

# 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 15, 2021

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of the Dormition

**8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. The Dormition (“Falling Asleep”) of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.**

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/08/15>

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## Services and Events, Upcoming

- **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 19:** We will **NOT** have our usual Thursday evening Bible Study on Thursday evening, August 19. 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.**
- **Saturday evening Vigil, August 28, 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 29, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. Commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, September 1, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM. Church New Year.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, September 2, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, September 2. (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, September 4, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, September 5, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Tuesday evening, September 7, Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of the God, the Most-Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, 6:30 PM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy (Vespereal Liturgy) for the occasion of the Feast, 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***

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

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

Kondrat Kowalchuk	8/15/1955
Michael Sarachun	8/15/1962
Helen Rudnick	8/15/1999
Anthony Rokma	8/16/1924
William Papach	8/18/1991
Alexander Desenko	8/20/1957
John Pavelchak	8/20/1987
Clement Passechnuk	8/21/1958

## **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—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  
Jeanne M.—recovering from joint replacement surgery (doing well)

### ***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

### ***Preparing for Marriage***

Zachary and Tracey—George and Jennifer W.'s son and his fiancée

### ***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***

Gregory and Emery W.

*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***

Gregory & Deborah Wegh 8/18

### ***Birthdays***

NONE THIS WEEK

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## **Fr. John H. away this Sunday morning, serving in the New Britain Parish (Fr. David Koles serving here in Terryville)**

Dear Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT: Glory to Jesus Christ!

This Sunday morning, August 15, the Feast of the Dormition, Fr. David Koles will be substituting for me and presiding at the Divine Liturgy here in the Terryville Parish. I, in my capacity as Dean of Connecticut and Pastoral Administrator of the New Britain Parish, will be presiding in that Parish on Sunday morning.

This plan was worked out this week, in consultation with our Diocesan Chancellor, Fr. John Kreta, when it became known that the priest we had tentatively arranged to preside in New Britain this coming Sunday was no longer unavailable to do that.

The New Britain Parish is presently without a resident priest, as the search for Fr. David Koles's successor as Pastor there is ongoing. Earlier this year, right after Fr. David's retirement from active ministry, we thought that we had a replacement lined up to take his place in New Britain. However, that possibility did not come to fruition. So, my visit there this coming Sunday morning will allow me, as Dean, to pray and visit together with the faithful parishioners there, and to communicate directly with them about the present situation.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

In Christ, Fr. John H.

# 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 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.

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## Readings for the Feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos

### The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (Phil. 2:5-1)

Brothers and Sisters: Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,

even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her,

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

