

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, August 28, 2022

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Recovery of the relics of Saint Job of Pochaev (1659).
Ven. Moses the Ethiopian of Scete (ca. 400). Righteous Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, who met the Lord at the Temple in Jerusalem (1st c.). Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.). Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves whose relics repose in the Far Caves of Ven. Theodosius.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/08/28>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Monday, August 29, Commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist:**
Unfortunately, we will NOT have a service this day, because Fr. John must attend a morning meeting that was rescheduled from another day, due to his recent absence from Terryville.
- **Wednesday, August 31, 8:00 AM:** Matins (Morning Prayers, our weekly Wednesday morning service in our Parish)
- **Thursday, September 1, 7:00 PM (Online):** Our Weekly Parish Bible Study, via Zoom
- **Saturday, September 3, 6:30 PM:** Our Weekly Parish Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with elements from Resurrectional Matins)
- **Sunday, September 4, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy (Our weekly Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Resurrectional Divine Liturgy)
- **Wednesday, September 7, Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary, 6:30 PM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary
- **Thursday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary, 9:00 AM:** Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to the Most-Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
- **Thursday, September 8, 7:00 PM (Online):** Our Weekly Parish Bible Study, via Zoom
- **Saturday, September 10: SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED**
- **Sunday, September 11, Celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the Founding of the Terryville Parish:**
 - 9:15 AM: Primatial Divine Liturgy to be presided over by His Beatitude TIKHON, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, *Locum Tenens* of the Diocese of New England
 - 1:00 PM: Festive Anniversary Luncheon at *The Lyceum* on Main Street, in Terryville. (This is a ticketed event – please, see Fr. John Hopko for details.)

- **Tuesday, September 13, Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross of Christ, 6:30 PM:** Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the Feast
 - **Wednesday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross of Christ, 9:00 AM:** Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ
 - **Thursday, September 15, 7:00 PM (Online):** Our Weekly Parish Bible Study, via Zoom
 - **Saturday, September 17, 2:00 PM:** The Baptism and Chrismation of Cecilia Marie C., newly born to our fellow parishioners Lucy and David C. (The service will be followed by a Cake and Coffee Reception in the Parish Basement Social Hall, hosted by Cecilia's family.)
 - **NOTE TIME CHANGE: Saturday, September 17, 5:00 PM:** Our Weekly Parish Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with elements from Resurrectional Matins)
 - **Sunday, September 18, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy (Our weekly Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Resurrectional Divine Liturgy)
 - **Wednesday, September 21, 8:00 AM:** Matins (Morning Prayers, our weekly Wednesday morning service in our Parish)
 - **Thursday, September 22, 7:00 PM (Online):** Our Weekly Parish Bible Study, via Zoom
 - **Saturday, September 24, 6:30 PM:** Our Weekly Parish Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with elements from Resurrectional Matins)
 - **Sunday, September 25, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy (Our weekly Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Resurrectional Divine Liturgy)
 - **Wednesday, September 28, 8:00 AM:** Matins (Morning Prayers, our weekly Wednesday morning service in our Parish)
 - **Thursday, September 29, 7:00 PM (Online):** Our Weekly Parish Bible Study, via Zoom
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Two Episodes from the Life of Saint Moses the Ethiopian, Repentant Brigand, then Monk and Ascetic in the Egyptian Desert

Saint Moses is commemorated each year in the Orthodox Church on August 28. Moses the Ethiopian, also known as Abba Moses the Robber, the Black, and the Strong, was an ascetic monk and priest in Egypt in the fourth century AD, and a prominent Desert Father. He is highly venerated, making him amongst the most notable Desert Fathers. According to stories about him, he converted from a life of crime to one of asceticism.

+ A certain brother committed an offence in Scete, the camp of the monks, and when a congregation was assembled on this matter, they sent after Abba [Father] Moses, but he refused to come; then they sent the priest of the church to him, saying, "Come, for all the people are expecting you," and he rose up and came. He took a basket with a hole in it and filled it with sand, and carried it upon his shoulders, and those who went out to meet him said unto him, "What does this mean, O father?" And he said to them, "The sands are my sins which are running down behind me and I cannot see them, and, even, have come to this day to judge shortcomings which are not mine." And when they heard this they set free that brother and said nothing further to him.

+ A certain brother went to Abba Moses in Scete and asked him to speak a word. The elder said to him, "Go and sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything."

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!*

We pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19. We pray for all those who have perished in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. Lord have mercy.

