

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, June 5, 2022

The Sunday between the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost on which we commemorate the memory of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, which convened in 325 AD

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. After-Feast of

Ascension. Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (ca. 362). Translation of the Relics of Bl. Igor (George), tonsured Gabriel, Grand Prince of Chernígov and Kiev (1150). Bl. Constantine, Metropolitan of Kiev (1159). Repose of St. Theodore Yaroslavich, older brother of St. Alexander Nevsky (Novgorod—1233). Finding of the Relics of Ven. Bassian and Jonah, Monks of Pertominsk (Solovétsky Monastery—1599). Martyrs Marcian, Nicander, Hyperechius, Appolonius, Leonidas, Arius, Gorgias, Pambo, Selenia, and Irene of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Theodore the Wonderworker, Hermit of the Jordan (ca. 6th c.). Ven. Anubius, Confessor and Anchorite, of Egypt (5th c.). Ven. Abba Dorotheus of Palestine (6th c.). St. Peter of Korcha (Albanian).

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Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Wednesday, June 8, 8:00 AM:** Our weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service
- **Thursday, June 9, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
- **Saturday, June 11, 6:00 PM, Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday:** General Memorial Service for All Departed
- **Saturday, June 11, 6:30 PM, Eve of Holy Pentecost:** Festal Great Vespers with Litya, the Blessing of the Loaves, Wheat, Wine, and Oil
- **Sunday, June 12, Feast of Holy Pentecost, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, followed by the Traditional Pentecost Kneeling Prayers
- **Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 PM:** Monthly meeting (online) of the Terryville Parish Council meeting, via ZOOM.
- **Wednesday, June 15, 8:00 AM :** Our weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service
- **Thursday, June 16, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
- **Saturday, June 18, in the morning:** On Saturday morning, June 18, Fr. John will be baptizing a child recently born to a family with connections to our Parish
- **Saturday, June 18, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
- **Sunday, June 19, Sunday of All Saints, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, June 20:** First Day of the Apostles' Fast (which lasts until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29)
- **Wednesday, June 22, 8:00 AM :** Our weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service
- **Thursday, June 23, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
- **Friday, June 24, Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, 9:00 AM:** Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to Saint John the Baptist

- **Saturday, June 25, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
- **Sunday, June 26, Sunday of All Saints of North America, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

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!*

We pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19. We pray for all those who have perished in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. And, we pray for the children and their teachers who perished in Uvalde, TX. Lord have mercy.

Newly Departed

Matushka Genevieve Glagolev d. 5/23/22
James "Jim" B.—husband of Nancy B. of the W'bury Parish d. 5/22/22

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

Michael Rewak	6/5/1950
John Christophy	6/5/1964
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
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
Joseph Pavelchak	6/10/1943
Eva Komanetsky	6/10/1971
Mark Macibora	6/11/1972

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. We pray for all those suffering presently in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Priest Ceraphim—a Diocesan priest; suffered a heart attack on May 6
Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
Archpriest Nicholas—upcoming surgery, to repair knee injury
Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores T.—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
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; health challenges and now widowed
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer
Barbara—friend of Patty N.; unwell and in need of prayerful support
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
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
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
Mark—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); critically ill
Domenic—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness
Louis—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness
Brittney—facing possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.
Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing; very unwell
Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges
Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; health issues
Natonya L.—Mike and Jim L.'s family member; heart surgery
Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; recent serious health challenges
Barbara S.—W'bury parishioner; recovering from surgery
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers
Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia
Christina—surgery for cancer on March 14; acquaintance of Fr. John H.
Marisa—a 13-yr-old girl, acquaintance of the Nimcheks, who is quite unwell
Stephen—facing health challenges; at request of Marilou P.
Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; a person facing serious illness, courageously
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of our prayers
Mike—battling some health challenges
Robert J.—dealing with some health issues
Jeanne M.—healthy, but dealing with other challenges at this time
Christopher—at the request of

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

Mother and Newly born child

Yuliia and her newly born child Milana—Milana was born on May 6 in Kyiv after only 29 weeks of pregnancy. Milana weighed two pounds at birth, and is still in neonatal intensive care, in critical, yet stable condition. Yuliia is Maryna B.'s sister-in-law.

Oana and her newly born son Luca

Anita and her newly born son Simon

Expectant Mothers

Lucy and the child to be born of her—Lucy C. is our fellow parishioner
Maura and the child to be born of her—Maura is Lucy and David C.'s friend
Katherine and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos
Sharon and the child to be born of her—acquaintance of Fr. John H.
Shelby and the child to be born of her—Shelby G. is our former parishioner

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

John "Jack" K.—visiting family until June 8
Thomas and Alexis H.—will be traveling to the UK
Bob M.—will be driving back to Florida this coming week transporting ecclesiastical items being donated to the Bradenton, FL, Parish.

