

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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NOTE: This is a double issue of the bulletin for Sundays, September 27 and October 4, 2020

Sunday, September 27, 2020

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Martyrs Callistratus and his company (49 Martyrs—ca. 304). Ven. Savvatii (Sabbatius), Wonderworker of Solovétsky Monastery (1435). Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas, of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Epicharis of Rome (3rd c.). Ven. Ignatius, Abbot in Asia Minor (963-975).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/09/27>

Sunday, October 4, 2020

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, first Archbishop of Kazan, and St. Varsonúphy (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1595). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan' (1976). Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod (1052). Ven. Helladius and Onesimus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th-13th c.). Ven. Ammon, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chæremon, of Alexandria (3rd c.). Martyr Peter of Capetolis (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Domnina and her daughters Berenice and Prodoce of Syria (305-306). Ven. Ammon (ca. 350) and Paul the Simple (4th c.), of Egypt. St. Stephen Stiljjanovich of Serbia (1515).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/10/04>

Responses ("Yay" or "Nay") Requested: Help us manage Church attendance. Thanks!

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

If you would be willing to attend the Divine Liturgy each week (or, at least, most weeks) early on Wednesday mornings, rather than at the usual time on Sunday mornings, please, let me know. (NOTE: I will be away on vacation from Monday, September 28, until Saturday, October 3, so you have time to think about this, before responding.)

Here's the issue that requires me to ask the above question:

As you know, in order to maintain "social distancing," as made necessary by the present public health crisis, we are limited to 25 persons being in attendance at any given service in our Parish Church. This has made it necessary to ask some people not to come to Church on some Sunday mornings, so that others might attend, without us exceeding the present 25 person limit.

On Sunday, September 20, for example, we had to ask 12 people to stay home, so that others could attend the Divine Liturgy that morning, without going over the attendance limit we are presently living with. For that day, September 20, we had 37 requests for the 25 "spots" available. As many as 51 people in our Parish now desire to attend services on a regular basis.

A partial solution to this matter would be to serve the Divine Liturgy twice a week, so that more people could attend the Divine Liturgy in any given week. Thus, the idea that we could celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday mornings, as well as on Sunday mornings.

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Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to this communication.

Gratefully, and with abiding love in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

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

Priest Peter—a priest in England; friend of the Hopkos	d. 9/11/2020
Paul—a young man we have been asked to pray for	d. 9/22/2020
Antonio—prayed for at the request of Carolyn P.	d. 9/9/2020
Ryan—prayed for at the request of David C.	d. 9/9/2020
Victor—young man killed in car accident; friend of Watras Family	d. 8/23/2020
Harriet Forish—of the Waterbury Parish	d. 8/23/2020
Mary Cartona—a Terryville resident with connections to our parish	d. 8/19/2020

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Joseph Pavelchak	9/27/1918
Katherine Ostopchuk	9/27/1961
Deacon Stephen Wrettick	9/27/1977
Michael J. Duke	9/27/1957
Elizabeth Wauriniak	9/28/1963
Cyril Talinko	9/29/1963
Harold Lyga	9/29/1979
George Witick	10/1/1949
Adam Mattson	10/1/2006
Edward Tadaychuk	10/2/1962
Clement Sarakhyn	10/2/1952
Averky Hubchik	10/2/1969
Harry Kostyk	10/2/1980
John Kuzmich	10/2/2017
Andrew Shkarypsky	10/4/1940
Vasili Belick	10/4/1965
Eva Mattson Pierce	10/5/2007
John Biscoe	10/6/1966
Madeline Pikul	10/6/1989
Anastasia Fill	10/7/1958
Nellie (Anastasia) Hrabsky	10/7/2002
Michael Kopcha	10/7/2007
Anastasia Baiga	10/9/1918
Vladimir Yaromshchik	10/10/1938

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to the present pestilence which is COVID-19, and those working to alleviate their suffering.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

His Beatitude, Metropolitan THEODOSIUS (*retired*) — very unwell at this time
Fyodor (Frank) Guba—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington's Disease
Maria Oraschewsky—dialysis three times a week; recent minor surgery

