

# Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

*A Parish of the Diocese of New England of the Orthodox Church in America*

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## Sunday, October 3, 2021

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6.** Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon (96). Ven. Dionysii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—15<sup>th</sup> c.). St. John the Chozebite, Bishop of Cæsarea, Palestine (6<sup>th</sup> c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/10/03>

## Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Wednesday morning Matins, October 6, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, October 7, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, October 7. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, October 9, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, October 10, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Tuesday evening, October 12, beginning at 7:00 PM, Monthly Terryville Parish Council Meeting:** Our monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will convene, via video teleconference (ZOOM) at 7:00 PM, on Tuesday, October 12. (We are starting ½ an hour later than in the recent past, to accommodate the fact that quite a few Council members are no longer telecommuting, but are actually going into the office for work, and, therefore, need time to get home in order to log-in and then participate in our Council meeting.)
- **Wednesday morning Matins, October 13, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, October 14, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, October 14. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, October 16, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, October 17, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, October 20, 8:00 AM:** Wednesday Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, October 21, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, October 21. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.

# 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!***

*First of all, we pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19.*

## ***Newly Departed***

Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev—a prominent priest	d. 9/1/21
Archpriest Anastasy R.—a priest who died unexpectedly and suddenly	d. 9/5/21
Deacon Michael Bishop—Fr. John's seminary classmate	d. 9/19/21
Marion C.—newly departed spouse of a late Waterbury parishioner	d. 10/1/21
Linda—Parishioners Mike and Jim L.'s aunt	d. 9/8/21
Gisela Opalak—Waterbury Parishioner	d. 8/27/21

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

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

## **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.*

### ***Persons captive and suffering for the Faith***

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

### ***Those who are sick and suffering***

Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness  
Matushka Ann 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  
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  
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  
Richard—a man struggling with cancer, for whom we have been asked to pray  
Maria O.—dialysis three times a week  
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  
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  
Mark—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); critically ill  
Domenic—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness  
Brittney—facing possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.  
Jeanne M.—recovering from joint replacement surgery (doing well)  
Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges  
Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; recent health issues  
Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; recent serious health challenges  
Barbara S.—W'bury parishioner; recovering from recent surgery

### ***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***

*And 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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier  
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

### ***Birthdays***

Zachary Wegh—George and Jennifer's son 10/9

## **+ Marion Charkowsky – Memory Eternal!**

Dear All: Glory to Jesus Christ!

Marion Charkowsky has departed this life. She was the widow of the late Arthur Charkowsky of the Waterbury Parish. Memory Eternal!

He is the link to Marion's obituary, which includes details of the arrangements for her funeral:

<https://www.chaseparkwaymemorial.com/obituary/marion-charkowsky>

Marion was not a member of the Orthodox Church. Her husband Arthur was an active member of the Waterbury Parish. Since Marion will be buried with Arthur in our Waterbury Parish Cemetery, I have been asked to offer prayers and to preside at Marion's burial. Fulfilling the Christian charitable obligation to provide a dignified burial to the dead, I will do so in accordance with our Church's guidelines for the burial of non-Orthodox persons.

With love in Christ,

*Fr. John H.*

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

# News and Notes

## Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF, on its official website ([www.ocf.net](http://www.ocf.net)), describes itself in this way:

Our goal is to actualize the Orthodox Christian life in the hearts, minds, and souls of college students by facilitating unified campus ministry efforts—reaching Orthodox college students on campuses throughout North America. OCF does this by working continuously to improve in the areas of leadership training, high school to college transition, and college to parish transition through new and innovative programs as well as partnerships with other organizations in the Orthodox world. OCF’s programs and partnerships offer an environment for students interested in deeper spiritual experiences. Every year, Real Break, College Conference, and similar events are hosted to enrich the spiritual lives of students. These programs stand apart as premier service and educational opportunities available to any college student. Most importantly, OCF continues to provide a home for students on college campuses across the continent.

Each year, on the first Sunday in October, we are invited to consider and support the work of OCF. We can participate in that work and support it by making a financial donation. Here’s the necessary online link: <https://www.ocf.net/donate/>. Or, a check can be sent to *Orthodox Christian Fellowship, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445*. Thanks for your consideration.

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## Notes from Fr. John:

### Some Health Safety Reminders as Flu Season begins and as we continue to deal with COVID-19

Dear Friends:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Going forward, we are reiterating some basic public health safety protocols that are always a good idea to observe, including some that should be “basic” at all times, even outside of the present COVID-19 crisis. These include:

- 1. If you are sick, stay home.** Please, do not come to Church if you are at all unwell. Stay home, and get better. No one wants to come to Church and then to be exposed at Church to someone else’s sickness-causing bacteria or viruses, even if what the sick person is suffering from is “nothing serious.”
- 2. Cleanliness makes difference:** Please, wash your hands frequently, and come to Church yourself being clean and wearing fresh, clean clothes. Good hygiene is an important part of good health.
- 3. Please, respect people’s personal space.** We can enjoy each other’s company at Church, before and after services, from a distance. Do not assume that others at Church are comfortable standing close to you—people may want both to attend Church *and* have their personal space carefully respected. If you want to approach someone closely, ask their permission if you are not sure about how they feel about being approached. (“May I shake your hand?” “Are you comfortable with me standing a little closer?”)

With love in Christ,

*Fr. John H.*

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## Scripture Readings for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 3

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 4:6-15)**

Brothers and Sisters: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory 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."

## Scripture Readings for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, this year October 10

### **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 7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

