

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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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.). Prophet Hosea (820 B.C.). Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete (767). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Leokhnovsk (Novgorod—1611). Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers, Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius (287 or 303). Translation of the Relics of St. Lazarus “of the four days” (in the tomb), Bishop of Kition on Cyprus (898).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/10/17>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Wednesday morning Matins, October 20, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, October 21, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, October 21. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **General Memorial Service commemorating all the Faithful Departed, Saturday evening, October 23, 6:00 PM:** On Saturday evening, October 23 (which, being the Saturday before Saint Demetrius Day, is a Memorial Saturday on which we especially commemorate the departed) we will serve a Memorial Service commemorating all the Faithful Departed, beginning at 6:00 PM. This service will take place immediately before our usual Saturday evening Vigil service, which begins at 6:30 PM.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, October 23, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, October 24, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, October 27, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, October 28, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, October 28. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **IN THE SOUTHBURY PARISH: Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30, The Annual Diocesan Assembly:** On October 29 and 30, Fr. John Hopko, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek, and Mr. John “Jack” Kriniske will represent our Parish at the Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England, being convened at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, October 30, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.

- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, October 31, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, November 3, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, November 4, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, November 4. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, November 6, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, November 7, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, and senseless violence throughout the world.

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

First of all, we pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19.

Newly Departed

Deacon Michael Bishop—Fr. John's seminary classmate	d. 9/19/21
Marion C.—newly departed spouse of a late Waterbury parishioner	d. 10/1/21
Linda—Parishioners Mike and Jim L.'s aunt	d. 9/8/21

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

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
Agafia Papkov	10/21/1938
Aksenty Stasenکو	10/22/1919
Mary Wallick	10/23/1979
Mary Panko	10/23/1992

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to COVID-19, and those working to alleviate their suffering.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
 Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
 Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
 Maria O.—our fellow parishioner, entering hospice care
 Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
 Dolores T.—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
 child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
 Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
 Donna—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
 Dayrl—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
 JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
 MaryEllen—Louine K.'s daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington's Disease
 Yelena "Lenna" M.—overcoming, by God's grace, serious health challenges
 Katie and Aubrey—a mother and daughter for whom we have been asked to pray
 Tanya B.—suffering long-term and lingering effects of brain hemorrhage
 Claudia A.—Waterbury parishioner for whom prayers have been asked
 John A.—husband of Claudia A., for whom prayers have been asked
 Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer
 Barbara—friend of Patty N.; unwell and in need of prayerful support
 Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery

Michael "Mike" L.—ongoing health issues
 child George—young son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell
 Bill M.—struggling with health issues, please keep in prayer
 Paula—friend of Jim L.; struggling with cancer
 Dimitri—brother of Carolyn P.; health issues
 Maryna B.—dealing with some health issues
 Thomas—Patty N.'s nephew; battling cancer
 Wayne—Donna O.'s father
 Richard—a man struggling with cancer, for whom we have been asked to pray
 George Kla.—our fellow parishioner; facing a variety of health challenges
 Lorraine—friend of Joan M.; cancerous blood disease
 Joseph—friend of Jeanne M.; in need of prayers
 Joan—dear and close friend of Carolyn P.; recovering from serious back surgery
 Dianna—Jennifer W.'s mother; suffering some health problems
 Thomas—fighting cancer; father of a friend of the Parish (S.H.)
 Yvonne K.—a person we have been asked to pray for; multiple myeloma
 James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently
 Mark—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); critically ill
 Domenic—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness
 Brittney—facing possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.
 Jeanne M.—recovering from joint replacement surgery (doing well)
 Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing from recent injury
 Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges
 Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; recent health issues
 Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; recent serious health challenges
 Barbara S.—W'bury parishioner; recovering from recent surgery
 Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities

Alex—John D.'s brother; suffering permanent effects of stroke
 Dolores—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare

Expectant Mothers

Nicole and the child to be born of her—at the request of Bob M.
 Courtney and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.'s family
 Tracey and the child to be born of her—Geo. and Jenn. W.'s daughter-in-law

Travelers, Those Soon to be Traveling, and Those Apart from Us

And all those who are traveling, soon to be traveling, or apart from us

Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces

Fr. James P., Chaplain (MAJ)—deployed to Africa with the CT ARNG
 Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")
 Joseph B.—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
 Joshua P.—husband of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army officer and helicopter pilot
 Alexander—relative of Carolyn P.; 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier
 Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Claudia Senetcen	10/21/1984
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Birthdays

Paul Senetcen	10/22
John Dubnansky	10/22
Forrest Hanson	10/23

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 17

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)

Brothers and Sisters: What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

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 18th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 24

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 9:6-11)

Brothers and Sisters: The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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.'"