



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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Sunday, May 31, 2020

The Sunday between the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost

After-Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Annual Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Also, May 31, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others, the Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st c. AD), the Martyr Hermias at Comana (2nd c. AD), the Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria (3rd c. AD), the Venerable Apollonios (Apollo) of the Egyptian Thebaid (4th c. AD), Saint Philotheos, Metropolitan of Tobolsk, Enlightener of Siberia (18th c. AD), and the Martyr Archpriest Philosophus Ornatsky of Saint Petersburg (d. 1918),

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/05/31>

Happy 40th Anniversary, Protodeacon Paul!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This Sunday, May 31, 2020, is the 40th anniversary of ordination to the holy diaconate of our dear, humble, gentle, kind, modest, yet much esteemed parish deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek. Deacon Paul's forty years of diaconal ministry in our parish has been an enormous blessing for the parish, and for each and every one of us.

In worship, Deacon Paul is an aid to prayer, never drawing attention to himself, but always pointing the way to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In parish governance, Deacon Paul is our quiet, guileless, and deeply influential leader, most notably in his constant encouragement and generous support of the charitable endeavors of the Parish. In personal relationships, Deacon Paul is a man of constant, steady, and steadfast encouragement—he brings out our best.

We should all count as one of our life blessings—for which we ought to be very grateful—the simple, yet profound privilege of being loved, in Christ, by Protodeacon Paul Nimchek.

Thank you, Deacon Paul, thank you, very much. Many years!

With grateful love in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Do not hesitate to call—Fr. John is ready to exercise pastoral care for you and yours! Fr. John may be contacted at his office landline, which is 860-582-3631, or by voice or text message at his cellphone, which is 860-944-3486. You may, also, email Fr. John at the parish email address, which is terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com.

A First, Small, Humble Step in the Direction of “Reopening” our Parish

Friday, May 29, 2020

Post-Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Commemoration of the Martyr Theodosia of Tyre and of the Blessed John the Fool-for-Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT:

Glory to Jesus Christ! Greetings with the Feast!

I hope and pray that you and yours are all safe and healthy.

I am pleased to announce that our bishop, His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, *Locum Tenens* of the Diocese of New England, has blessed us to take a first, small, humble step in the direction of “reopening” our Church, given the ongoing public health crisis.

I stress here that what is described below represents an opportunity, not an obligation. If, out a concern related to the present public health crisis, any member or friend of our Parish believes that it is better for him or her not to take advantage of this opportunity right now, we acknowledge and affirm that understanding.

Beginning this coming Monday, June 1, I am blessed to welcome members and friends of our parish—either as individuals or in small groups made up exclusively of persons presently living together as one distinct social unit—to make brief, scheduled visits to our Church building (temple). These visits, hosted by me in my capacity as Pastor, will be for prayer, and, if specifically arranged in advance, in order to receive Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (*See, Endnote, below*). Also, it will be possible to arrange for me to hear sacramental Confessions, as desired and as necessary.

Each one of these visits must be scheduled in advance, by means of direct communication with me, in my capacity as Pastor, so that we can set the parameters (limitations) of the visit, and so that we can determine the schedule for the visit, and what, exactly, will occur during the visit.

In order to make these visits possible, especially if they will involve participation in Holy Communion, it is necessary for a sufficient quantity of Reserved Sacrament to be consecrated (pre-sanctified). This can only be done during the course of the celebration of a full Eucharistic Divine Liturgy. Thus, His Beatitude has blessed me to serve the Divine Liturgy this coming Sunday morning, May 31, with the only two other participants at that Liturgy being the two members of my own present social unit, my wife, Macrina, and my son, Peter.

If you desire to take advantage of this opportunity now made available to us, please, contact me at your earliest convenience. You may call me on the Rectory landline, 860-582-3631, or call or text me at my personal cellphone, 860-944-3486. Also, I will be glad to hear from you to respond to any questions or concerns you may have about this matter, or any other relevant matter.

With love in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

ENDNOTE: The Reserved Sacrament is the quantity of small, individual portions of Holy Communion that are consecrated (“pre-sanctified”) at a Divine Liturgy, and then held “in reserve” in the Tabernacle on the Holy Altar. Specifically, these portions of Holy Communion are small particles of the Holy Body of Christ, cut into small cubes, and each intincted (anointed) with a droplet of the Holy Blood of Christ. These small pieces, thus prepared, are then allowed to dry. Once completely dry, they can be safely stored for future use. They are used to provide Holy Communion to those who, for causes “worthy of a blessing,” are not able to participate in Holy Communion at a celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament involves the priest reconstituting a portion of the Reserved Sacrament. This is accomplished by moistening and softening it in a small amount of unconsecrated sacramental wine. Once reconstituted, the particle is imparted to the Communicant.

