

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (Second “Feast of the Savior” in August). New Martyr Habakkuk (17th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/08/06>

Services and Events, Upcoming

Wednesday morning, August 9, Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska, 8:00 AM: A Service of Prayer to Saint Herman of Alaska, the first-glorified saint of North America.

CANCELED!!! Thursday, August 10, 7:00 PM, On-line: NO Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference. (Bible Study is CANCELED on 8/10/2023.)

Saturday, August 12, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, August 13, 9:15 AM, Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Transfiguration: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Monday, August 14, 7:00 PM, Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos: Festal Great Vespers with Litya (the Blessing of the Loaves, Wheat, Wine and Oil) to mark the occasion of the Feast.

Tuesday, August 15, 9:15 AM, Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos: Festal Divine Liturgy, for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Wednesday, August 16, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, August 19, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel), followed by our Parish’s Monthly Rite of General Confession

Sunday, August 20, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Monday, August 21, Terryville Parish Council On-line Meeting, 7:00 PM: At 7:00 PM on Monday, August 21, the Terryville Parish Council will convene via Zoom video teleconference.

Wednesday, August 23, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, August 24, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, August 26, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, August 27, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Tuesday, August 29, Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, 8:00 AM: Service of Prayer to St. John the Baptist

NO SERVICES: Wednesday, August 30: NO Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, August 31, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, September 2, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, September 3, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Monday, September 4: Fr. John will be out of the office all day long on Monday, September 4.

Wednesday, September 6, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday evening, September 7, Eve of the Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos, 7:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya for the Eve of the Feast.

Friday morning, September 8, Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast

Saturday, September 9, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, September 10, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

NO SERVICES: Wednesday, September 13: NO Matins (Morning Prayers)

Wednesday evening, September 13, Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord, 7:00 PM: Great Vespers, with the Bringing out of the Holy Cross for Special Veneration

Thursday morning, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast

Thursday evening, September 14, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, September 16, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, September 17, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 20, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, September 21, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, September 23, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel), followed by our Parish's Monthly Rite of General Confession

Sunday, September 24, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 27, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, September 28, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

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

MaryAnn—acquaintance of Mike N.	d. 8/5/23
Rita—Mike A.'s grandmother	d. 7/30/23
Joseph—Lynn H.'s uncle	d. 7/28/23
Irene—Paul Senetcen's aunt	d. 7/25/23
Ann—Paul Senetcen's aunt	d. 7/15/23
John Osuch—our fellow parishioner	d. 7/7/23
Casimir—Claudia S.'s and Melanie K.'s Aunt Pearl's husband	d. 7/7/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Lydia Hussey	8/7/1990
Sophie Kaplonik	8/8/1963
Natalia Venger	8/9/1941
Francis Boudreau	8/9/1985
William Hasko	8/10/1956
Pelagia Pavelchak	8/10/1979
Anna Wasyluk	8/10/2005
John Fedishin	8/11/1940
Michael Lyga	8/11/1971
Anna Jay	8/11/1983
Peter Andrash	8/11/2011
Vassily Duke	8/12/1919
Lavrenti Patick	8/12/1936
John Christophy	8/12/1964
Anastasia D'Andrea	8/12/1974
Florence Pawelchak	8/12/1987
Eva Kopcha	8/12/2019

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
Archpriest Mark Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
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
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
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.
Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, unwell
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—severely broken leg, still requiring rehabilitation
Paul S.—ongoing health issues; upcoming medical procedures (8/14)
Matushka Evelyn K.—fell and broke wrist; complication break requiring long recovery
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
Ruth S.—friend of the Hopkos; badly injured in a fall
Alexandra—Fr. John H.'s sister; suffers with Neurofibromatosis Type 2 (NF2)
Reader Matthew—friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; in need of prayers
Oleg—friend of Subdeacon John Paul S; very worrying diagnosis of health issue
Ken—friend of Kathy M.; suffering with lymphoma (cancer)
John—a man suffering from cancer (Justine S.'s father)
Mark and Family—at request of Lenna M.; friends of Lenna's in need of prayer
Deb W.—recovering from joint replacement surgery
Timothy ("Tim") O.—suffering with some health issues
Bill ("Basil") L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers
Mat. Ann S.—underwent urgent surgery on 8/4 to treat broken hip

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

Emma and the child to be born of her—Fr. John H.'s niece and her baby
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
Liridona and the child to be born of her—Valbona H.'s sister-in-law
Amber and the child to be born of her—Louine K.'s granddaughter-in-law
And all the expectant mothers and their children (*esp., J.S., J.B., and S.I.*)

