

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, July 10, 2022

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Ven. Anthony of the Kiev (Kyiv) Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia (1073). Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia, including Leontius, Maurice, Daniel, Anthony, Alexander, Sisinius, Meneus, and Belerad (Verelad—ca. 319). The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Lord at Moscow (1625). Ven. Silvanus, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Apollonius of Sardis (3rd c.). Martyrs Bianor and Silvanus of Pisidia (4th c.). 10,000 Fathers of the deserts and caves of Scete martyred by the impious Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria (ca. 398). Martyr Nikodēmos of Elbassan (Albanian—1722). Monastic Martyr Nectarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1820). The KONEVSKAYA Icon of the Mother of God.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/07/10>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Sunday, July 10, 9:05 AM:** The Reception into the fullness of the Orthodox Christian faith of Mikkel “Mike” Adams.
- **Sunday, July 10, the 4th Sunday After Pentecost, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
- **Wednesday, July 13, 8:00 AM:** Our weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service

Note: CHANGE IN PLANS: There are changes in what was previously announced for July 14 through 17. The following will prevail on those days:

- **Thursday, July 14, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study will take place on Thursday evening, July 14, beginning at 7:00 PM. *(Fr. John H.’s travel plans have changed, and he will have not yet departed to travel to the All American Council taking place in Baltimore, from July 18 to July 22.)*
- **Saturday, July 16, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel, with Fr. John H. presiding. *(Fr. John H.’s travel plans have changed, and he will have not yet departed to travel to the All American Council taking place in Baltimore, from July 18 to July 22.)*
- **Sunday, July 17, the 5th Sunday After Pentecost, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, with Fr. John H. presiding. *(Fr. John H.’s travel plans have changed, and he will have not yet departed to travel to the All American Council taking place in Baltimore, from July 18 to July 22.)*
- **Sunday afternoon, July 17:** Fr. John H. departs for Baltimore, MD, where he will be attending the Orthodox Church in America’s All American Council (OCA AAC). *(By usual practice, the OCA AAC takes place once every three years and gathers clergy and lay delegates from all over North America to do the necessary central administrative business of the OCA.)*
- **CANCELED: Wednesday, July 20, 8:00 AM:** We will **NOT** have our usual weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service on this Wednesday morning, July 20, since Fr. John will be in Baltimore for the All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America.

- **CANCELED: Thursday, July 21:** We will **NOT** have our usual Thursday evening Bible Study on this Thursday evening, July 21, since Fr. John will be in Baltimore for the All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America.
 - **Friday, July 22:** The Orthodox Church in America All American Council (OCA AAC) ends, and Fr. John H. travels home to the Connecticut.
 - **Saturday, July 23, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
 - **Sunday, July 24, the 6th Sunday After Pentecost, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
 - **Wednesday, July 27, 8:00 AM:** Our weekly Wednesday morning Matins Service
 - **Thursday, July 28, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
 - **Saturday, July 30, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
 - **Sunday, July 31, the 7th Sunday After Pentecost, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
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Sunday, July 10: Reception into the Fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith: Mikkel (“Mike”) Adams will be received into the Fullness of the Fellowship and Communion of the Orthodox Faith on Sunday morning, July 10. The Rite of Reception 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!

A Brief Summary of the Life of St. Anthony of Kiev (Kyiv)

St. Anthony of Kiev (Kyiv), who lived in the 11th century, was the founder and father of monasticism in the lands of ancient Rus’. Anthony (named Antipas at birth) was born in a village near Chernigov (Chernihiv) in present day Ukraine, and, at an early age, left his home and went to Athos, the Holy Mountain, in northern Greece, where he was tonsured a monk, taking at that time the name Anthony. On Mount Athos Anthony lived a life of asceticism in the Monastery of Esfigmenou. Then, in obedience to a heavenly appearance, the abbot of that monastery sent Anthony back to his homeland to establish monasticism. Anthony chose to live in a cave near the city of Kiev.

When those who were desirous of a monastic life gathered around him, Anthony then appointed Theodosius as abbot and he remained in the cave as a hermit. By the blessing of God, the monastery (now called the Monastery of the Kievan Caves—an important place of pilgrimage to this day) increased and became the parent-monastery of Russian monasticism.

Anthony endured much evil, both from men and demons, but he conquered all by his humbleness. He possessed the great gift of discerning thoughts and the future, and he healed the sick. He presented himself to the Lord in the year 1073 A.D. at the age of ninety, leaving his spiritual nursery, the Monastery of the Caves in Kiev, to bring beneficial fruits to the Orthodox people throughout the ages.