Newly Departed

His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware)—d. 8/24, bishop, writer, lecturer

Mat. Anne—d. 8/4, Fr. John's mother

Lorraine—8/20, friend of Joan Markovich

Michael J. Mellin—d. 8/19, choir director in NY State, once W'bury parishioner

Joseph S.—friend of Jack K.; d. 8/7

Joan—d. 7/22, a woman for whom we have been asked to pray

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

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 9/3/1967

Lucy Brozinski 9/3/1989

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. We pray for all those suffering presently in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman—retired, former Primate of the OCA

Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness

Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers

Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges

Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Dolores T.—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment

Donna—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease

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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; health challenges and now widowed

Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer

Barbara—friend of Patty N.; unwell and in need of prayerful support

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

Dimetri—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

George Kla.—our fellow parishioner; facing a variety of health challenges

Joseph—friend of Jeanne M.; in need of prayers

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

Mark—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); critically ill

Domenic—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness

Louis—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness

Brittney—facing possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.

Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing; very unwell

Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges

Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; health issues

Natonya L.—Mike and Jim L.'s family member; heart surgery

Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; recent serious health challenges

Barbara S.—W'bury parishioner; recovering from surgery

Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers

Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia

Marisa—a 13-yr-old girl, acquaintance of the Nimcheks, who is quite unwell

Stephen—facing health challenges; at request of Marilou P.

Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; a person facing serious illness, courageously

Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of our prayers

Michael "Mike" A.—battling some health challenges

Robert J.—dealing with some health issues

Christopher—at the request of Elena W.; unwell and in need of prayers

Geraldine—acquaintance of Helena G.; battling lung cancer

Forrest H.—husband of Elaine H.; recovering at home after recent hospital stay

John B.—acquaintance of Jeanne M.; facing health challenges

Andrei—young man with serious health challenges; grandson of Fr. John's uncle

Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.

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

Shelby and the child to be born of her—Shelby G. is our former parishioner

Marina and the child to be born of her—relatives of the Hopkos

Any and the child to be born of her—relatives of the Hopkos

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

All those traveling during these summer months and over the upcoming holiday weekend

Mark and Karry O. and Family

Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces

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.; 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier

Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

Ruben—acquaintance of the Hopkos, deployed U.S. Marines Corps pilot

Wedding Anniversaries

Richard & Laura Koski 8/31

Birthdays

Marilou Petroff 8/30

Prayers Requested: Maryna B., friend of our Terryville Parish, and a native of Kharkiv, Ukraine, asks prayers for the health and salvation of her family and friends in Ukraine, including, specifically, her grandmother **Larissa**. Larissa, and others dear and known to Maryna, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people are suffering greatly at this time, due to attacks by the military of the country of Russia. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayers Requested: Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for the health and salvation of family members in and from Ukraine, including, specifically, her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**, and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

NOTE: Maryna B.'s brother **Dmytro**, sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and their child **Milana** (born May 6, 2022) are now here in the United States. We are grateful that they are safe, but sad that they were forced to flee as refugees from their home in war-torn eastern Ukraine. (Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Peace, hear our prayers! Lord, have mercy.)

110th Anniversary Celebration of the Terryville Parish

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, we will celebrate the 110th anniversary of the Terryville Parish.

His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, Primate (Presiding Archbishop) of the Orthodox Church in America, will be with us that morning to preside at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy that morning. The more ornate and complex hierarchical (bishop's) order of the Divine Liturgy will be used that morning.

Besides His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON and his aide or aides, our special guests for the occasion will be Archpriest Vladimir Aleandro and Matushka Suzanne Aleandro. Before Fr. Vladimir was ordained as a late vocations priest (after a previous career as a high school guidance counselor), he and his family were members here in our Terryville Parish. Fr. Vladimir retired few years ago, after a wonderful more-than-twenty-years as Pastor of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, Connecticut—a parish that he and Matushka Suzanne founded. Fr. Vladimir will be offering us words of reflection and encouragement at our Anniversary Buffet Luncheon in the afternoon on Sunday, September 11.

Regarding that Luncheon on September 11: At 1:00 PM, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will have an Anniversary Buffet Luncheon at The Lyceum, 181 Main Street (Route 6), Terryville. The Lyceum is located across Main Street (Route 6) from Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church and Baldwin Park, just minutes away from our location at 34 Fairview Avenue. At The Lyceum there is ample parking and easy access. The commute between the two locations (our Church and The Lyceum) takes 5 minutes by car, and 15 minutes by foot.