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

Christyn O.—away on study fellowship
Paul and Claudia S. – until 8/12
Archpriest David and Melanie K. – until 8/12
David, Lucy, and Cecilia C.—will be traveling 8/13 through
And 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")
Shelby—Joel O.'s wife; also a U.S. Navy medic
Joseph B.—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
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

Preparing for Marriage

Jacob and Teodora

Wedding Anniversaries

Protodeacon Paul & Patty Nimchek 8/9

Birthdays

NONE THIS WEEK

Prayers Requested, related to the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine: Maryna B., friend of our Terryville Parish, and a native of Kharkiv, Ukraine, asks prayers for her family and friends in Ukraine, including her grandmother **Larissa**, her brother **Dmytro**, his wife **Yuliia**, and their child **Milana**. Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**,

and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**. Elena Watras asks prayers for her Goddaughter **Vera** and Vera's family members **Pavel, Timothy, Nina, Anya, Mitya, Petya, and all their extended family**.

Saint Herman of Alaska, First-Glorified and First-Canonized of the North American Saints ***Commemorated each year on August 9 and December 13***

St. Herman was born into a merchant family in a suburb of Moscow around 1758. He entered the monastic life in 1772 at the Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Skete near St. Petersburg and, in 1779, transferred to the ancient and famous Valaam Monastery.

At one point while he was at the Trinity-Sergius Skete, the right side of his throat became infected and an abscess formed. He was unable to swallow and his condition worsened, bringing him close to death. As he lay in pain one night, he turned to his icon of the Theotokos and asked her to pray for his health. He then took a moist towel and with it wiped the face of the Virgin and covered his swollen face with the towel, continuing in prayer. Falling into sleep, he saw a vision of the Theotokos healing him. When he woke up in the morning, the swelling was gone and the abscess was completely healed.

In the 18th century, Russia's borders expanded and merchants discovered the Aleutian Islands that formed a chain across the Pacific Ocean to America. With the opening of these islands, the Russian Church recognized the imperative to bring the Gospel to the native inhabitants. The Holy Synod asked for ten men to be sent from the Valaam Monastery to missionize the new territories. Father Herman was among those selected for the historic and holy endeavor. After traveling for nearly a year, the group arrived in America on September 24, 1794, to begin their work. They immediately set up a base of operation and school on Kodiak Island, teaching the natives in both Russian and Aleut, and traveling throughout the Aleutian Islands and the Alaskan mainland. Several thousand of the natives quickly received the Gospel and were baptized.

Within a few years, most of the other members of the original missionary party died; but Herman lived and worked on Spruce Island for more than forty years. He lived in a little hut. Not far from it he built a schoolhouse and a guest house. Father Herman himself spaded a garden in front of his hut, raising potatoes, cabbage, and other vegetables. He worked with superhuman strength. He was seen one winter night, for example, carrying a large log that would normally have required four men to lift; and he was barefoot! Everything that he acquired as a result of his immeasurable labors he used for the feeding and clothing of orphans and for books for his students. He loved all and everyone loved to converse with him and to hear his sermons, especially the children, for whom he would bake cookies. He even conversed with wild animals and he fed bears out of his hands. Because of the many miraculous events and healings associated with him, he is known as the "Wonderworker of America." One day, for example, an earthquake caused a tidal wave which threatened to devastate the island. Father Herman placed an icon of the Theotokos on the beach and held a prayer service. Afterward, he told the people that the water would rise no further than the icon; and it was so.

Just before he died, Father Herman asked one of his spiritual children to light the candles and read the Acts of the Apostles. The cell filled with a wonderful, fresh, floral scent; and the elder's face began to glow. Father Herman fell asleep in the Lord on December 13, 1837. His spiritual children kept his body lying in state at the orphanage for a number of weeks, but it did not decay and the sweet scent continued to linger about him.

Almost immediately, the local faithful considered their elder to be a saint; and devotion to Father Herman spread across Russia, Finland, and North America. On August 9, 1970, clergy and laity from the entire Orthodox world gathered in Kodiak formally to declare St. Herman as the first saint glorified on this continent. His feast day is commemorated on August 9 and on December 13. Holy Father Herman, pray to God for us!

News and Notes

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

Upcoming Services and Events: Please, review the Parish Schedule on the front page of this bulletin to be made fully aware of upcoming services and events, **especially** the festal services commemorating **the Feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos**, which will be served in our Parish Church on Monday evening, August 14 (Vespers, with Litya), and Tuesday morning, August 15 (Festal Divine Liturgy. Most-Holy Theotokos, intercede for us!

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!

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