Yelena "Lenna" Massicotte—overcoming, by God's grace, serious health challenges
Katie and Aubrey—a mother and daughter for whom we have been asked to pray
Tanya Beach—suffering long-term and lingering effects of brain hemorrhage
Mark—a profound diabetic for whom we have been asked to pray
Walter—an elderly man injured in a fall, for whom we have been asked to pray
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna Osuch; battling breast cancer
Mary—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health
Simone—relative of Mike Liverman; requesting prayers for health
Barbara—friend of Patty Nimchek; unwell and in need of prayerful support
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; unwell, though improving lately
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery
Vincent—relapse of cancer; relative through marriage of P. Oraschewsky
Rosie D.—recent health issues
Michael "Mike" L.—recent health issues
child George—9-year-old son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell
David B.—acquaintance of Fr. John's; recovering from recent surgery
Paul S.—knee injury; recovering from knee surgery
Bill M.—recovering from a fall in which he suffered a shoulder injury
Christopher—friend of Kathy Mihailoff; struggling with cancer
Paula—friend of Jim Liverman; struggling with cancer
Cheryl—acquaintance of Carolyn P.; upcoming surgery on 9/15
Dimitri—brother of Carolyn P.; health issues
child Hattie—injured in freak accident; request of a family in our parish
John K.—recovering from recent hip joint replacement surgery
Dave—Marilou P.'s cousin; recovering from hip surgery after a fall
Maryna B.—dealing with some health issues
Reader Joseph—recent issue with a painful hip joint
Helen—Mat. Ann S.'s sister; very unwell at this time

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities

Robert (Bob)—Patty N.'s brother; recently unwell, doing better, lately
Alex—John D.'s brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Dolores—Bob M.'s mother, resident in long-term eldercare
Anna—Rdr. John Paul Sz.'s mother; resident in long-term care

Mothers and Newly Born Children

Diana & Mariana newly born of her
Jessie & Abigail newly born of her (Ann S.'s granddaughter and great-granddaughter)
Amber and the child newly born of her
(Amber is a woman we have been asked to pray for, as she was enduring a difficult and tenuous pregnancy. Amber's baby has now been born—early and tiny—so, please, continue to pray for Amber and her baby.)

Expectant Mothers

Nadia and the child to be born of her—Nadia is Rich and Laura K.'s daughter
Anya S. and the child to be born of her—Anya is one of Fr. John's many nieces
Shelby (Sophia) G. and the child to be born of her

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

Robert "Bob" M.—heading back to Tennessee, soon
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

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
Joshua Pcsolyar—fiancé of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army pilot
Alexander—relative of Carolyn P.; 82nd Airborne Division soldier deployed abroad
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; serving in Afghanistan in the U.S. Army

Anniversaries of Marriage

Timothy & Donna Osuch 10/10

Birthdays

Luke Kowaleski 10/1
Zachary "Zach" Wegh 10/9

News and Notes

FR. JOHN AWAY: Fr. John will be on Vacation from Sunday afternoon, September 27, through to Saturday morning, October 3: With the blessing of our Diocesan authorities, Fr. John will be out of the office from Sunday afternoon, September 27, through to Saturday morning, October 3. Fr. John and his wife, Macrina, are planning to go to Cape Cod for those days, where they have rented a small cabin, so that they can safely isolate and maintain “social distance,” while still enjoying the natural beauty that the Cape has to offer. (Obviously, this trip is contingent on the conditions as regards the present public health crisis either remaining stable or showing improvement. It will be altered or, even, canceled if those conditions deteriorate.)

IF YOU NEED THE MINISTRY OF A PRIEST WHILE FR. JOHN IS AWAY: Pastoral Coverage during Fr. John’s absence: As mentioned in the previous note, Fr. John will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon September 27, until Saturday morning, October 3. During Fr. John’s absence, in the case of a true pastoral emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, please contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013. (Alternatively, you may also contact any priest of one of the parishes of the Diocese of New England’s Connecticut Deanery. You may also reach out to our parish deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek at 860-489-3220.)

We need a Parish Lay Delegate for the Diocesan Assembly: The Annual Diocesan Assembly is scheduled to take place, via video teleconference due to the ongoing public health crisis, on *Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7, 2020*. If you are willing to fulfill this role, please, contact Fr. John at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Support from the Parish: If you require financial support during this vexing and challenging time, contact Fr. John, personally and confidentially, and he will endeavor to help you get the assistance that you need. For 2020, the Diocese of New England has reduced by 16.7% (one-sixth) the annual Fair Share contributions that it usually expects from our Parish. This reduction has been put into place with the specific intention that this money—the money that the Parish will not be sending to the Diocese, but will be retaining locally—will be used for charitable and relief purposes. **Don’t be shy: If you need help, contact Fr. John. All such contacts will be treated with strict confidentiality and great sensitivity.**

Donations to the Parish: Please, continue to support our parish during this challenging time. Donations to the Parish may be submitted via checks made out to and mailed to Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, 34 Fairview Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786-6329. Also, a PayPal Donation “button” (<https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/donatenow>) is located on our parish website to make online donations possible. Our parish is registered as a charity with PayPal, so we have slightly lower fees connected to the use of that means of receiving donations. For us, PayPal’s fees are 2.2%, plus \$0.30 per transaction. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost, this year September 27

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 6:1-10)

Brothers and Sisters: Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Scripture Readings for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 4

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)

Brothers and Sisters: What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."