kostyk	6/8/1957
Mary Tadaychuk	6/8/1961
Joseph Andrash	6/8/1961
Antonio LaRoche	6/8/1981
Mary Belik	6/8/1984
John Zhuk	6/9/1943
Tessie Suslenko	6/9/1959

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
Archpriest Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's brother; chronic illness
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
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—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
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
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Jerry Grasso—Jayne Grasso's husband; unwell and in need of prayers
Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support
Anna Szepel—Waterbury Parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Louine "Anna" King—our fellow parishioner; recently unwell

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

Mothers and the Children newly born of them

Abigail and her newly born twin daughters, Ava Mary and Mia Lynn—born 4/27

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Juliana and the child to be born of her
Anya and the child to be born of her—Fr. John's niece

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

Those traveling, soon to be traveling, and apart from us

John Thetford—seminarian on mission in Guatemala; Fr. John's nephew
Macrina and Peter Hopko—presently in England

Anniversaries of Marriage

Grzegorz "Greg" & Ogla (Zyla) Fedorczyk	6/4
John & Nina Dubnansky	6/7
John & Luda Saltourides	6/9

Birthdays

Raisa "Rosie" Dubnansky—John's daughter	6/6
Louine "Anna" King	6/9

Sunday, June 10 – Pilgrimage to All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, Connecticut

On Sunday, June 10, which, this year, is the Feast of All Saints of North America, we have an opportunity, once again, to make a pilgrimage to pray before and venerate the relics of nine of the saints of North America. At 4:00 PM on that Sunday afternoon, at All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, CT, the Akathist Service to the Saints of North America will be celebrated before the relics of nine of the saints of North America. At the conclusion of that service we will have the opportunity to venerate the relics of those saints and to be anointed with holy oil. The nine saints—small portions of whose relics are enshrined at All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury—are Saint Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska; Saint Innocent, Apostle to America; Saint Tikhon, Enlightener of North America; Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis; Saint Raphael of Brooklyn; Saint Nicolai of Zicha, Saint John of San Francisco; the Holy New Martyr Saint Vasily Martysz, the Archpriest and Military Chaplain; and Saint Sebastian of Jackson. You may access and read accounts of the lives of all these saints at the Lives of Saints section of the Orthodox Church in America website: <https://oca.org/saints/lives>.

News and Notes

Sunday, June 3 – Fr. John leaving immediately after the Divine Liturgy: This weekend, on Sunday morning, June 3, Fr. John will be departing from Terryville right after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. He will be heading over to the Waterbury Parish, where he will be presiding over a special meeting of that Parish. Please pray for the success of that important meeting.

Meeting of the Parish Council, Monday, June 4: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, June 4, beginning at 7:00 PM.

The Saints Peter and Paul (The Apostles') Fast: The Apostles' Fast takes place each year from the Monday after All Saints Day (this year, Monday, June 4) until the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29. This year, during the Apostles' Fast we will be adding some Thursday evening services to the schedule, with a view to maintaining those additions going forward, so that we will have fuller worship during the week in our Church. The regularly scheduled Wednesday morning Matins (Morning Prayer) services have become very precious to those who regularly attend them, and we are looking to expand our offering of weekday services to include services in the evenings.

Thursday Evening Services: As mentioned in the previous note about the Apostles' Fast, and now emphasized here, we will be adding some Thursday night services during the Apostles' Fast. Unfortunately, Fr. John has a preexisting commitment on Thursday, June 7, so we will not have a service that evening, but we will have Daily Vespers on Thursday evenings, June 14 and 21. Also, we will celebrate Vespers with Divine Liturgy on Thursday evening, June 28, the Eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Sunday, June 10 – Special Presentation during the Social Hour: During the Coffee Social Hour that follows the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 10, we will have a special presentation by Timothy Halvorsen, a young man known to us, especially, through his participation in the Diocesan Youth Rally. Tim, who is one of Father Sergius and Dina Halvorsen's children, will be going on a mission trip to Albania this coming summer, and we have invited him to come and speak to us about that trip. Also, we will be raising funds that day to assist Tim in meeting the costs of his journey. Tim's trip is sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). In Albania, Tim will be spending time working at the Orthodox Home of Hope Orphanage, Durres, Albania. After that, Tim may also work and contribute to a church-sponsored camp for boys. The Home of Hope is an official ministry of the Orthodox Church of Albania.

Choir Workshop, Saturday, June 16: On Saturday, June 16, in the afternoon, our Choir will be participating in a Choir Workshop to be led by Robin Freeman, Director of Music, at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Our Directors, Michael Nimchek and Richard Koski, will have a private workshop with Robin Freeman beginning at 1:30 PM. The whole Choir will begin working with her at 3:00 PM. There will be a dinner break, and then Robin Freeman will be with us for our Parish Vigil beginning at 6:00 PM that evening.

Congratulations Graduates! (*Additions to earlier announcements*)

- On Saturday, May 19, Larisa Kowaleski graduated, Cum Laude, from Central Connecticut State University. Her degree is in Hospitality and Tourism. Larisa also received an award for Outstanding Undergraduate in the Department of Geography, a Geography Departmental Honor Award, and was initiated into the Kappa Delta Chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) - The International Geographical Honor Society. Congratulations, Larisa! Many Years!
- On Wednesday, June 20, J. Nicholas "Nick" Osuch will be graduating from Bristol Central High School as the Salutatorian. Congratulations, Nicholas! Many Years!

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the First Sunday after Holy Pentecost, which is All Saints Day

The Reading from the Book of Hebrews (Hebrews 11:32-12:2)

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. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left

everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday after Holy Pentecost, which is the day on which we annually commemorate the memory of all the saints of North America

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 2:10-16)

Brothers and Sisters: Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by

nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 4:18-23)

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother,

in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.