

# Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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## Sunday, August 27, 2023

**12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3.** Ven. Pøemen [Pimen] the Great (ca. 450). Hieromartyr Kuksha and Ven. Pimen [Pøemen] of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). St. Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Córdoba (359). St. Liberius, Pope of Rome (366). Ven. Pøemen of Palestine (ca. 602). Martyr Anthusa. Ven. Savva of Benephali. St. Cæsarius, Bishop of Arles (543).

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### Services and Events, Upcoming

**Monday, August 28, 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.

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

**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)

**NO BIBLE STUDY:** We will NOT have our usual Parish OnLine Bible Study on Thursday evening, September 7, as we will be celebrating the Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Ever-Blessed and Ever-Virgin Mary.

**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 morning, September 10, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM:** Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

**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 morning, September 17, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM:** Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

**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, 5:30 PM:** 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) for our newly departed Brother-in-Christ Gregory “Greg” Wegh. Memory Eternal!

**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 morning, September 24, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM:** Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

**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

**Saturday, September 30, 6:00 PM:** Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

**NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday, October 1.**

**Sunday, October 1, 9:15 AM, Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God:** Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

**Tuesday, October 3, Terryville Parish Council On-line Meeting, 7:00 PM:** At 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 3, the Terryville Parish Council will convene via Zoom video teleconference.

**Wednesday, October 4, 8:00 AM:** Matins (Morning Prayers)

*[Fr. John away October 6 through 12, on vacation. Fr. David K. will be substituting.]*

**Saturday, October 7, 6:00 PM:** Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

**NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday, October 8.**

**Sunday, October 8, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

**NO SERVICE: Wednesday, October 11, 8:00 AM:** We will NOT have our usual Wednesday morning service on this specific Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Saturday, October 14, 6:00 PM:** Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

**Sunday morning, October 15, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM:** Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

**Sunday, October 15, 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**

Protodeacon Alexis Bona—a Diocesan clergyman	d. 8/26/23
Gregory "Greg" Wegh—our fellow parishioner	d. 8/14/23
Ken—friend of Kathy M.; victim of cancer	d. 8/12/23
MaryAnn—acquaintance of Mike N.	d. 8/5/23
Rita—Mike A.'s grandmother	d. 7/30/23
Joseph—Lynn H.'s uncle	d. 7/26/23
William—at request of Lynn H.	d. 7/30/23
Irene—Paul Senetcen's aunt	d. 7/25/23

## **Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!**

Anastasia Letitia	8/27/1937
Tillie Castiola	8/31/1981
Archpriest Nicholas Kiryluk	8/31/1988
Anna Slevinsky	9/1/1985
John J. Pawelchak	9/1/2003
His Eminence Archbishop NIKON	9/1/2019

## **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  
Dayr—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  
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 Waterbury parishioner, unwell  
Nyla—at request of John G.; unwell and 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; complicated break requiring long recovery  
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  
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 ("Vasilios") L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers  
Mat. Ann S.—still recovering from a broken hip; now living in residential care

### **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; now living in residential care

### **Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them**

Emma and the child to be born of her—Fr. John H.'s niece  
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  
Kate and the child to be born of her—Lynn H.'s family member  
Justine and the child to be born of her  
Julia and the child to be born of her—a member of the New Britain Parish  
And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

Christyn O.—away on study fellowship  
Mark and Karry O.  
Richard and Laura K.

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  
Alexander—relative of Carolyn P.; 82<sup>nd</sup> 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**

James "Jim" and Maria Liverman	8/27
Richard & Laura Koski	8/31

### **Birthdays**

Ashley Anastasia Warzocha Paden	8/28
Marilou Petroff	8/30
Kristen Senetcen	9/2

**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.

## Some Sayings of the Venerable Saint Pimen the Great

*Abba Pimen the Great (sometimes spelled "Poemen") was a monk of the Egyptian Desert who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century after Christ. He was called "Abba", which means "father" out of respect for his virtue. Here are some of his sayings:*

Another monk said to Abba Pimen, "I have sinned grievously and I want to spend three years at repentance. Is that enough time?" The Elder replied, "That is a long time." The monk continued to ask how long the saint wished him to repent. Perhaps only a year? Abba Pimen said, "That is a long time." The other brethren asked, "Should he repent for forty days?" The Elder answered, "I think that if a man repents from the depths of his heart and has a firm intention not to return to the sin, then God will accept three days of repentance."

