

## Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

*A Parish of the Diocese of New England of the Orthodox Church in America*

Fr. John Hopko, Pastor • Protodeacon Paul Nimchek

860.582.3631 • email: [terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com](mailto:terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com)

[www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org](http://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org) • [www.facebook.com/TerryvilleOrthodoxChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TerryvilleOrthodoxChurch)



## Sunday, June 25, 2017

### *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2*

June 25, annually, is the commemoration of, among others,  
the Virgin Martyr Fevronia (4<sup>th</sup> c.),  
and the Venerable Confessor Nikon of Optina (d. 1931)

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

- 6/25 Sunday**  
*The Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 6/28 Wednesday**  
*Eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul*  
NO Matins (Morning Prayers)  
6:15 PM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the  
Feast of the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul
- 7/1 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 7/2 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

-----  
*Fr. John will be away for five days, from Sunday,  
July 2, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy,  
until late in the evening on Saturday, July 8*  
-----

- 7/5 Wednesday** – Fr. John away  
NO Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 7/8 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 7/9 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 7/12 Wednesday**  
8:00 – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 7/15 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 7/16 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 7/19 Wednesday**  
8:00 – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 7/22 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 7/23 Sunday**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

### **A Brief Life of Venerable Nikon of Optina**

Saint Nikon of Optina was born in 1888 in Moscow, Russia, into a pious family of Orthodox Christians. He was raised in the Church and, in 1907, together with his brother, he entered the Optina Monastery, which was, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, one of the great centers of monastic and spiritual life in the Russian Empire. (Optina Monastery is located about 165 miles southwest of Moscow.) The great Russian writer, Fyodor Dostoevsky, modeled his famous character, Father Zosima, from the novel *The Brothers Karamazov*, after one of the saintly elders of the Optina Monastery.

Eventually, in that monastery, Saint Nikon was tonsured into the monastic life, and later was ordained to the diaconate and then the priesthood. His obedience (work) in the monastery was that of secretary to the Superior.

Father Nikon lived quietly in the Monastery until the Bolshevik Revolution, when an atheistic and repressive regime came to power in Russia. That regime persecuted the Church and closed many churches and monasteries, including, after a time, Optina. Father Nikon was eventually arrested and sentenced to internal exile in various remote regions. In the end, he was exiled to the far Artic Russian north, where he became ill with tuberculosis, an illness he succumbed to on June 25, 1931, being only 43 years old.

During all the years he suffered persecution, Saint Nikon never lost his Christian faith, hope, or joy, and was a great comfort to many other Christian people, who were also suffering oppression and confinement.

In recognition of his holy way of life, and his willingness to suffer for the Faith, Father Nikon of Optina, along with many of his fellow co-sufferers, was recognized and canonized as a saint of the Church in the year 2000. Thankfully, today, Optina Monastery, once a place desecrated and destroyed by unholy people, has been restored and once again functions as a holy monastery.

Holy Father Nikon, Confessor of the Faith, pray to God for us!

# 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***

Robert Faria—former member of parish d. 5/17/17

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

Walter Polochan 6/26/1962  
Helen Sulish 6/26/1992  
Charles “Chas” King 6/26/2005  
Paul Andrash 6/28/1969  
Peter Saugran 6/29/1961  
Priscilla Krivoy 6/29/1989  
Theodore Yatsenick 7/1/1946  
Michael Shopay 7/1/1981  
Ann Biscoe 7/1

## **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 [“Yaht-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  
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  
William “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  
Donna—Ann Sovyrda’s niece; kidney disease  
Deryl—Ann Sovyrda’s nephew; kidney disease  
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  
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 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 Cordone—Thomas Hopko’s grandfather-in-law; now in hospice  
John Kuzmich—suffering from lung cancer; now in treatment  
Louine “Anna” King—suffering from lung cancer  
Mary Fomenko—recently unwell  
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff’s mother; presently unwell  
Galina—Svetlana Shorey’s sister-in-law; suffering with cancer  
Archpriest Vladimir Horoszczak; will undergo open heart surgery on June 26-27  
Peter Oraschewsky—upcoming joint replacement surgery  
Barbara Sovyrda—Mark Sovyrda’s former wife; health challenges

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol  
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso’s mother; now resident in Connecticut

### ***Mother and newly born child***

Mikel and the daughter newly born of her—J. and E. Watras’ daughter and her baby  
Juliana and the child newly born of her—Juliana Dresko Veek and her baby