Terryville Parish Physically Closed due to COVID-19: In view of the present concerns about the transmission of the coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19, our parish remains physically closed. However, we are spiritually alive, well, and active! As we stay apart physically, we must grow together spiritually. Please visit our parish website (www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org) and the website of the Orthodox Church in America (www.oca.org) to find a myriad of resources for study, prayer, and praise in these challenging times. This too shall pass. Christ is victorious!

2020 Graduates: We congratulate our graduates this year. Among them, Lizzy Massicotte, daughter of Lenna and Allen, is graduating from high school, and plans to start college in the fall. And, also, Emery Wegh, son of Greg and Deb, is graduating from the Hartt School of Music (University of Hartford), and is planning to start graduate school in the fall. Emery's concentration of study continues to be the double bass. We congratulate Lizzy and Emery, and all our graduates. Many Years!

Donations to the Parish OR Support from the Parish: Please, continue to support our parish during this challenging time. (*Or, if you require financial support, because you are in crisis, contact Fr. John, personally and confidentially, and he will endeavor to help you get the assistance you require!*) Donations to the Parish may be submitted via checks made out to and mailed to Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, 34 Fairview Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786-6329. Also, a PayPal Donation "button" (<https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/donatenow>) is located on our parish website to make online donations possible. Our parish is registered as a charity with PayPal, so we have slightly lower fees connected to the use of that means of receiving donations. For us, PayPal's fees are 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction and no monthly fee. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, and senseless violence throughout the world, especially in this time of pestilence!

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

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

Newly Departed

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| Mitred Archpriest Nicholas Timpko—CT Deanery priest | d. 5/16/2020 |
| Archpriest Paul Lazor --Saint Vladimir's Seminary professor | d. 5/9/2020 |
| Peggy Anne Perry McIntosh—friend of the Livermans | d. 5/19/2020 |
| Natasha Frances McIntosh—Peggy Anne's daughter | d. 3/24/2020 |
| Sophie S.—an aunt of Fr. John's; relative through marriage | d. 5/16/2020 |
| Patricia "Pat" Knutson—seminary classmate of the Hopkos | d. 5/6/2020 |
| Sophie Bukowski—a Terryville neighbor; aged 100 | d. 5/5/2020 |
| Deborah—aunt of an acquaintance of ours | d. 4/30/2020 |

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

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| John Pavelchak | 5/31/1920 |
| Nicholas Banziruk | 5/31/1949 |
| Francis Chevorniak | 5/31/1956 |
| Christine Pasachnuk | 5/31/1962 |
| Archpriest Joseph Fedoronko | 5/31/1971 |
| Mary (Markovich) Dailey | 5/31/2001 |
| Steven Kraynak | 6/2/1982 |
| 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 | 6/05/1964 |
| 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 |

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to the present pestilence which is 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

Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheeks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin

Donna—Ann Sovyrd's niece; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrd's niece; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington's Disease
Maria Oraschewsky—now requires dialysis three times a week
Yelena "Lenna" Massicotte—overcoming, by God's grace, serious health challenges
Katie and Aubrey—a mother and daughter for whom we have been asked to pray
Tanya Beach—suffering long-term and lingering effects of brain hemorrhage
Mark—a profound diabetic for whom we have been asked to pray
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna Osuch; battling breast cancer
Anna—friend of Patty Nimchek; has requested our prayers
Mary—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health
Simone—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health
Anna Sz.—infected with the Coronavirus; suffering other health issues, too
Barbara—friend of Patty Nimchek; unwell and in need of prayerful support
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell at this time
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery
Vincent—relapse of cancer; relative through marriage of P. Oraschewsky
Michael—C. Palleria's cousin; suffering with cancer
Rosie Dubnansky—recent health issues
Mike L.—recent health issues
John "Jack" K.—recently unwell
Mark—Mark Orelup's father; in his mid-90s, and unwell of late
Please also pray for the several members of Mike and Jim Liverman's extended family who are afflicted with COVID19

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

Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Dolores—Bob M.'s mother, resident in long-term eldercare

Expectant Mothers

Amanda and the child to be born of her—Amanda is an acquaintance of C. Palleria
Marina and the child to be born of her—Marina is one of Fr. John's many nieces
Diana and the child to be born of her—Joel and Julie Kowaleski's daughter-in-law
Nadia and the child to be born of her—Nadia is Rich and Laura K.'s daughter
Anya and the child to be born of her—Anya is one of Fr. John's many nieces

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

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

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
Joshua Pcsolyar—fiancé of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army pilot
Alexander—relative of C. Palleria's; 82nd Airborne Division soldier deployed abroad

Anniversaries of Marriage

Greg and Olga Fedorczak 6/4

Birthdays

Elliott Wingate 6/1
Rosie Dubnansky 6/6

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Sunday between the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, on which we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)

At that time, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the

disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which

thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.