

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, June 23, 2019

The 1st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8 Sunday of All Saints

Also, June 3, annually, is the date of the commemoration, among others, of the Martyr Agrippina of Rome (3rd c.), the Martyr Eustochius and his companions (4th c.), and the Holy Righteous Youth Artemius of Verkola (16th c.).

THIS WEEK: The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul falls this year on Saturday, June 29. This year we will mark that Feast by worshipping with the clergy and faithful of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT. Specifically, we will join with the clergy and faithful in the Southbury Parish on the Eve of the Feast, Friday evening, June 28, beginning at 6:30 PM, for the celebration of Vespers with Divine Liturgy. That service will be followed by a “Bring-and-Share” Supper. (Reminder: Friday is a fasting day!)

Fr. Vladimir Aleandro, the Pastor in Southbury, is retiring on June 30. Fr. Vladimir and his wife, Matushka Suzanne, and their family, spent many years as a laypeople here in the Terryville Parish, until Fr. Vladimir studied as a “late vocations” student at Saint Vladimir’s Seminary before being ordained to the holy priesthood in 1995.

Also, Fr. Vladimir (like Fr. John Hopko) celebrates the anniversary of his ordination on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This year will be Fr. Vladimir’s 24th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, and Fr. John’s 19th anniversary. Also, likely to be present that day is Fr. Moses Locke, the priest recently graduated from Saint Tikhon’s Seminary, who will be taking over from Fr. Vladimir as Pastor in Southbury, effective July 1.

This is an opportunity for us, prayerfully and supportively, to share in the time of transition taking place in the Southbury Parish at the end of this month.

Schedule of Services

- 6/23 Sunday**
Commemoration of All Saints
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
12:45 PM – Blessing of Graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery
- 6/24 Monday**
Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist
First Day of the Apostle’s Fast
9:00 AM – Prayer Service to St. John the Baptist
- 6/26 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 6/28 Friday**
Eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
AT CHRIST THE SAVIOR CHURCH, SOUTHURY
6:30 PM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy in the Southbury Parish, followed by a “Bring-and-Share” Supper
- 6/29 Saturday**
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
6:00 PM – Vigil
Followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 6/30 Sunday**
Feast of All Saints of North America
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

[Sunday, June 30: Afternoon pilgrimage to All Saints of America Church, Salisbury, CT, to pray before the relics of the American Saints. Services take place there at both 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. See details inside this bulletin.]

- 7/3 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 7/6 Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 7/7 Sunday**
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 7/8 Monday**
7:00 PM – Joint Meeting of the Terryville **and** Waterbury Parish Councils

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

child Trinity Irene—a Orthodox Christian five-year-old child d. 6/17/2019

[Trinity Irene is a little girl who was born with a serious medical condition, which this week took her earthly life. Fr. John's sister Mary was her nursery school teacher. Please pray for little Trinity Irene, and all those who mourn her loss. Memory Eternal!]

Madeline—Jacob Janco's great aunt d. 6/10/2019

Marion—Louine King's sister d. 5/22/2019

Louis Alverides—Marilou Petroff's cousin d. 5/21/2019

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Julia Virovoy 6/23/1961

Evdokia Oneperko 6/23/1997

Olga Baiga 6/24/1920

Walter Polochan 6/26/1962

Helen Sulish 6/26/1992

Charles "Chas" King (*Louine's husband*) 6/26/2005

Paul Andrash 6/28/1969

Peter Saugran 6/29/1961

Priscilla Krivoy 6/29/1989

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

His Eminence Archbishop Nikon—ongoing health issues

Archpriest Steven Belonick—C. Belonick's brother; suffering in serious illness

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

Jadwiga ["Yahd-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer

Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke

Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin

child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges

Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease

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JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer

MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease

Virginia ("Gina")—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers

Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support

Eleanor—Rdr. Joseph Boruch's mother; chronic health challenges

Maria Oraschewsky—now requires dialysis three times a week

Charlotte—Chezelle Serev's mother; unwell and in need of prayerful support

Mark—friend of Frank Guba; battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Michael—friend of Frank Guba; rehabbing after bilateral lung transplant

Nina Gorbachev—very unwell

Mat. Cindy Voytovich—facing health challenges at this time

Barbara—friend of Jack Kriniske; hip replacement surgery followed by complications

Yelena "Lenna" Massicotte—facing serious health challenges at this time

Vincent—Maria Oraschewsky's brother-in-law; battling cancer

Katie and Aubrey—a mother and daughter for whom we have been asked to pray

Anna Szepeł—recently unwell; Waterbury parishioner

Tanya Beach—recovering from brain hemorrhage; returned home this past week

Vera Wegh—recently unwell

Helen—friend of Anna Marie Boruch; suffering in illness

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods, Bristol

Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother

Mary Fomenko—recently unwell

Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother

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

Elena Watras

Marilou Petroff

Hunter, Fiona, Michael and Melanie—Carolyn Palleria's family members

And all those traveling during these summer months

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, now in Afghanistan

Anniversaries of Marriage

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

John Saltourides

6/24

News and Notes

THIS SUNDAY: Brief Parish Council Meeting: There will be a brief meeting of the Terryville Parish Council this Sunday morning, June 23, during the Coffee Social Hour after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The purpose of this meeting will be to address some business requiring prompt attention.

