



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Leavetaking of the Dormition.

Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.). Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (202).
Ss. Eutychius (ca. 540) and Florentius (547), of Nursia. . St. Callinicus, Patriarch of Constantinople (705).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/08/23>

First Year Memorial for His Eminence, the late Archbishop NIKON – Memory Eternal!

On Tuesday, September 1, 2020, beginning promptly at 6:30 PM, the Connecticut Deanery will mark the first anniversary of repose of His Eminence Archbishop NIKON (Memory Eternal!) with a solemn Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) served in the outdoor pavilion at Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road, Bethany, CT. Three Saints Park is owned and operated by Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia, CT. His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, our Diocesan *Locum Tenens*, plans to be present and to preside at that Memorial Service.

Here are the parameters:

- Pre-registration is mandatory. (See details below. You will need to make a phone call.)
- Do not attend this event if you have reason to believe that you are contagious with the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), even if you are asymptomatic, and certainly if you are suffering any symptoms of COVID-19, the disease caused by that virus.
- Upon arrival, you will be checked in. This will involve having your temperature taken, providing your contact details (full name, phone number), and sanitizing your hands. Those with a body temperature of 100.4 F or greater will be asked to refrain from attending the event.
- Face masks are mandatory for all present, with the exception of those suffering medical conditions that contraindicate the wearing of such masks. Bring your own face mask. Face masks will not be provided on site. Permission to be present without the wearing of a face mask may only be provided by one of these four persons: His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, *Locum Tenens*; Fr. John Kreta, Diocesan Chancellor; Fr. John Hopko, District Dean; or Fr. Patrick Burns, Pastor of Three Saints Church.
- Please, maintain social distance, and do not touch anyone or anything unnecessarily.
- If you wish, bring your own chair. Seating will not be provided.
- This event is being convened in compliance with Governor Ned Lamont’s [Executive Order 7TT](#) promulgated on May 29, 2020, which, in part, states, “Effective immediately, the 49-person limit on religious, spiritual and worship gatherings is raised for indoor gatherings to 25% of capacity of the indoor space or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is smaller, and to 150 people for outdoor gatherings, provided in each case that appropriate safety and social distancing measures shall be employed.” (Note: This is an outdoor gathering.)

Three Saints Church, which is managing the practical aspects of this occasion, respectfully requests that all who desire to attend this Memorial service, please, pre-register by telephoning the Three Saints Church Office at 203-735-0117. When making this call, please, be sure to leave your name and phone number if you do not directly speak to the Secretary in the Office.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, and senseless violence throughout the world, especially in this time of pestilence and civil unrest.

+ 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

Mary Cartona—a Terryville resident with connections to our parish	d. 8/19/2020
Tanya Nikituk—of the Waterbury Parish	d. 8/10/2020
Cynthia—Elena Watras's cousin	d. 8/4/2020
Doris Pohlod—our fellow Terryville Parishioner	d. 7/26/2020
Subdeacon Nicholas ("Chuck") Thornhill, of the Salem, MA, Parish	d. 7/26/2020
Olga Shkymba—former member of the Waterbury Parish	d. 7/17/2020
Klaudyna—Kathy Smick's friend; victim of car accident	d. 7/15/2020

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

Maria Savoron	8/23/1951
Philip Glowa	8/23/1956
Anna Kablesh	8/24/2001
Anastasia Letitia	8/27/1937

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to the present pestilence which is 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

Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimchecks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
Donna—Ann Sovyrd's niece; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrd's niece; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington's Disease
Maria Oraschewsky—dialysis three times a week; recent minor surgery
Yelena "Lenna" Massicotte—overcoming, by God's grace, serious health challenges
Katie and Aubrey—a mother and daughter for whom we have been asked to pray
Tanya Beach—suffering long-term and lingering effects of brain hemorrhage
Mark—a profound diabetic for whom we have been asked to pray
Walter—an elderly man injured in a fall, for whom we have been asked to pray
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna Osuch; battling breast cancer
Anna—friend of Patty Nimchek; has requested our prayers

Mary—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health
Simone—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health
Barbara—friend of Patty Nimchek; unwell and in need of prayerful support
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; unwell, though improving lately
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery
Vincent—relapse of cancer; relative through marriage of P. Oraschewsky
Rosie D.—recent health issues
Michael "Mike" L.—recent health issues
child George—9-year-old son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell
David B.—acquaintance of Fr. John's; recovering from recent surgery
Paul S.—knee injury; surgery scheduled for August 26
Bill M.—recovering from a fall in which he suffered a shoulder injury
Christopher—friend of Kathy Mihailoff; struggling with cancer
Paula—friend of Jim Liverman; struggling with cancer
Cheryl—acquaintance of Carolyn P.; upcoming surgery
Dimitri—brother of Carolyn P.; health issues
child Hattie—injured in freak accident; request of a family in our parish
Antonio—suffered a serious stroke; prayed for at the request of Carolyn P.
John K.—upcoming hip surgery
Dave—Marilou P.'s cousin; recovering from recent hip surgery after a fall
Maryna B.—dealing with some health issues

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

Robert (Bob)—Patty N.'s brother; recently unwell, doing better, lately
Alex—John D.'s brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Dolores—Bob M.'s mother, resident in long-term eldercare
Anna—Rdr. John Paul Sz.'s mother; resident in long-term care

Mothers and Newly Born Children

Diana and the child Mariana newly born of her (See note on page 3.)