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

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
Ruben—acquaintance of the Hopkos, deployed U.S. Marines Corps pilot

Wedding Anniversaries

Rev. Fr. David & Melanie Koles	6/5
John & Nina Dubnansky	6/7

Birthdays

Louine "Anna" King	6/9
John "Jack" Kriniske	6/10

Additional Prayers Requested

Prayers Requested: Maryna B., friend of our Terryville Parish, and a native of Kharkiv, Ukraine, asks prayers for the health and salvation of her family and friends in Ukraine, including, specifically, her grandmother **Larissa**, her brother **Dmytro**, her sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and Yuliia and Dymtro's prematurely born newborn daughter, **Milana** (see next note), and, also, for **Alexander** and **Aleksey**. Maryna's grandmother, Larissa, and other family and friends, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people are suffering greatly at this time, due to attacks by the military of the country of Russia. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayers Requested: *Related to the request made above:* Maryna Bharara's sister-in-law, Yuliia, for whom we have been praying, went into premature labor on May 6, at 29 weeks of pregnancy. That day, May 6, Yuliia delivered a baby girl, Milana, who only weighed 2 pounds at birth. Baby Milana is presently in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in Kyiv, Ukraine, where Yuliia has been living. Little Milana is still in the NICU, but is making progress. Please, pray for Yuliia, her husband Dmytro, and their newly born child, Milana.

Prayers Requested: Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for the health and salvation of family members in and from Ukraine, including, specifically, her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**, and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

The First Ecumenical Council – 325 AD

The First Ecumenical Council was convened by the Roman (Byzantine) Emperor Constantine in the year 325 AD. (We commemorate this Emperor in the Church as Saint Constantine the Great.) This Council was the first effort to gather together as many Christian bishops as possible, from all of Christendom, to address certain issues facing the Christian Church. It was made possible by the fact that the Emperor himself had accepted the Christian Faith as his own, and so, at least for a time, the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire had ceased. Many of the participants in the First Ecumenical Council were Christian persons who had previously suffered greatly for Christ, during persecutions that were enforced by some of the Emperor Constantine's predecessors.

The most famous of the Council's accomplishments was the promulgation of the first half of what we today refer to as "The Creed." We recite the Creed at every Divine Liturgy that we celebrate in the Church, recalling and retelling the central tenets of our Orthodox Christian Faith. The second half of the Creed was composed and promulgated at the Second Ecumenical Council in 381 AD.

Another of the First Council's accomplishments was to establish a common date on which all Christians would celebrate Holy Pascha. Sadly, since that time, due to splits in the Church, Christians no longer all keep Pascha on the same day each year. Nevertheless, through the witness of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, we see that such a common celebration is the desire of the Church.

Congratulations Graduates!

Effie S., daughter of John and Luda, is graduating from high school this month. She will attend UCONN-Avery Point in the fall. Congratulations and Many Years!

'TIS THE SEASON: Graduates: If you or a member of your family is graduating this spring, please let us know, so that we might share the news with our Parish Family, and offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **NEXT SATURDAY: The Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday, June 11:** Saturday, June 11, is the Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday this year. Memorial Saturdays, which occur a number of times during the year, are days set apart in the Church's liturgical calendar for special and careful commemoration of the departed. We will mark the Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday with a Memorial Service ("Panikhida") beginning at 6:00 PM, just before the Vigil of Pentecost (Great Vespers with Litya) that we will serve beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday of Holy Pentecost, Sunday, June 12:** On Sunday, June 12, we will celebrate the Feast of Holy Pentecost. On Pentecost we commemorate the occasion when, fifty days after the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Apostles of Christ. Through that outpouring, the Apostles were strengthened to preach the Good News about Our Lord, and to grow the Church, the Body of Christ. One custom in the Church on the Feast of Holy Pentecost is to bring back kneeling to our life of prayer. It is customary for Orthodox Christians to pray standing on their feet, and to not kneel down in prayer, during the fifty days following Holy Pascha. This standing in prayer reminds us about how Our Lord, raised from the dead, stood among His disciples in the days following His Resurrection, showing Himself alive in His Resurrection Body, victorious over death and decay. (This is, also, why we do not kneel in the Orthodox Church on Sundays, for every Sunday is a "little Pascha.") So, having stood in prayer for fifty days from Pascha to Pentecost, on Pentecost the Church assigns special prayers, often called "The Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost." During those Kneeling Prayers we solemnly kneel and pray in that pious and humble posture, once again. In our parish, the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost are read at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Holy Pentecost.
- **LOOKING AHEAD: The Apostles' Fast:** The Apostles' Fast (also known as The Saints Peter and Paul Fast) begins this year on Monday, June 20, and lasts a week and a half, until the feast of the Holy Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, which takes place on June 29. The Apostles' Fast always begins on the Monday after All Saints Day (the second Monday after Pentecost) and always ends on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, which is always solemnized on June 29. This fasting period comes following all the celebrating we have been doing during the Paschal season, and, therefore, serves to return us to what might be called "regular time" in the Church.



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.