### ***Expectant Mother***

Olga and the child to be born of her—Olga Fedorcak and her baby  
Rachel and the child to be born of her—Rachel Kopcha Goulet and her baby  
Brianna and the child to be born of her—Chezelle Serev’s niece 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  
Tatyana Bristol—traveling to Russia, May 4 to July 19, visiting family  
John “Jack” Kriniske—away visiting family in the Midwest  
Deborah “Deb” Wegh—away visiting family  
Joel and Julie Kowaleski and members of their family—in France  
Maria Oraschewsky—soon to be departing on a trip abroad

### ***Anniversaries of Marriage***

John & Beverly Kuzmich 6/25

### ***Birthdays***

Alexandra Wingate 7/1

## **Thank you!**

John Kuzmich, together with his wife, Beverly, would like to thank all those who have been supporting John through this time when he is battling lung cancer. John is extremely grateful for the visits, calls, cards, greetings and prayers that have been extended to and for him at this challenging time. Thank you! (This weekend, on Sunday, June 25, John and Beverly are celebrating their wedding anniversary. They have been married for almost sixty years!)

## **Birth Announcement!**

Elena and Jim Watras announce the birth of a new grandchild, Rosy Suzan Güleç, daughter of Jim and Elena’s daughter, Mikel, and her husband, Ahmet. Rosy is little sister to her big brother, Leo. Rosy was born on June 16, and weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces at birth. Many Years!

# News and Notes

**Sunday, June 25 – Fr. John leaving immediately after the Divine Liturgy:** On Sunday morning, June 25, 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 chairing a Special Meeting of that Parish, where he is the Pastoral Administrator, assigned as such by our Archbishop. Please pray for the success of that meeting, which has the purpose of addressing some very difficult issues facing the Waterbury Parish.

**Feast of Saints Peter and Paul:** This week the Apostles' Fast concludes with the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. In our parish we will celebrate the feast liturgically with the celebration of Vespers with Divine Liturgy on Wednesday evening, June 28, the Eve of the Feast. That service will begin at 6:15 PM. Those who desire to receive Holy Communion at that Liturgy are reminded to prepare through prayer and fasting. Specifically, a complete and strict fast (abstinence) from all food and drink should be kept during the day on Wednesday, as least from 12:00 noon onwards. (Strictly speaking, we should fast all day long, but what is given here—fasting from midday—is a concession to our weakness.)

**Fr. John away from Terryville the first week of July:** Fr. John will be away from Terryville, visiting his mother and other family in Canada, from Sunday afternoon, July 2, until late in the evening on Saturday, July 8. During Fr. John's absence, in the case of a true pastoral emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, please contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013. (Alternatively, you may also contact any priest of one of the parishes of the Diocese of New England's Connecticut Deanery. You may also reach out to our parish deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek at 860-489-3220.)

**Youth Rally Applications:** It is now time to submit applications for participation in this summer's Diocesan Youth Rally, which is taking place August 7-12. The application can be downloaded from our parish website. Technically, applications are due by Monday, July 3, but if you let Fr. John know now that an application is on the way, the application can be submitted some days after that, but not later than about July 10, please. Here's the on-line link to the packet:

<http://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/files/YouthRally2017ApplicationPacket.pdf>

**LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, July 23 – Fr. Nicholas Timpko to be honored:** On Sunday afternoon, July 23, Fr. Nicholas Timpko, the senior-most priest in the Diocese of New England will be honored. Amazingly, Fr. Nicholas will be celebrating his 55th anniversary of ordination this coming August. He and Matushka Anastasia will also be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary this summer. On Sunday afternoon, July 23, at Three Saints Church in Ansonia, CT, where Fr. Nicholas is Pastor Emeritus, Great Vespers will be celebrated beginning at 4:00 PM. During that Vespers service, our Archbishop NIKON will award Fr. Nicholas with the privilege of wearing the priestly mitre. Bishops regularly wear mitres as part of their vestments, but for priests this is an extremely rare award, only given to the senior-most clergy. (Mitres are the ornate, crown-like hats that some senior clergy wear when fully vested.) Please watch this space for further details about this event. (It is likely that an RSVP will be required.)

**LOOKING AHEAD: Parish Council Meeting, Monday, July 31:** Our Parish Council, which, by custom, only meets once during the summer months, will next meet on Monday evening, July 31, beginning at 7:00 PM.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

*Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is June 25*

## **The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 5:1-10)**

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

## **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 6:22-33)**

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

*Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is July 2*

## **The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 6:18-23)**

Brothers and Sisters: Having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 8:5-13)**

At that time Jesus entered Capernaum, and a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.