

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, June 12, 2022

Holy Pentecost

8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 7. Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity . Ven. Onuphrius the Great (4th c.) and Ven. Peter of Mt. Athos (734). Finding of the Relics (1649) and the second glorification (1909) of Rt. Blv. Anna of Kashin. Ven. Arsenius, Abbot of Konevits (1447). Ven. Onuphry, Abbot of Mal'sk (Pskov—1492). Ven. Bassian and Jonah of Pertomsk (Solovétsky Monastery—1561). Ven. Onuphry and Auxenty of Vologdá (15th-16th c.). Ven. Stephen of Komel', Abbot of Ozérsk Monastery (Vologdá—1542). Ven. John, Andrew, Heraclemon, and Theophilus, Hermits, of Egypt (4th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/06/12>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 PM:** Monthly meeting (online) of the Terryville Parish Council meeting, via ZOOM.
- **Wednesday, June 15, 8:00 AM :** Our weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service
- **Thursday, June 16, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
- **Saturday, June 18, in the morning:** On Saturday morning, June 18, Fr. John will be baptizing a child recently born to a family with connections to our Parish
- **Saturday, June 18, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
- **Sunday, June 19, Sunday of All Saints, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, June 20:** First Day of the Apostles' Fast (which lasts until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29)
- **Wednesday, June 22, 8:00 AM :** Our weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service
- **Thursday, June 23, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
- **Friday, June 24, Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, 9:00 AM:** Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to Saint John the Baptist
- **Saturday, June 25, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
- **Sunday, June 26, Sunday of All Saints of North America, 9:05 AM:** The Reception into the fullness of the Orthodox Christian faith of Mikkel "Mike" Adams.
- **Sunday, June 26, Sunday of All Saints of North America, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

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. And, we pray for the children and their teachers who perished in Uvalde, TX. Lord have mercy.

Newly Departed

Matushka Genevieve Glagolev d. 5/23/22
James "Jim" B.—husband of Nancy B. of the W'bury Parish d. 5/22/22

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

Anthony Kalechy 6/12/1913
Theodore Tadaychuk 6/12/1967
Rose Shavstruck 6/13/1955
Eva Habrukovich 6/14/1974
Adam Omelchik 6/15/1951
Anna Sobestanovich 6/16/2006
Maria Sarafin 6/17/1947
Anna Biscoe 6/18/1994
Archimandrite Anthony Repella 6/18/1957

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

Priest Ceraphim—a Diocesan priest; suffered a heart attack on May 6
Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
Archpriest Nicholas—upcoming surgery, to repair knee injury
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
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; 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
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
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
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
Christina—surgery for cancer on March 14; acquaintance of Fr. John H.
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
Mike—battling some health challenges
Robert J.—dealing with some health issues
Jeanne M.—healthy, but dealing with other challenges at this time
Christopher—at the request of Elena W.
Herman—unwell; at request of the Orelup Family
Geraldine—acquaintance of Helena G.; battling lung cancer

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

Mother and Newly born child

Yuliia and her newly born child Milana—Milana was born on May 6 in Kyiv after only 29 weeks of pregnancy. Milana weighed two pounds at birth, and is still in neonatal intensive care, in critical, yet stable condition. Yuliia is Maryna B.'s sister-in-law.

Expectant Mothers

Lucy and the child to be born of her—Lucy C. is our fellow parishioner
Maura and the child to be born of her—Maura is Lucy and David C.'s friend
Katherine and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos
Sharon and the child to be born of her—acquaintance of Fr. John H.
Shelby and the child to be born of her—Shelby G. is our former parishioner

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

Elena W.
James "Jim" W.
Deb W. – will soon be traveling abroad

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

Fr. John & Macrina Hopko 6/17

Birthdays

Jacob Janco 6/15
Luda Saltourides 6/16

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Gory to Jesus Christ!

Sometimes, in the face of personal struggles, or the struggles of others, or the struggles of the whole world, we feel powerless. When we feel this way, we must remember the power of prayer. God, in His own time, and in His own way, according to His own wisdom, answers our prayers. We must pray. We must intercede for ourselves and others. Remembering that the Lord is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, we must never fail to pray. (See Exodus 34:6) We must remain steadfast in prayer. May God strengthen us in our prayers and help us to reach out to Him in faith and hope and love.

With love in Christ, Fr. John H.

Additional Prayers Requested

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**, her brother **Dmytro**, her sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and Yuliia and Dymtro's prematurely born newborn daughter, **Milana** (see next note), and, also, for **Alexander** and **Aleksey**. Maryna's grandmother, Larissa, and other family and friends, 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: *Related to the request made above:* Maryna Bharara's sister-in-law, Yuliia, for whom we have been praying, went into premature labor on May 6, at 29 weeks of pregnancy. That day, May 6, Yuliia delivered a baby girl, Milana, who only weighed 2 pounds at birth. Baby Milana is presently in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in Kyiv, Ukraine, where Yuliia has been living. Little Milana is still in the NICU, but is making progress. Please, pray for Yuliia, her husband Dmytro, and their newly born child, Milana.

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!)

Reception into the Fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith: Mikkell ("Mike") Adams will be received into the Fullness of the Fellowship and Communion of the Orthodox Faith on Sunday morning, June 26. The Rite of Receptions will take place as part of the Divine Liturgy that morning. Mike has been faithfully attending Sunday services with us, and has been participating in catechesis on a regular basis with Fr. John. Fr. John and Mike have been meeting for discussion and instruction for many months now. Please, keep Mike, and his family, in your prayers. John "Jack" Kriniske will serve as Mike's sponsor. Many Years!

