

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – Afterfeast of the Ascension

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. St. Niketas, Bishop of Chalcedon (9th c.). St. Ignatii (Ignatius) the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1288). St. Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene (1st c.). Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica (244). Hieromartyr Helladius, Bishop in the East (6th-7th c.). St. Germanus (Germaine, Herman), Bishop of Paris (576).

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A Prayer on Memorial Day

(Note: What follows is a prayer our pastor, Fr. John H., wrote some years ago. He shares it here quite unofficially, as it does not come from any collection of prayers that has been officially blessed by the Church for formal use. Nevertheless, despite this prayer's status as an unofficial composition, perhaps it might be helpful to those who wish to offer a prayer on Memorial Day.)

O Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, we thank You for this occasion of remembrance, this blessed time, the annual Memorial Day set aside for the memorial of those who have perished in the crucible of war in service of truth, justice and freedom.

Grant, O Merciful Lord, that the sacrifice of those who have perished, and our remembrance of that sacrifice, not be in vain, but, rather, be in accordance with Your Divine Will.

O Compassionate One, have pity on us and bless us all—both the living and the dead—and show us Your steadfast mercy and humble love. Make Yourself known in our hearts and in our minds, in our bodies, in our souls, and in our spirits. Help us to make You, O Lord, known in the lives of those around us.

Finally, O Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the courage and resolve, if so called, to be made worthy of laying down our own lives in the service of others. For this ultimate earthly sacrifice is, truly, a divine calling, a calling You accepted on Your Holy Cross, a kenotic, self-emptying calling which we must be willing to accept if we are to be recognized as Your servants.

Grant us these petitions, O Lord Jesus Christ, for You are a Merciful and Loving God, and to You, together with Your Eternal, Everlasting Father, and with Your All-Holy Spirit, are due all honor, glory and worship, always, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Services and Events, Upcoming

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day: Fr. John will be out of the office all day on Memorial Day. He and Fr. David K. will be participating in the annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, May 31, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, June 3, the Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday, 5:30 PM: A General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") commemorating all the Faithful Departed

Saturday, June 3, the Eve of the Feast of Holy Pentecost, 6:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya commemorating the Feast of Holy Pentecost

Sunday, June 4, the Feast of Holy Pentecost, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy, followed *immediately* by the Reading of the traditional Pentecost Kneeling Prayers, and then followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, June 8, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, June 10, the Eve of All Saints Day, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, June 11, the Feast of All Saints, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Change to Schedule: June 13 through 15: Fr. John will be away attending a conference and retreat at Saint Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania. This is a continuing education opportunity for Fr. John, which he is participating in with the support of the Terryville Parish Council.

Change to Schedule: Wednesday, June 14, 8:00 AM: NO Matins on this particular Wednesday morning.

Change to Schedule: Thursday, June 15, 7:00 PM, On-line: NO Bible Study on this particular Thursday evening.

Saturday, June 17, the Eve of the Feast of All Saints of North America, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel), followed by the our monthly Rite of General Confession.

Sunday, June 18, the Feast of All Saints of North America, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

In the Salisbury Parish! Sunday, June 18, the Feast of All Saints of North America, 4:00 PM: Service of Praise and Thanksgiving (Akathist) before the Icons and Relics of the North American Saints. This service will take place at our sister parish, All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Rd, Salisbury, CT.

Wednesday, June 21, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, June 22, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, June 24, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, June 25, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Again we pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, warfare, and acts of terror and senseless violence throughout the world—both those who have died and those who have suffered and yet still live. We especially pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Lord, hear us and have mercy!

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

Newly Departed

Priest Angelo—classmate of Fr. John and Macrina's d. 4/20/23
Matushka Carol Steffaro d. 4/14/23
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew d. 4/21/23
MaryEllen—Louine K.'s daughter-in-law d. 4/22/23
Vincent—acquaintance of Julie K. and her family d. 5/7/23
Marcia Ann Casey—Julia Markovich Casey's daughter d. 5/10/23
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner d. 5/13/23
John Wegh—the late Emery W.'s brother d. 5/15/23
John B.—acquaintance of Jeanne M. d. 5/18/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Anna (Yurchyk) Guba 5/29/2008
Anastasia Panasuk 5/30/1974
John Pavelchak 5/31/1920
Nicholas Banziruk 5/31/1949
Francis Chevorniak 5/31/1956
Christine Pasachnuk 5/31/1962
Archpriest Joseph Fedoronko 5/31/1971
Mary (Markovich) Dailey 5/31/2001
Steven Kraynak 6/2/1982
Barbara Lisyk 6/3/1933
Matthew Kopcha 6/3/1958
Walter Petroff 6/3/1975

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Archpriest Andrew Tregubov—priest in New Hampshire; recently unwell
Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Donna—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease-awaiting transplant
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
Katie and Aubrey—a mother & 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
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
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
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; serious health challenges

