

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, July 4, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of All Saints of North America

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia). St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete (712). Ven. Andrei Rublev (14th-15th c.). Ven. Martha, mother of Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger—554). Burial of St. Andrei Bogoliubsky (1174). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Archimandrite, of Suzdal' (1507). Martyrs Theodotus and Theodotia at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (108). Hieromartyr Theodore, Bishop of Cyrene in Libya and with him Martyrs Cyprilla, Aroa, and Lucia (310). Ven. Tikhon, Vasily and Nikon, Monks, of Solovétsky Monastery (16th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/07/04>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Monday, July 5:** Fr. John will be out of the office, all day long, on Monday, July 5.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, July 7, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins for local parish usage), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, July 8, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, July 8. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, join us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening, July 10, 5:15 PM:** Choir Rehearsal, beginning at 5:15 PM, in preparation for full choral singing at our liturgical services.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, July 10, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, July 11, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Monday, July 12, Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council, 6:30 PM, ONLINE:** The Terryville Parish Council will meet next on Monday evening, July 12. That meeting will be convened via video teleconference (ZOOM) beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, July 14, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins for local parish usage), beginning at 8:00 AM.

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

William—prayed for at the request of the Nimcheks d. 5/28/2021
George—prayed for at the request of Marilou P. d. 6/3/2021
Genevieve—Carolyn P.'s aunt d. 6/24/2021

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

John Astrow 7/6/1959
Michael Wittick 7/7/1920
Stephen Shopay 7/8/1917
Alexander Sveschuk 7/10/1928
Mary Hrabsky 7/10/1981

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 (especially those in parts of the world where the progress fighting the disease we have made here in Connecticut has not yet been accomplished.)

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Archpriest Michael K.—former pastor of our parish; recurrence of illness
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
Darilyne—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
Rosie D.—ongoing health issues
Michael "Mike" L.—ongoing health issues
child George—9-year-old son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell
Bill M.—has experienced some health issues lately, 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
Sarah—a young woman for whom we have been asked to pray (D.B.)
Richard—a man struggling with cancer, for whom we have been asked to pray
Maria O.—dialysis three times a week
George K.—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
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
George K.—Bob M.'s brother-in-law; very ill at this time

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

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

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
Ian H.—Fr. David K.'s son-in-law; overseas deployment, U.S. Army

Anniversaries of Marriage

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Olivia Wingate

7/5

News and Notes

Fr. John out of office, Monday, July 5: Fr. John H. will be out of the office on Monday, July 5.

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Monday, July 12, Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council: The Terryville Parish Council will meet next on Monday evening, July 12. That meeting will be convened via video teleconference (ZOOM) beginning at 6:30 PM. Our Parish Council meetings are open to any member of the Parish, though only Parish Council members have voting privileges. If you wish to participate, please, contact Fr. John H. Also, if you have any agenda items for that meeting, please, again, contact Fr. John H.

Bringing back Choral Singing to our Parish Life

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

As you know, for a long time now, we have been depending upon one or two people (cantors) to sing in place of our usual choir at our liturgical services. This is because having a full choir in the time of COVID-19 is a challenge. As COVID-19 continues to dissipate in our area, and as vaccinations rates continue to rise, we are hoping now to resume choral singing as part of our regular liturgical life.

So, we are planning to hold Choir Rehearsal on Saturday afternoon, July 10, at 5:15 PM (before Vespers, which begins at 6:30 PM), and to have those who wish to participate sing together as the Choir at the liturgical services taking place on Saturday evening, July 10, and Sunday morning, July 11.

Please, let me know if you are interested in participating in our Parish Choir, as it resumes its rightful place in our Parish life. We are truly looking forward to having our Choir, once again, singing in Church.

With love in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

St. Nektarios of Aegina, The Path to Happiness

“A Christian must be courteous to all. His words and deeds should breath with the grace of the Holy Spirit, which abides in his soul, so that in this way he might glorify the name of God. He who regulates all of his speech also regulates all of his actions. He who keeps watch over the words he is about say also keeps watch over the deeds he intends to do, and he never goes out of the bounds good and benevolent conduct. The graceful speech of a Christian is characterized by delicateness and politeness. This fact, born of love, produces peace and joy. On the other hand, boorishness gives birth to hatred, enmity, affliction, competitiveness, disorder and wars.”

“How mistaken are those people who seek happiness outside of themselves, in foreign lands and journeys, in riches and glory, in great possessions and pleasures, in diversions and vain things, which have a bitter end! In the same thing to construct the tower of happiness outside of ourselves as it is to build a house in a place that is consistently shaken by earthquakes. Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God. Thus says Christ of those who have pure hearts: “I will visit them, and will walk in them, and I will be a God to them, and they will be my people.” (II Cor. 6:16) What can be lacking to them? Nothing, nothing at all! For they have the greatest good in their hearts: God Himself!”

- St. Nektarios of Aegina, The Path to Happiness

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday after Holy Pentecost, which is the day on which we annually commemorate the memory of all the saints of North America

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 2:10-16)

Brothers and Sisters: Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 4:18-23)

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 5:1-10)

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.