

# 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, August 8, 2021

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Afterfeast of the Holy Transfiguration

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.** St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikus (813–820). Ven. Gregory the Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Zosimas and Sabbatius of Solovétsky Monastery (1566). St. Myron, Bishop of Crete (ca. 350). Martyrs Eleutherius and Leonidas of Constantinople, and many infants martyred with them. Ven. Gregory of Sinai (and Mt. Athos—14th c.). The “TOLGA” Icon of the Mother of God (1314).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/08/08>

### Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Monday evening, August 9, 6:30 PM, Monthly Terryville Parish Council Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, August 9, beginning at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be convened via Zoom video teleconference.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, August 11, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, August 12, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, August 12. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, August 14, 6:30 PM: Eve of the Feast of the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God, the Most-Holy Theotokos.** Great Vespers and Litya beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, August 15, 9:15 AM: Feast of the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God, the Most-Holy Theotokos.** The weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, with the elements for the Feast of Dormition included, beginning at 9:15 AM. Blessing of herbs and flowers (and seeds, too), as is traditional on this feast day.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, August 18, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **NO Bible Study, Thursday evening, August 18:** We will NOT have our usual Thursday evening Bible Study on Thursday evening, August 18. Fr. John is unavailable that evening.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, August 21, 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 22, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Fr. John away on vacation August 23-27.**

# 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***

Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky—a prominent priest	d. 8/3/21
Charles—Fr. Joshua Mosher's father-in-law	d. 7/24/21
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—for whom we have been asked to pray	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

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

Sophie Kaplonik	8/8/1963
Natalia Venger	8/9/1941
Francis Boudreau	8/9/1985
William Hasko	8/10/1956
Pelagia Pavelchak	8/10/1979
Anna Wasyluk	8/10/2005
John Fedishin	8/11/1940
Michael Lyga	8/11/1971
Anna Jay	8/11/1983
Peter Andrash	8/11/2011
Vassily Duke	8/12/1919
Lavrenti Patick	8/12/1936
John Christophy	8/12/1964
Anastasia D'Andrea	8/12/1974
Florence Pawelchak	8/12/1987
Eva Kopcha	8/12/2019
John Grela	8/13/1965
Ignati Sarojak	8/13/1937
Anna Liga	8/14/1952
Catherine Sarojak	8/14/1982

## **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  
Darilyne—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—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  
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 possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.  
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges

### ***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***

Archpriest David and Melanie K.  
Paul and Claudia S.  
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***

Protodeacon Paul & Patty Nimchek 8/9

### ***Birthdays***

NONE THIS WEEK

**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.

**The Feast of the Dormition, Saturday-Sunday, August 14-15:** This year the Feast of Dormition fall on a weekend. On the Eve of the Feast, Saturday evening, August 14, we will celebrate Festal Vespers and Litya, beginning at 6:30 PM. On the day of the Feast, Sunday morning, August 15, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:15 AM. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, we will bless herbs and flowers (and seeds, too), as is traditional on this feast day.

# Update on the Consolidation of the Waterbury and Terryville Parishes

Dear Members and Friends of the Waterbury and Terryville Parishes:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Understanding that I have made very little recent progress as regards accomplishing the tasks necessary to the consolidation of our two parishes into one legal body, I have come to see that my approach has been flawed. (Yes, certain things have been accomplished, but not enough of those things have been done, nor have they been done in a timely enough fashion—as least not to the degree that satisfies my conscience.)

I have been trying to “fit in” the tasks necessary to our consolidation into the “spaces” that naturally occur in my work schedule. However, those “spaces” have been few and far between. (The reasons for that do not need to be listed here, other than to say I have a lot going on.)

So, clearly, a different approach is necessary.

Thus, I will be cancelling all my appointments and commitments during the week of August 15 through 21, except for those that are absolutely necessary. (We will, of course, maintain our schedule of church services—those are essential.) Then, having made it possible to do so, I will be committing all my time and energy during that week to the accomplishment of tasks necessary for the legal and canonical consolidation of our two parishes. And, if this approach proves fruitful, I will repeat it at times in the future, until we get this job done.

In conclusion, I remind you that I will be away on vacation with my wife, Macrina, from August 23 through 27.

Asking your prayers and support, I remain

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

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## **LOOKING (WAY, WAY) AHEAD: The 20<sup>th</sup> All-American Council (AAC) of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) will take place at the Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD, on July 18–22, 2022**

We are already looking for a person willing to serve as the lay delegate from our parish to the upcoming 20th All-American Council (AAC) of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), which will take place at the Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD on July 18–22, 2022. If you are interested in the opportunity to serve as an AAC delegate, please, contact Fr. John Hopko.

According to the *Statute (ByLaws) of the OCA*, normal Parish representation to the AAC consists of the duly assigned Parish Priest (as opposed to a priest who is merely servicing or administering a given Parish) accompanied by a single lay delegate elected by the Parish at a full Parish Assembly. In the case of a Parish lacking a duly assigned priest, that Parish may elect a single lay delegate to the AAC. Such delegates as described in this paragraph have full privileges (speaking and voting) at the AAC. All AAC delegates must be accredited by their bishop in order to serve as delegates at the AAC.

Here we add this note about additional delegates: Attached deacons are not eligible to serve as lay delegates. Rather, according to the OCA Statute, if endorsed by their Parish Priest and accredited by their bishop, attached deacons may attend the AAC as delegates, with speaking privileges, but without voting privileges. Attached retired priests may also attend the AAC, under the same stipulations. Delegates as described in this paragraph sit among the delegates during the plenary (full, formal) sessions of the AAC, and may speak when recognized to do so by the chair, but they may not vote.

Again, if you are interested in the opportunity to serve as an AAC delegate, please, contact Fr. John Hopko. (And, if you just want to attend the AAC as a registered observer, without speaking or voting privileges, that, too, can be arranged. Talk to Fr. John H. for more details about that opportunity.)

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

### The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 15:1-7)

Brothers and Sisters: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the

encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

### The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 9:27-35)

At that time, when Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then Jesus touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As

they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity of the people.

## Readings for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Reading from the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:10-18)

Brothers and Sisters: I appeal to you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am

thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And Jesus said, "Bring them here to me." Then he

ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