On Humility, from the Life of Saint Macarius the Great: One day, as Saint Macarius was returning to his monastic cell from the marsh carrying palm-leaves [for the early monks in Egypt would weave palm leaves into mats to sit, kneel, and sleep on], the devil met him with a sharp sickle, and would have struck him, but he could not. The devil cried out, "Great is the violence I suffer from you, Macarius, for when I want to hurt you, I cannot. But whatever you do, I do and more also. You fast now and then, but I am never refreshed by any food; you often keep vigil, but I never fall asleep. Only in one thing are you better than I am, and I acknowledge that." Macarius said to him, "What is that?", and he replied, "It is because of your humility alone that I cannot overcome you."

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

Herman—died on July 2nd; prayed for at request of the Orelup Family

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!* (6/26 to 7/16)

Walter Polochan	6/26/1962
Helen Sulish	6/26/1992
Charles “Chas” King	6/26/2005
Paul Andrash	6/28/1969
Peter Saugran	6/29/1961
Priscilla Krivoy	6/29/1989
Theodore Yatsenick	7/1/1946
Michael Shopay	7/1/1981
Ann Biscoe	07/01/??
Peter Sandyk	7/2/1966
Tillie O’Hazo	7/2/1991
Michael Shaltis	7/3/1931
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
Theodora Andrash	7/11/1949
Peter Kowaleski	7/11/2008
Lovey (Luba) Kowaleski	7/11/2015
Michael Zolotar	7/12/1964
Pedro Kaidalow	7/12/1985
Joanna Susidko	7/13/1969
Martin Wallick	7/14/1970

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
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
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
Christopher—at the request of Elena W.
Geraldine—acquaintance of Helena G.; battling lung cancer
Joseph S.—friend of Jack K.; unwell and in need of prayers
Forrest H.—husband of Elaine H.; hospitalized with heart issues

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

Lucy and the child to be born of her—Lucy C. is our fellow parishioner
Katherine and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos
Shelby and the child to be born of her—Shelby G. is our former parishioner
Marina and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos
Anya and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos

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

All those traveling during these summer months

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

None during this time interval

Birthdays (Between June 26 and July 16th)

Alexandra Wingate	7/1
Olivia Wingate	7/5
Melanie Koles	7/14
Anna Saltourides	7/15



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**. 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: 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) have now arrived 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.)

Please help with a generous donation: A family in our Parish is suffering economic hardship.

A family in our Parish is suffering economic hardship. We need to help.

Maintaining strict confidentiality (to the degree that *only* Fr. John and Protodeacon Paul N. will be directly aware of which family we are assisting), and not prying into this family's personal affairs, our Parish will endeavor to assist this suffering family financially, making use of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

All money collected in support of this charitable cause will be passed through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is a Fund in our Church that is managed by Fr. John, with the help, as necessary, of Protodeacon Paul. The Fund is managed, in confidence, so that Fr. John can meet charitable needs, while maintaining both confidentiality and the privacy of those being assisted. Fr. John will report to the Parish Council about how much money is raised and how much is expended. However, he, with Protodeacon Paul, will keep in confidence the identity of those being assisted. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund has existed in our Parish from a time pre-dating Fr. John's arrival as Pastor twenty-two summers ago.

Specific to this appeal, there are several ways that you can donate to help support this charitable cause:

First, on Sunday, July 10, you can arrive at Church prepared to give generously to a Special Basket collection that we will take on behalf of this family on that Sunday morning, July 10.

Second, if you are not going to be in Church on July 10, or if you wish to give to this cause right away, please, bring or send a check to Fr. John. Your check should be made out to "Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church" and, in the memo line, please, write these words: "For Pastor's Discretionary Fund—Charity Gift." If you are mailing your check, please, address your mailing envelope as follows: Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, 34 Fairview Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786-6329.

Third, if you wish to give via our Parish's PayPal portal, please, do so via the following link and make sure, again, to specify that your gift is for "The Pastor's Discretionary Fund." Here's the link:

<https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/donatenow>

Again, thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request. Please, keep in your personal prayers the family that is presently suffering hardship. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please, contact Fr. John, at your earliest convenience.



Readings from Holy Scripture

Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 6:18-23)

Brothers and Sisters: Having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 8:5-13)

At that time Jesus entered Capernaum, and a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Brothers and Sisters: My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matt. 8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.