

## 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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## Sundays, August 22 and 29, 2021

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Pentecost

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## Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Fr. John away on vacation August 23-27. No services at Church this week.**
- **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 God, the Most-Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, 6:30 PM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy (Vesperal Liturgy) for the occasion of the Feast, beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Wednesday morning, September 8, 9:00 AM:** Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God, the Most-Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. 9:00 AM: Prayer Service (Moleben) to the Mother of God.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, September 9, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, September 9. (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.

# 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**

Mitred Archpriest Michael Koblosh—Pastor in our Parish (1977 – 1990) d. 8/18/21  
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!***

Cyprian Panasuk 8/22/1956  
Melanie Duke 8/22/1958  
Maria Savoron 8/23/1951  
Philip Glowa 8/23/1956  
Anna Kablesch 8/24/2001  
Anastasia Letitia 8/27/1937  
Tillie Castiola 8/31/1981  
Archpriest Nicholas Kiryluk 8/31/1988  
Anna Slevinsky 9/1/1985  
John J. Pawelchak 9/1/2003  
Harry Gregory Kablesch 9/3/??  
Lucy Brozinski 9/3/1989  
Anna Glowa 9/4/1913  
William Hasko 9/4/1992

## **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**

Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev—suffering in 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)  
Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing 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

### **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**

Archpriest John and Macrina (plan to be traveling 8/23 to 8/28)  
*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**

Mark & Karry Orelup 8/26  
Richard & Laura Koski 8/31  
Sarah & Justin Gaulin 9/4

### **Birthdays**

Elizabeth Massicotte—Lenna's daughter 8/23  
Ashley Paden 8/28  
Marilou Petroff 8/30  
Kristen—Paul and Claudia S.'s daughter 9/2  
Natalia—Frank G. daughter 9/4

## Hurricane Henri

Hurricane Henri is coming ashore in Connecticut this weekend. We pray that everyone will be safe and sound, and will be kept healthy and well through this severe weather event. Be safe and smart!

**“O Lord, who calmed the rough waters with a simple word of command, and drew up the Apostle Peter from the stormy waves of the sea, preserve us in this time of unfavorable and severe weather, and save our souls, O Good One!” (Gospel of Matthew, Chapters 8 and 14)**

# NEWS AND NOTES

**FR. JOHN AWAY (Hurricane Henri permitting): Fr. John plans to be on Vacation from Sunday afternoon, August 22, through to Saturday afternoon, August 28:** With the blessing of our Diocesan authorities, Fr. John plans to be out of the office from Sunday afternoon, August 22, through to Saturday afternoon, August 28. Fr. John and his wife, Macrina, are planning to go to Vermont for those days, where they have rented a cabin in a town with the lovely name of Mount Tabor, Vermont, located on the edge of the Green Mountain National Forest.

**IF YOU NEED THE MINISTRY OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. JOHN IS AWAY: Pastoral Coverage during Fr. John's absence:** As mentioned in the previous note, Fr. John will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, August 22, until Saturday afternoon, August 28. During Fr. John's absence, in the case of a true pastoral emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, please contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013. (Alternatively, you may also contact any priest of one of the parishes of the Diocese of New England's Connecticut Deanery. You may also reach out to our parish deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek at 860-489-3220.)

**We need a Parish Lay Delegate for the Diocesan Assembly:** The Annual Diocesan Assembly is scheduled to take place, in-person at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT, on **Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30, 2021**. If you are willing to fulfill this role, please, contact Fr. John at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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## **Former Pastor (1977 to 1990) Fr. Michael Koblosh falls asleep in the Lord. Memory Eternal!**

The Mitred Archpriest Michael Koblosh, who was Pastor of our Parish from 1977 to 1990, fell asleep in the Lord this past week, on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. His funeral took place at the mission parish he was serving (even while retired) in Alexandria, Virginia, on Thursday evening and Friday morning, August 19 and 20. Our parish was represented at those services by Protodeacon Paul Nimchek and Patty Nimchek. Fr. Michael was buried at Saint Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania, on Saturday morning, August 21. Our Parish was represented at Fr. Michael's burial by Fr. John Hopko, Fr. David Koles, and the Nimchek Family. Fr. Michael is buried yards away from Fr. Vladimir Sovyrda, the late husband of our fellow parishioner, Matushka Ann Sovyrda. Also, buried nearby are a number of members of Fr. John Hopko's family, including his grandparents, Fr. Alexander and Matushka Juliana Schmemann.

Fr. John Hopko wrote this letter, which was read at the funeral services for Fr. Michael:

Dear Matushka Nadia, Larissa, Rebecca, and all the Koblosh Family:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, Connecticut, we are deeply saddened to be informed of the falling asleep in the Lord of the Mitred Archpriest Michael Koblosh. Fr. Michael was, of course, Pastor here from 1977 to 1990.

Fr. Michael was and remains a "giant" here in Terryville. In so many ways, the good things that happen here in the Terryville Parish to this very moment are built on the foundation set by Fr. Michael. We are grateful to him and for him every day.

We send our prayerful and heartfelt condolences to all who will miss Fr. Michael, and who now mourn his loss. We will miss him, too. Memory Eternal!

With love in Christ,

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor, Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **The Reading from the First Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 3:9-17)**

Brothers and Sisters: We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 14:22-34)**

At that time, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

## *Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 4:9-16)**

Brothers and Sisters: I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 17:14-23)**

At that time a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.