Congratulations Graduates!

Effie S., daughter of John and Luda, is graduating from high school this month. She will attend UCONN-Avery Point in the fall. Congratulations and Many Years!

'TIS THE SEASON: Graduates: If you or a member of your family is graduating this spring, please let us know, so that we might share the news with our Parish Family, and offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

- **LOOKING AHEAD:** The Apostles' Fast: The Apostles' Fast (also known as The Saints Peter and Paul Fast) begins this year on Monday, June 20, and lasts a week and a half, until the feast of the Holy Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, which takes place on June 29. The Apostles' Fast always begins on the Monday after All Saints Day (the second Monday after Pentecost) and always ends on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, which is always solemnized on June 29. This fasting period comes following all the celebrating we have been doing during the Paschal season, and, therefore, serves to return us to what might be called "regular time" in the Church.
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A Prayer Against Demonic Influence, Asking Rather to be Filled with the Holy Spirit

O Almighty God, Who delivered Your people from the bondage of the adversary, and through Your Son cast down Satan like lightning, deliver me also from every influence of unclean spirits. Command Satan to depart far from me by the power of Your only begotten Son. Rescue me from demonic imaginings and darkness. Fill me with the light of the Holy Spirit that I may be guarded against all snares of crafty demons. Grant that an angel will always go before me and lead me to the path of righteousness all the days of my life, to the honor of Your glorious Name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Feast of Holy Pentecost: The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

*Excerpt from the book **The Orthodox Way** by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware*

The whole aim of the Christian life is to be a Spirit-bearer, to live in the Spirit of God, to breathe the Spirit of God. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). How is Christ present in our midst? Through the Holy Spirit! “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). How is Christ always with us? Through the Holy Spirit! Because of the Comforter’s presence in our heart, we do not simply know Christ at fourth or fifth hand, as a distant figure from long ago, about whom we possess factual information through written records; but we know him directly, here and now, in the present, as our personal Savior and our friend. With the Apostle Thomas we can affirm, “My Lord and my God (John 20:28). We do not merely say “Christ was born” – once, very long ago; we say “Christ is born” – now, at this moment, in my own heart. We do not say merely “Christ died” but “Christ died for me.” We do not say merely “Christ rose” but “Christ is risen” – he lives now, for me and in me. This immediacy and personal directness in our relationship with Jesus is precisely the work of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit, then, does not speak to us about himself, but he speaks to us about Christ. “When the Spirit of Truth is come,” says Jesus at the Last Supper, “he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak about himself....he will take what is mine and show it to you’ (John 16:13-14). The Holy Spirit points, not to himself, but to the risen Christ.

About the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, three things are particularly striking: first, it is a gift to all God’s people. “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4). The gift or charisma of the Holy Spirit is not conferred only upon bishops and clergy but upon each of the baptized. All are Spirit-bearers, all are – in the proper sense of the word – “charismatics.” Secondly, it is the gift of unity. “They were all with one accord in one place” (Acts 2:1). The Holy Spirit makes the many to be one Body in Christ. The Spirit’s descent at Pentecost reverses the effect of the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:7). The Spirit brings unity and mutual comprehension, enabling us to speak with “one voice.” Of the first Christian community at Jerusalem, in the period immediately following Pentecost, it is stated that they “had all things in common” and were “united in heart and soul” (Acts 2:44 and 4:32); and this should be the mark of the Pentecostal community of the Church in every age. Thirdly, the gift of the Spirit is a gift of diversity: the tongues of fire are “divided” (Acts 2:3) and they are distributed to each one directly. Not only does the Holy Spirit make us all one, but he makes us each different. At Pentecost, the multitude of different tongues was not abolished, but it ceased to be a cause of separation; each spoke as before, in his own language, but by the power of the Spirit each could understand the others. For me to be a Spirit-bearer is to realize all the different characteristics in my personality; it is to become truly free, truly myself in my uniqueness.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness...” (Galatians 5:22). The conscious awareness of the Spirit’s action should be something that permeates the whole of our inward life. It is not necessary for everyone to undergo a striking “conversion experience.” Still less is it necessary for everyone to “speak in tongues.” Most contemporary Orthodox Christians view with deep reserve that part of the “Pentecostal Movement” which treats “tongues” as the decisive and indispensable proof that someone is truly a Spirit-bearer. Discernment is necessary in the case of “tongues.” Often it is not the Spirit of God that is speaking through the tongues, but the all-too-human spirit of auto-suggestion and mass hysteria. “Beloved, trust not every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God” (1 John 4:1). In any event, St. Paul insists that this is one of the least important of the spiritual gifts (see 1 Corinthians 14:5).

Orthodoxy, therefore, while insisting upon the need for a conscious, direct experience of the Holy Spirit, insists also upon the need for discernment and sobriety. Our participation in the gifts of the Spirit needs to be purged of all that is merely fantasy, delusion and emotional excitement. Gifts that are genuinely spiritual are never to be rejected, but we should never pursue such gifts as an end in themselves. Our aim in the life of prayer is not to gain “sensible” feelings or experiences of any kind, but simply and solely to conform our will to God’s. “I seek not what is yours, but you,” says St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 12:14); and we say the same to God. We seek not the gifts but the Giver!

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Sunday of Holy Pentecost

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 2:1-11)

At that time, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (John 7:37-52; 8:12)

At that time, on the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The

officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Scripture Readings for the First Sunday after Holy Pentecost, which is All Saints Day

The Reading from the Book of Hebrews (Hebrews 11:32-12:2)

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted,

ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."