

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, June 21, 2020

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

**On the Second Sunday after Pentecost, we commemorate,
each year, together as a group, all the Saints of North America.**

Also, June 21, annually, is the date of the commemoration of, among others: the Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus (d. 305 AD); the Hieromartyr Terence, Bishop of Iconium (1st. c. AD); Saint Julius, Presbyter of Novara, and his brother, Saint Julian the Deacon (5th c. AD); The Holy Martyr Archil II, King of Georgia (d. 744 AD); The Holy Martyr Luarsab II, Emperor of Georgia (d. 1622 AD); the Venerable Anastasia of Serbia, mother of Saint Sava (d. 13th c. AD)

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/06/21>

Our Parish's Process of Re-opening

In view of the present concerns about the transmission of the novel coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19, our parish is only serving limited services.

Presently, we are limited to celebrating Sunday morning Divine Liturgies, with no more than 25 persons present, all of whom have pre-registered for attendance, and who are committed to observing the required health safety protocols. **For details about these Sunday morning Divine Liturgies and the necessary pre-registration, please, see the letter printed on page 3 of this bulletin.**

Also, we are continuing to permit, by appointment, visits to the Church building (temple) by individuals or small groups who presently constitute a “social bubble.” These visits, by appointment with and hosted by our Pastor, Fr. John Hopko, are for prayer, and for the possibility of participation in the Sacrament of Confession, and (if discussed and arranged in advance) the reception of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

For further information, contact Fr. John. 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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

+ 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

Mitred Archpriest Nicholas Timpko—CT Deanery priest	d. 5/16/2020
Rosalind—Fr. John's daughter-in-law Alexis's grandmother	d. 6/19/2020
Gregory Sheshko—devoted layman in the Diocese of NE	d. 6/16/2020
Michael—C. Palleria's cousin; victim of cancer	d. 6/13/2020
Mark J. Orelup—our parishioner Mark Orelup's father	d. 6/10/2020
Jean M. (Farrell) (Semanoff) Drexler—widow of a Waterbury parishioner	d. 5/29/2020
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

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Mary Fill	6/21/2010
Xenia Bystry	6/22/1986
Julia Virovoy	6/23/1961
Evdokia Onepenko	6/23/1997
Olga Baiga	6/24/1920
Walter Polochan	6/26/1962
Helen Sulish	6/26/1992
Charles "Chas" King (<i>Louine's husband</i>)	6/26/2005

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 Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
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; 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.—current health issues, ongoing
Barbara—friend of Patty Nimchek; unwell and in need of prayerful support
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; unwell at this time
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery
Vincent—relapse of cancer; relative through marriage of P. Oraschewsky
Rosie Dubnansky—recent health issues
Michael "Mike" L.—recent health issues
Doris P.—our fellow parishioner; presently unwell, struggling with health issues
child George—9-year-old son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell
David B.—acquaintance of Fr. John's; upcoming surgery to repair broken shoulder
Tamara and Leonid—E. Granoth's parents; presently unwell, hospitalized

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

Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother; recently unwell
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
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
Anyia and the child to be born of her—Anyia 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

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Ann Sovyrda	6/22
John Saltourides	6/24

News and Notes

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.)

LETTER ABOUT SUNDAY MORNING DIVINE LITURGIES

Dear Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

- **Pre-register (25 persons, maximum attendance).**
- **Bring and wear your facemask.**
- **Maintain “social distance.”**
- **Don’t touch anyone or anything.**

Going forward through this present public health crisis, until further notice, we will be having Sunday morning Divine Liturgies here in our Terryville Parish, beginning at 9:15 AM each Sunday. **Attendance is by pre-registration ONLY. You must contact Fr. John by no later than 8:00 PM on the Friday evening previous to the Sunday in question in order to pre-register.** Attendance is limited to 25 persons: 1 Priest, 1 Cantor (instead of a Choir), 1 Reader, 2 Ushers, 20 Congregants. (At Fr. John’s discretion, we will rotate through attendees, Sunday to Sunday, if more than 25 persons wish to attend services.)

- If you choose to attend Church, you do so at your own risk.
- Do NOT come to Church if you have a credible reason to believe that you are either sick with COVID-19 or carrying the novel coronavirus.
- Facemasks are mandatory, except for the Priest, Cantor, and Reader. Bring your face mask with you to Church. (Fr. John will put on a mask to distribute Holy Communion.)
- Your temperature will be taken upon arrival at Church. Your temperature cannot be above 100.4 degrees (Fahrenheit) if you wish to attend Church.
- You will be asked to sanitize your hands. (We have hand sanitizer at Church.)
- Strict “social distancing” will be enforced. Stay at least six feet away from every other person at all times. (The only exception to this is the moment when you receive Holy Communion.)
- Do not touch anything in Church, other than the chair with which you will be provided. Venerate the icons by means of bows made from a distance.
- Holy Communion will be distributed with individual stainless steel spoons. You will not share the use of that spoon with any other person who will be present.
- We will not have candles for sale in Church. If you want to buy candles and have them lit during the service, you must contact Fr. John ahead of time to make arrangements for that to happen.
- Follow all directions that are given to you during the service. Fr. John and the two Ushers are authorized to give instructions, and to ensure compliance with the protocols that have been set in place. We are acting in obedience to our bishop and to the civil authorities.

We have now received a formal blessing from our bishop, His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, to serve Sunday morning Divine Liturgies in our Parish as part of our “reopening” steps during this present public health crisis.

Fr. John will serve on his own, unassisted by any servers. No one else will be (or is permitted to be) in the altar area with him. He will not wear a facemask, except during the time when he is distributing Holy Communion. He will sanitize his hands periodically during the Divine Liturgy.

We will not have a Choir, as choral singing is presently discouraged. (Choral singing involves a group of people, usually standing in proximity to one another, engaged in vigorous exhalation, i.e., breathing out. Several significant cases of large-scale, mass transmission of the novel coronavirus are connected with choral singing.) Instead, we will have one Reader and one Cantor, who will handle the duties of providing the responses during Liturgy. **All others present are asked to refrain from singing.** The Reader and Cantor will stand at the front of the Church, one on one side and one on the other, well separated from each other and from all other attendees. The Reader and Cantor will not wear masks while performing their duties. So, please, stay at least 12 feet away from them, at all times.

The rest of those attending the service will spread themselves out, evenly, throughout the Church, at greater than six-foot intervals. Those who are part of a “social bubble” (family group) may stand together. Do not move around the Church. Stay in one spot, maintaining “social distance.”

Again, attendance is *by pre-registration only*: Contact Fr. John to pre-register.

If you have questions: Text or call Fr. John Hopko on his cellphone, which is 860-944-3486.

Pre-register. Bring and wear your facemask. Maintain “social distance.” Don’t touch anything.

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

Readings from Holy Scripture

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.

Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is July 7

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.