Expectant Mothers

Nadia and the child to be born of her—Nadia is Rich and Laura K.'s daughter
Anya and the child to be born of her—Anya is one of Fr. John's many nieces
Amber and the child to be born of her—a woman enduring a difficult pregnancy

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

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

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
Alexander—relative of Carolyn P.; 82nd Airborne Division soldier deployed abroad
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; serving in Afghanistan in the U.S. Army

Anniversaries of Marriage

Mark & Karry Orelup 8/26

Birthdays

Elizabeth Massicotte—Lenna's daughter 8/23

Prayer Request: At the request of George and Jennifer Wegh, we ask your prayers for their son Alex and his fiancée Melanie. Alex and Melanie will be married in a civil ceremony on August 29, with just close family in attendance. A larger event had been planned, but the present public health crisis is an impediment to that larger event occurring at this time. May God guide and bless Alex and Melanie. Please, keep them in your prayers. Many Years!

A Prayer Request: From a family in our parish for a child in their extended family: Please pray for the child Hattie, a 9-year-old little girl. During the second week of August, Hattie was badly injured in a freak accident when a large tree, which had fallen earlier, shifted its weight, moved suddenly and unexpectedly, and struck Hattie who was nearby. Hattie has shown remarkable and better than expected improvement this week. However, she still faces a long and uncertain path to full recovery. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers.

Memory Eternal! Mary Cartona, associated with the Terryville Parish, recently passed from this life to eternal life. She was buried on Saturday morning, August 22, in the family plot in the Terryville Parish Cemetery. Please keep Mary, and those who mourn her loss, in your prayers. Memory Eternal!

News and Notes

UPDATE – Baby Mariana: Joel and Julie Kowaleski's new granddaughter, Mariana, was born on July 21. A few days after birth she required surgery to correct a blockage in her intestine. Mariana continues to hold her own, and is continuing to make progress in improved health and strength. Please, keep the newly born child Mariana, with her parents Nicholas and Diana, in your most fervent prayers. May God grant Mariana—and all those who love her, especially her parents, Diana and Nicholas—many, many, blessed years!

Support from the Parish: If you require financial support during this vexing and challenging time, contact Fr. John, personally and confidentially, and he will endeavor to help you get the assistance that you need. The Diocese of New England has reduced by 16.7% the Fair Share contributions that it usually expects from our Parish. This reduction has been put into place with the specific intention that this money—the money that the Parish will not be sending to the Diocese, but will be retaining locally—will be used for charitable and relief purposes. Don't be shy: If you need help, contact Fr. John. All such contacts will be treated with strict confidentiality and great sensitivity.

Donations to the Parish: Please, continue to support our parish during this challenging time. Donations to the Parish may be submitted via checks made out to and mailed to Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, 34 Fairview Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786-6329. Also, a PayPal Donation “button” (<https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/donatenow>) is located on our parish website to make online donations possible. Our parish is registered as a charity with PayPal, so we have slightly lower fees connected to the use of that means of receiving donations. For us, PayPal’s fees are 2.2%, plus \$0.30 per transaction. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)

VTC Bible Study: It appears that we have significant interest in convening an online Bible Study in our parish. Fr. John will be in contact with those who have expressed an interest, in order to determine which weekday evening would be best for the most interested people. Meetings will take place via video teleconference (VTC), using the service provided by Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>). If you are interested, and have not yet contacted Fr. John about your interest, please, contact him at your earliest convenience.

NOTES FROM FR. JOHN - Sometimes we just want to be heard

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Sometimes we just want to be heard.

During these unsettling times, some members and friends of the Terryville Parish have asked to meet with me, in my pastoral capacity, for the purpose of speaking openly and honestly in a safe and confidential setting. Perhaps, you might appreciate such an opportunity.

Some of these occasions have been just a single meeting. Others have been organized as a series of regular meetings, usually once a week. These meetings last between 60 and 90 minutes, and take place these days in the Narthex of the Church building, with the doors open to allow for plenty of fresh, healthy air. Social distance is maintained.

These meetings differ from the Sacrament of Confession in that, while we may speak about things that need to be confessed as sin, we are doing something broader, more expansive. These conversations take place within the context of our Orthodox Christian Faith, and make reference to what we believe are objective truths about life and how it is meant to be lived in accordance with the will of God.

I have decided to write about this matter because those who have taken this opportunity to be heard have found the experience helpful, even healing. The “power of being heard” is an authentic human experience, validated again and again through time and across space.

If you would like to be heard, in a safe and confidential setting, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

With love in Christ, *Fr. John H.*

Readings from Holy Scripture

Readings for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, this year August 23

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 9:2-12)

Brothers and Sisters: If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not

the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat

he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Scripture Readings for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, this year August 30

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 15:1-11)

Brothers and Sisters: I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive,

though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came to Jesus, kneeling before him and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? There is no good but One, and that is God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Jesus, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Jesus, "All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow

me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