When asked how to get rid of persistent evil thoughts, Abba Pimen replied, "This is like a man who has fire on his left side, and a vessel full of water on his right side. If he starts burning from the fire, he takes water from the vessel and extinguishes the fire. The fire represents the evil thoughts placed in the heart of man by the Enemy of our salvation, which can enkindle sinful desires within man like a spark in a hut. The water is the force of prayer which impels a man toward God."

Abba Pimen said, "It is useful to observe three things: to fear God, to pray often, and to do good for one's neighbor."

Abba Pimen said, "Wickedness never eradicates wickedness. If someone does evil to you, do good to them, and your goodness will conquer their wickedness."

A brother came to see Abba Pimen and said to him, "Abba, I have many thoughts and they put me in danger." The old man led him outside and said to him, "Expand your chest and do not breathe in." He said, "I cannot do that." Then the old man said to him, "If you cannot do that, no more can you prevent thoughts from arising, but you can resist them."

A brother asked Abba Pimen, "How should a man behave?" The old man said to him, "Look at Daniel [who was thrown into the lion's den]: no-one found anything in him to complain about except for his prayers to the Lord his God."

A brother questioned Abba Pimen saying, "What does it mean to be angry with your brother without a cause?" Abba Pimen replied, "If your brother hurts you by his arrogance and you are angry with him because of it that is getting angry without cause. If he plucks out your right eye and cuts off your right hand and you get angry with him you are angry without cause. But if he separates you from God, then be angry with him."

Abba Pimen said that blessed Abba Anthony [Saint Anthony the Great, one of the earliest monks] used to say, "The greatest thing a man can do is to throw his faults before the Lord and to expect temptation to his last breath."

Abba Pimen also said, "Many become powerful, but few eminent."

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## Parish Education Sessions, starting September 10

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Beginning on Sunday morning, September 10, we are going to be reactivating a part of our ministry here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church that has been dormant for a long time.

From that Sunday morning forward, unless announced otherwise, we will have Parish Education sessions on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:15 AM and ending at 9:00 AM. (After Education has concluded, we will begin the Divine Liturgy as usual at 9:15 AM, after the reading of the Third Hour that starts at 9:05 AM.) During these 45-minute-long, in-person sessions, which will take place in the Church Basement Social Hall, I will address topics pertinent to our Orthodox Christian Faith. **I hope to do this based on questions that will be submitted to me by you, the members and friends of our Parish, in advance of those sessions.**

In the past, these sessions were often quite well-attended by those who were eager to grow in their knowledge and practice of the Orthodox Christian Faith, the Life in Christ. I hope that they will be well-attended once again.

**Please, if you wish to submit questions for me to address during these upcoming educational/catechetical sessions, send those questions to me via reply to this email or by text to my cell phone, which can be reached at 860-944-3486.**

In Christ, *Fr. John H.*

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## News and Notes

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**NEXT SUNDAY! Special Basket Collection in Support of the Parish Scholarship Fund, Sunday, September 3:** Thursday, August 31, will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Nicholas Kiryluk, in whose memory our Parish Scholarship Fund is named. We remember Fr. Nicholas (together with Matushka Olga, his wife, who passed away December 1, 2003) with great gratitude. **At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 3, we will have a Special Basket Collection in honor of Fr. Nicholas and his family members to benefit the Parish Scholarship Fund.** Please be generous in support of this worthy cause. The Parish Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for higher education (post high school) to parish members.

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## Scripture Readings, etc.

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*The End! Glory be to God!*

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