For that Anniversary Buffet Luncheon on September 11, tickets will be \$40.00 for adults, and \$20.00 for children over the age of 7. **However, the Parish will provide tickets at a lesser cost, or, even, free of charge to any member of the Parish who wishes to attend the Anniversary Buffet Luncheon, but who needs some help to do so. No one will be excluded because of need!** If you need tickets at a reduced cost or no cost, please, contact Fr. John H., directly and privately. He will keep your need for such financial aid in confidence. (Also, please note: When we say member of the Parish," we mean BOTH people with roots in the Waterbury Parish and in the Terryville Parish. We are one!)

If you wish to make a donation to help meet the further costs of the 110th Anniversary event and activities, for instance in order to defray the cost associated with hosting His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, such as hotel accommodations, travel reimbursements and honoraria, please, see Fr. John for how you can help with an additional financial gift. (Ten years ago, in 2012, when we celebrated our 100th anniversary, we received several significant financial donations, which we greatly appreciated. Maybe we can do the same now that we are celebrating our 110th anniversary.)

Luncheon tickets are now on sale. Please, see Fr. John, for details.

Finally, we do need help on the day (and maybe on the day before) to set up the hall at The Lyceum, to serve during the event, and to clean up after the event. Please, consider helping with that work.

Thanks for your consideration.

News and Notes

Choir Rehearsal, August 28: On Sunday, August 28, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and after taking a few minutes to have some refreshments, we will hold a Choir Rehearsal to prepare for the upcoming visit of His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, our bishop.

Altar Server Rehearsal, September 4: On Sunday, September 4, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and after taking a few minutes to have some refreshments, we will hold an Altar Servers' Rehearsal to prepare for the upcoming visit of His Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON, our bishop.

Special Basket Collection, Sunday, September 4: Every year, on a Sunday close to his anniversary of repose, we have a Special Basket Collection in memory of Archpriest Nicholas Kiryluk (reposed 8/31/1988) to benefit the *Fr. Nicholas Kiryluk Terryville Parish Scholarship Fund* named in his memory. Fr. Nicholas was a career U.S. Air Force Chaplain who achieved the rank of Colonel. In retirement, he lived here in Terryville, his wife Olga's hometown. Both Fr. Nicholas and Matushka Olga are buried in our Parish Cemetery. Memory Eternal!

Thank you, Laborers: We thank those who have been coming to Church to prepare both the inside and outside of our Temple and its grounds for the upcoming visit of our bishop. Thank you!

Gardening around the Church: Our fellow parishioner, Corey (Phocas) Finke, who has much professional experience in this area of life, would like to take the lead as the organizer of an *ad hoc* Parish Gardening Committee, with the goal of improving the maintenance and appearance of the Parish grounds. All interested persons are asked to contact Fr. John, who will then set up a meeting of himself, Corey, and all other interested persons. Thanks for your interest in this initiative.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Please, consider signing up to host one (or some) of our Sunday morning Coffee Social Hours (also known, these days, as "Coffee and..."). Thank you!

Thank you note received from family we are assisting: We have received a lovely thank you note from the family that we have been helping with some financial assistance. Thank you to you all those who have donated to this worthy cause. Thank you! God bless you!

Kind condolences received by Fr. John Hopko: Fr. John thanks all those who have so kindly addressed him with thoughtful and compassionate cards, letters, personal words and greetings, and other forms of condolences, following the recent departure from this life of his mother (Matushka) Anne Hopko. Matushka Anne passed from this life to eternal life on Thursday afternoon, August 4, after suffering a sudden, unexpected and, ultimately, mortal medical crisis the previous day. Memory Eternal!

Some have asked about memorial gifts that could be made in memory of Matushka Anne Hopko: Since requests have been made for this information, we are posting this notice here in the weekly parish bulletin: Memorial gifts in memory of Matushka Anne Hopko may be made to the Orthodox Church in America's (OCA's) Department of Liturgical Music, PO Box 675, Syosset, NY 11791-0675, to support the OCA's initiatives to train choir directors. Donations can also be made via the [online donation portal](#) located on the OCA website. When donating, please designate your gift to the OCA Department of Liturgical Music as being in memory of Matushka Anne Hopko to support the training of choir directors.

Scripture Readings, etc.

For decades, it has been our custom to share Scripture Readings the Parish Bulletin. However, it seems better now to provide links to the Daily Scripture Readings and other resources located on the official website of the Orthodox Church in America, www.oca.org:

Follow this link, to be taken to a section of the official Orthodox Church in America website at which you can access the Daily Scripture Readings, the Lives of the Saints arranged day-to-day throughout the year, catechetical (instructional) material about the Orthodox Faith, and section featuring Questions and Answers about the Orthodox Faith:

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