THIS SUNDAY: Annual Blessing of the Graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery: The graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery will be blessed on this Sunday afternoon, June 23, beginning at 12:45 PM with a memorial service served at the Memorial Cross in the Cemetery.

THIS WEEKEND: Graduating! Jacob Janco is graduating from Torrington High School this Sunday evening, June 23. Jacob will be attending Palm Beach Atlantic University this coming fall. Congratulations, Jacob! Many Years!

LOOKING AHEAD: Reception into the Fullness of the Faith, July 28: On Sunday, July 28, in a solemn rite beginning at 9:00 AM, before the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, and to be fulfilled by anointing with Holy Chrism and reception of Holy Communion during the Divine Liturgy, Jacob Janco will be received into the fullness of the sacramental communion and fellowship of the Orthodox Church. Jacob's sponsor will be Peter Hopko. Please keep Jacob in your prayers as he prepares for this event. Many Years!

News and Notes, continued

THIS WEEK: The Apostles' Fast: The Apostles' Fast (The Saints Peter and Paul Fast) begins this year on Monday, June 24, and lasts only a week, until the feast of the Holy Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, 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. It is a fasting period that comes following all the celebrating we have been doing during the Paschal season, and which, therefore, serves to return us to what might be called "regular time" in the Church.

NEXT WEEKEND: Sunday, June 30 – Pilgrimage to All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, Connecticut: On Sunday, June 30, which, this year, is the Feast of All Saints of North America, we have an opportunity, once again, to make a pilgrimage to pray before and venerate the relics of ten of the saints of North America. At 4:00 PM on that Sunday afternoon, at All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, CT (just 40 miles northwest of Terryville), the Akathist Service to the Saints of North America will be celebrated before the relics of ten of the saints of North America. At the conclusion of that service we will have the opportunity to venerate the relics of those saints and to be anointed with holy oil. The ten saints—small portions of whose relics are enshrined at All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury—are Saint Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska; Saint Innocent, Apostle to America; Saint Tikhon, Enlightener of North America; Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis; Saint Raphael of Brooklyn; Saint Nicolai of Zicha; Saint John of San Francisco; the Holy New Martyr Saint Vasily (Basil) Martysz, the Archpriest and Military Chaplain; Saint Sebastian of Jackson, and Saint Mardarije of Libertyville. You may access and read accounts of the lives of all these saints at the Lives of Saints section of the Orthodox Church in America website: <https://oca.org/saints/lives>. **Additional Note regarding the Pilgrimage to Salisbury:** Before the Akathist Service to the Saints of North America, which begins at 4:00 PM, there will also be a service celebrated at 3:00 PM in the Salisbury Parish. That service will be a Prayer Service to the Mother of God, the Most-Holy Theotokos, beseeching her consoling intercession before her Son and our God, our Lord Jesus Christ, especially for those who are ill and afflicted.

LOOKING AHEAD: A Celebration of Pastoral Transition, Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, Connecticut, Sunday, July 7, 3:00 PM: On Sunday afternoon, July 7, at 3:00 PM in the afternoon, there will be a *Celebration of Pastoral Transition* at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, Connecticut. During that event, Fr. Vladimir Aleandro will ceremonially pass over the care of that parish to its new pastor, Fr. Moses Locke. The event will begin with the Akathist Service "Glory to God for All Things," and continue thereafter with a picnic. Fr. John Hopko, our Pastor, will be attending the celebration, not only to represent our parish, but also in his capacity as Dean of the Connecticut Deanery. We are all invited to participate. If you are planning to attend that event, please, contact Fr. John Hopko, to let him know of your plans. The Southbury Parish is asking, well in advance, to be informed about how many people from our parish are planning to be there that day for the event.

LOOKING AHEAD: Joint Meeting of the Terryville and Waterbury Parish Councils, July 8: On Monday evening, July 8, beginning at 7:00 PM, there will be a joint meeting of the Terryville and Waterbury Parish Councils. The meeting will take place in the Basement Social Hall in the Terryville Parish Church. The meeting will not be a formal business meetings, but, rather, will be one of those meetings we occasionally have in the Terryville Parish where we explore, in depth, a specific concern. We will not be making any formal decisions at this meeting. Rather, it will be a chance to get people together, and to begin a conversation that many of us feel strongly needs to be had. All interested members of both parishes, Waterbury and Terryville, are invited to participate in this meeting. For further information, please, see Fr. John.

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. John to be away, July 22 to 27: From Saturday, July 20, through to his return on Saturday morning, July 27, Fr. John will be away from Terryville. He will be participating in a "mini-sabbatical" aimed at helping him renew himself and his ministry. This is not a vacation, but rather time spent away from the Parish attending and participating in a specific, guided program for clergy. Fr. John thanks the Parish Council for authorizing continuing education funds to help him participate in this week-long program at the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, Georgia. (The Parish is covering a little more than half of the cost of the program in which Fr. John will be participating.) This is the first time in his nineteen years as Pastor of the Parish that Fr. John is being afforded this specific sort of opportunity for renewal, rejuvenation, and introspection.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the First Sunday after Holy Pentecost, which is All Saints Day

The Reading from the Book of Hebrews (Hebrews 11:32-12:2)

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the

world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left

everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

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.