Marisa—a young 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
Michael "Mike" A.—battling health challenges
Robert Jos.—dealing with some health issues
Geraldine—acquaintance of Helena G.; battling lung cancer
Forrest H.—husband of Elaine H.; ongoing health challenges
Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.
Rosemary—dedicated member in the New Britain Parish; health challenges
Olga—John K.'s sister-in-law; unwell and in need of our prayers
Kirk—nephew of Joan M. and Jeanne M., recovering from cardiac surgery
Richard—acquaintance of David C.; hopefully now enjoying improving health
Delores—relative of David C.; in need of prayerful support
Andrea—mourning loss of loved one; req. of Helena G.
Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., recovering from brain surgery
Jeffrey G.—John G.'s father; recovering from surgery
Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.
Bettye—acquaintance of the Hopkos, very unwell
Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, recovering from surgery
Nyla—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Beverly—important person in Lewis H.'s life; in need of prayers
Harry—at request of Joan M.; joint replacement surgery
Matushka Deborah Belonick—badly broken leg, requiring surgical repair
Paul S.—ongoing health issues
Matushka Evelyn K.—fell and broke wrist; required recent surgical repair
James—Louine King's son; injured recently
Jeffery—Leo K.'s brother-in-law; very unwell and in need of our fervent prayers
Brittany—relative of Pdn.Paul; young woman facing cancer
John O.—our fellow parishioner; recently unwell

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

Alex—John D.'s brother; suffering permanent effects of stroke
Dolores M.—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
Vera M.—now at Anthology in Farmington
Roberta K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner
Matushka Ann S.—our fellow parishioner; chronic health challenges

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Rose and the child to be born of her
Emma and the child to be born of her
Juliana and the child to be born of her—Fr. John K.'s daughter and her child
Hailey and the child to be born of her—Fr. Peter P.'s daughter-in-law
And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

Mark O. and his sons
John "Jack" K.
Laura K.—traveling to her Uncle John's funeral
Stefan K.—traveling abroad

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

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")
Shelby—Joel O.'s wife; also a U.S. Navy medic
Joseph B.—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
Joshua P.—husband of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army officer
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, U.S. Marines Corps pilot
Zachary W.—Fr. Zachary W.'s son; a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Alison Adams 6/1

Birthdays

Elliott Wingate 06/01
James "Jim" Liverman 06/02

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**. She also asks prayers for her brother **Dmytro**, sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and their child **Milana** (born May 6, 2022). (Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Peace, hear our prayers! Lord, 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!)

Prayers Requested, related to the troubles created by the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine: Elena Watras asks prayers for her Goddaughter **Vera** and her family members **Pavel**, **Timothy**, **Nina**, **Anya**, **Mitya**, **Petya**, and all their extended family. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

News and Notes

Coffee Hour Hosts: Please, consider signing up to host one (or some) of our Sunday morning Coffee Social Hours. Thank you!

Graduates: Congratulations to Julia M. and Roland M, children of Al and Lenna M. Julia is graduating from college this spring and Roland is graduating from high school. Many Years!

Let Fr. John know: If someone in your family is graduating this spring, please, let Fr. John H. know so that we can offer prayerful congratulations and best regards. God bless all the graduates!

On-line Bible Study to Resume Soon: Starting up again on Thursday evening, June 1, 7:00 PM.

Our Terryville Parish On-line Bible Study was on break for the Lenten and Paschal seasons. It will be starting up again on Thursday evening, June 1, at 7:00 PM. Bible Study will, as has become usual, run for 90 minutes, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

Our new theme will be "Understanding the Bible, An Overview."

Rather than reading one book, we will read select passages in order to obtain an overview of the entire Bible. This will likely keep us occupied for many sessions!

We will begin by reading the first three chapters of the Book of Genesis (Genesis 1-3), the beginning (the Prologue) of the Gospel according to Saint John the Theologian (Gospel of John 1:1-18), the sermon given by the Apostle Peter on the Day of Holy Pentecost (Acts 2), and the speech given by the Protomartyr Steven just before he was stoned to death (Acts 7).

For any questions or concerns, please, see or contact Fr. John H.

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A Wonderful Pilgrimage Opportunity!!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT:

Let's make a joyful, hopeful, and prayerful pilgrimage to venerate the relics of the North American saints on Sunday afternoon, June 18!

Here's more information about that opportunity:

The very first Orthodox Christian parish named to commemorate the memory of all the saints of North America is our neighboring parish of All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Rd, Salisbury, CT 06068. That's up in the northwest corner of Connecticut.

Annually, on the Sunday of All Saints of North America, which is always the second Sunday after Pentecost (June 18, this year), that parish hosts Orthodox Christians from our region for a service of prayer and thanksgiving celebrated before the icons and relics of the North American saints that are present in that parish. Fr. John Kreta, pastor of that parish (as well as the Chancellor of our Diocese of New England) tells us that the Salisbury parish now stewards holy relics of ten of the North American saints. This is quite remarkable. I know of no other place where such a gathering exists. *(Turn page for more information about this event.)*

On Sunday, June 18, at 4:00 PM, at All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, CT, an Akathist Service (a service of praise and thanksgiving) will be celebrated before the icon and relics of the North American saints. That service will be followed by a fellowship reception with refreshments.

It is about an hour's drive up to Salisbury from here in Terryville. The trip for this occasion on June 18 is well worth our time, and the drive up passes through some beautiful countryside. Perhaps, some of us can carpool, and make the trip together.

Holy Saints of North America, pray to God for us!

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

Scripture Readings, etc.

It has been our custom in the past 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:

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy>

The End! Glory be to God!

