

# Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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## Sunday, July 25, 2021

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most-holy Theotokos.** The Holy Women Olympias (Olympiada—408-410) the Deaconess, of Constantinople, and the Virgin Eupraxia of Tabenna (413). Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Zheltovódsk and Unzha (1444). Commemoration of the Holy 165 Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council (553).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/07/25>

## Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Wednesday morning Matins, July 28, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, July 29, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, July 29. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, join us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, July 31, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, August 1, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, August 4, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Thursday evening, August 5, Eve of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration, 6:30 PM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy (Vesperal Liturgy) for the occasion of the feast, with the traditional blessing of fruits and vegetables, beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Friday morning, August 6, Feast of the Holy Transfiguration, 9:00 AM:** Service of Prayer ("Moleben") to mark the occasion of the Feast, beginning at 9:00 AM.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, August 7, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.

# 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!***

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

## ***Newly Departed***

Sarah—a young woman for whom we have been praying; victim of cancer d. 7/22/21  
Michael—friend of Frank G. d. 7/20/21  
Elizabeth Dirgo—wife of Andrew, listed below d. 7/16/21  
Deborah—acquaintance of Dennis K. d. 7/8/21  
George Krawczyk—Bob M.'s brother-in-law d. 7/5/21  
Andrew Dirgo—a man we have been asked to pray for d. 6/26/21  
Genevieve—Carolyn P.'s aunt d. 6/24/21  
Fleurette—Lenna M.'s mother-in-law d. 6/24/21

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

Paraskeva Pisaretz 7/25/1928  
Ignati Hamesovich 7/26/1962  
Doris Pohlod (first anniversary of repose) 7/26/2020  
Michael Belik 7/27/1916  
Timothy Pogischer 7/28/1935  
Walter “Vladimir” Kowaleski 7/28/2000  
Anna Ligota 7/30/1930  
Solomon Sklarsky 7/30/1947  
Libbie “Luba” Prystash 7/30/2000  
Anna Pyzankevich 7/31/1913

## **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.*

### ***Persons captive and suffering for the Faith***

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

### ***Those who are sick and suffering***

Archpriest Michael K.—former pastor of our parish; serious recurrence of illness  
Matushka Ann Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers  
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)  
Dolores T.—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 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 for whom prayers have been asked

John A.—husband of Claudia A., for whom prayers have been asked  
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer  
Barbara—friend of Patty N.; unwell and in need of prayerful support  
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery  
Michael “Mike” L.—ongoing health issues  
child George—9-year-old son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell  
Bill M.—has experienced some health issues lately, 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  
Richard—a man struggling with cancer, for whom we have been asked to pray  
Maria O.—dialysis three times a week  
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  
Joan—dear and close friend of Carolyn P.; recovering from serious back surgery  
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  
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently  
Mark—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); critically ill  
Domenic—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness  
Brittney—facing possible severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.  
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges  
Charles—Fr. Joshua Mosher's father-in-law; seriously ill

### ***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

### ***Expectant Mothers***

Nicole and the child to be born of her—at the request of Bob M.  
Courtney and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.'s family

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

John K. – will be traveling for the next several weeks  
And 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***

Fr. James P., Chaplain (MAJ)—deployed to Africa with the CT ARNG  
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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier  
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier  
Ian H.—Fr. David K.'s son-in-law; overseas deployment, U.S. Army

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

NONE THIS WEEK

### ***Birthdays***

Archpriest David Koles

7/31

# News and Notes

**Doris Pohlod, First Anniversary of Repose – Memory Eternal!:** We remember in prayer especially this weekend Doris Pohlod, our fellow Terryville Parishioner, and a lifelong member of the Parish. Doris entered into blessed repose a year ago on Sunday, July 26, 2020, so Monday, July 26, 2021 is the first anniversary of her repose. Fr. John will be blessing Doris's grave in the Parish Cemetery on Monday, July 26, at 11:00 AM. Memory Eternal!

**Fr John out the office, Tuesday, July 27:** Fr. John will be out of the office and away from Terryville, all day long, on Tuesday, July 27.

**Bible Study, Thursday evening, July 29, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, July 29. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, join us for Bible Study. We meet, regularly, online, on Thursday evenings. (Note: Each session is an event unto itself, so if you can only join us occasionally, that's just fine.)

**Preparing the Basement Social Hall of Church Building for renewed use:** For quite a while now, we have been using the Parish Basement Social Hall as storage space. We are storing items down there brought from the Waterbury Parish, and, also, items brought over from the Terryville Parish Community Center, during its recent renovation. This week, we cleared out about 50% of the items being stored down in the Basement Social Hall, and hope to finish that process this coming week. After we finish preparing the space, we will be able to share about how and when we will use that space for renewed social, educational, and administrative activities. Watch for more news about this soon, in future issues of the Parish Bulletin, and shared via our Parish Email list. For further information about this matter, please, see Fr. John. (And, thanks for your patience!)

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## **The Dormition Fast, August 1 to August 14**

The fourteen days from August 1 through August 14 constitute the Dormition Fast. We keep this short, two-week-long, fast each year to prepare ourselves for the commemoration of the death of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, which we commemorate each year on August 15, on the Feast of the Dormition (the Falling Asleep) of the Most-Holy Theotokos. The Feast of Dormition marks the day that the Virgin Mary died and, also, commemorates the fact that, after her blessed repose, the Virgin Mary was received bodily into the Kingdom of Heaven by her Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. During this period of fasting, special prayers are offered to the Mother of God asking her motherly intercession before her Son, and Our God, Our Lord Jesus Christ. We know that it is often the case that the intercessions of a mother have great influence with a son, so we ask the Mother of God to intercede for us before the Lord, Jesus Christ, her Son.

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## **LOOKING AHEAD, Projects Postponed, now to be Reexamined and Addressed**

Due to the COVID-19 event, certain capital improvement and renovation and repair projects planned for accomplishment on the building and grounds of our Parish were postponed. Also, during the last year, some other items needing attention became apparent.

The Parish Council has begun the process of addressing these concerns by soliciting bids for work from a general contractor. (The general contractor in this case being the same person who previously did work for the Waterbury Parish and, more recently, organized the renovation project at the Plymouth Community Food Pantry premises located in Parish Community Center building.)

It seems that our Parish may need to raise several tens of thousands of dollars to meet the costs of addressing various needs on the property. Items of concern include (but are not limited to) the crumbling retaining walls located at the exterior front of the Church building, the need to install additional railings along some of the steps leading to and from the Church (such as at the south side, "Choir" entrance of the Church), and installing new upstairs exterior doors in the Parish Community Center building.

Also, the Parish House (Rectory), built in 1969, likely needs to be updated in certain fundamental aspects, such as upgrading the electrical system and addressing plumbing concerns. During the past two decades, the exterior of the Parish House has been painted twice, and the roof was re-shingled some years ago. Also, certain improvements have been accomplished in the interior of the Parish House. However, it is time to assess the Parish House, comprehensively, for repair and renovation, so that it remains a valuable asset of the Parish.

As developments occur in these areas of concern, we will share more information with you. In the meantime, if you are interested in these projects, and wish to know more, please, see Fr. John. Also, if you see anything on the property that you feel needs to be addressed, please, see Fr. John about it.

Thanks, in advance, for your concern, interest, and willingness to support this work.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Brothers and Sisters: My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 8:28-9:1)**

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

## *Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 12:6-14)**

Brothers and Sisters: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 9:1-8)**

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.