

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, September 19 and 26, 2021

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada (276). Rt. Blv. Theodore, Prince of Smolensk and Yaroslavl' (1299), and his children, Ss. David and Constantine. Martyr Zosimas, Hermit, of Cilicia (4th c.). St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury (ca. 690).

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Repose of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (2nd c.). Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Perekóp, Wonderworker of Novgorod (1492).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/09/19>

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/09/26>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- Fr. John away on vacation September 20-24. No weekday services or events at Church during his time away.
- **NO Saturday evening Vigil, September 25, 6:30 PM:** We will NOT have Saturday evening Vigil in our Parish on Saturday, September 25. Rather, Fr. John (and anyone who wishes to accompany him) will be attending the 125th Anniversary celebratory service beginning at 5:00 PM that evening at Three Saints Church, 26 Howard Avenue, Ansonia, CT.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, September 26, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **IN THE SOUTHBURY PARISH – Sunday evening, September 26, 6:00 PM—40th Day Memorial for Fr. Michael Koblosh:** At 6:00 PM on Sunday evening, September 26, at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT, a 40th Day Memorial Service ("Panikhida") will be served in prayerful remembrance of Fr. Michael Koblosh, a past Pastor (1977-1990) of our Terryville Parish. Fr. Michael also served in the Bridgeport, CT, and Southbury, CT, Parishes, so the memorial will be served in Southbury, which is most centrally located of the three parishes where Fr. Michael served.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, September 29, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, September 30, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, September 30. (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, October 2, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, October 3, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.

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.

We, also, remember the many victims of the tragic events of 9/11/2001.

Newly Departed

Mitred Archbishop Michael Koblosh—Pastor in our Parish (1977 – 1990)	d. 8/18/21
Mitred Archbishop Sergei Glagolev—a prominent priest	d. 9/1/21
Archpriest Anastasy R.—a priest who died unexpectedly and suddenly	d. 9/5/21
Gisela Opalak—Waterbury Parishioner	d. 8/27/21
Linda—Parishioners Mike and Jim L.'s aunt	d. 9/8/21

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

John Tkach	9/19/1921
Olga Petroff	9/19/2016
Amelia Pastyrnak	9/20/1975
Anthony Kowaleski	9/21/1963
Helen Hasko	9/24/1985
Wiatshelaw (Slava) Wasyluk	9/24/2007
Peter Hriceniak	9/25/1970
Paul Baychuk	9/25/1973
Anastasia Glowa	9/26/1919
Sava Shakhno	9/26/1951
Michael Witick	9/26/1974
Joseph Pavelchak	9/27/1918
Katherine Ostopchuk	9/27/1961
Deacon Stephen Wrettick	9/27/1977
Michael J. Duke	9/27/1957
Elizabeth Wauriniak	9/28/1963
Cyril Talinko	9/29/1963
Harold Lyga	9/29/1979
George Witick	10/1/1949
Adam Mattson	10/1/2006
Edward Tadaychuk	10/2/1962
Clement Sarakhyn	10/2/1952
Averky Hubchik	10/2/1969
Harry Kostyk	10/2/1980
John Kuzmich	10/2/2017

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

Matushka Ann 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
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Daryne—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.
Jeanne M.—recovering from joint replacement surgery (doing well)
Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges
Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; recent health issues
Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; recent serious health challenges
Barbara S.—Waterbury parishioner; recovering from recent surgery
Cristin—a young woman for whom we have been asked to pray (A.S.)

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

Newly Ordination

Dn. Paul H.—Fr. John H.'s "best man," Lucy C.'s Godfather; Deacon Paul was ordained to the holy diaconate on Saturday, September 18

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

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.; 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

Anniversaries of Marriage

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Peter Hopko	9/22
Caleb Andrew Paden	9/23
Luke Kowaleski	10/1

"[The] Cross is the salvation of the Church; the Cross is the boast of those who hope in it; the Cross is reconciliation of enemies to God and conversion of sinners to Christ. For through the Cross we have been delivered from enmity, and through the Cross we have been joined in friendship to God. Through the Cross we have been freed from the tyranny of the devil, and through the Cross we have been delivered from death and destruction."

-- Saint John Chrysostom, preaching about the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ

NEWS AND NOTES

Fr. John away this week on Vacation

Dear Members and Friends of the Terryville (CT) Parish:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, September 19, through to Saturday afternoon, September 25. Macrina and I are planning to go to Maine for those days, to spend time in Winter Harbor and Bar Harbor, and in Acadia National Park. (This is the second half of our "split" two-week vacation this year...the first half took place in August.)

During my 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.)

With love in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

Annual NOCC Fundraiser

Dear Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville (CT):

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Every year, in September, our fellow parishioner Jack Kriniske participates in fundraising efforts for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC – www.ovarian.org). NOCC is an organization dedicated to the goal of combating ovarian cancer. Jack's beloved wife, Donna, succumbed to ovarian cancer some years ago, after a long and brave fight against the disease. Memory Eternal!

In past years, Jack's September initiative on behalf of NOCC included participation in memorial walks held to commemorate victims of ovarian cancer. This year, however, on account of a number of factors, no such walk will be held.

Nevertheless, Jack has set up a portal on the NOCC website, through which donations can be made in memory of Donna Kriniske. That portal can be accessed at this "click-able" link:

<https://events.ovarian.org/fundraise/jack2021>

Jack thanks all those who have already or will in the future donate to NOCC in memory of Donna. If you have any questions or wish to donate in a way other than by using the online portal, please contact Jack directly. Thank you.

With love in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor



Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 16:13-24)

Brothers and Sisters: Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 21:33-42)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Scripture Readings for the 14th Sunday after Pentecost

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 1:21-2:4)

Brothers and Sisters: It is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

