

# 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, November 7, 2021

**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries.** Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). Ven. Lazarus, Wonderworker of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus (1053). Ven. Zosíma, Abbot of Vorbozómsk. Finding of the Relics of Ven. Cyril, Abbot of Novoezérsk (Vologdá—1649). Martyrs Melasippus, Carina, their son, Antoninus, and forty children converted by their martyrdom, at Ancyra (363). Martyrs Auctus, Taurion, and Thessalonica, at Amphipolis, in Macedonia.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/11/07>

## Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Monday morning, November 8, 9:00 AM:** Prayer Service to the Holy Angels, on the occasion of the Feast of the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels.
- **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday evening, November 9, 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, November 9.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, November 10, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, November 11, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, November 11. (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, November 13, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, November 14, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, November 17, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, November 18, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, November 18. Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening, November 20, 6:30 PM:** Festal Great Vespers and Litya (The Blessing of the Five Loaves, and Wheat, Wine and Oil, with Anointing) for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, November 21, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM, on this occasion celebrated as a Festal Divine Liturgy commemorating the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, which falls each year on November 21.

# 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**

Maria Oraschewsky—our fellow parishioner	d. 11/1/21
Marian Klatt Markovich McIlvin—spouse of former parishioner	d. 11/3/21
Marion Gulash—dedicated lay worker in the Diocese of New England	d. 10/4/21
Marion C.—newly departed spouse of a late Waterbury parishioner	d. 10/1/21

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

Anna Kurdeka	11/7/1997
Mary Susla	11/8/1971
Metro Maichack	11/8/2000
Tekla Dziamba	11/9/1940
Paul Duke	11/10/1949
Ekaterina Koltko	11/10/1967
John Kriniske	11/11/1999
Catherine Plasko	11/12/2002
Mikolai Sulima	11/13/2006

## **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 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  
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  
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)  
Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing  
Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges  
Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; recent 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 recent surgery  
Richard—acquaintance of Fr. John's; hip replacement surgery on November 4  
Rosemary—friend of Jack K.; recovering from recent stroke  
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers  
Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia

### **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

### **Mothers and Newly Born Children**

Nicole and the daughter newly born of her—at the request of Bob M.

### **Expectant Mothers**

Courtney and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.'s family  
Tracey and the child to be born of her—Geo. and Jenn. W.'s daughter-in-law

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

Carolyn P. – our fellow parishioner  
George and Jennifer W. (until 11/13)  
Richard and Laura K. (until 11/20)

*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**

Michael Nimchek	11/7
Karry Orelup	11/13

## News and Notes

**Prayers Requested:** One of our parishioners who is a teacher has asked prayers for one of her students. This student is battling a very serious illness. Please, keep this child and their loved ones in your prayers. Thank you.

**IN THE SOUTHBURY PARISH: Sunday afternoon, November 7, in the Southbury Parish, Saint Nektarios Day Vespers:** Christ the Savior Church located at 1070 Roxbury Road in Southbury, CT, will host a Vespers at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, November 7, to honor the relics of St. Nektarios of Aegina, a saint who is highly venerated in that Parish. There will be a procession and anointing during the service. The service will be followed by a reception with refreshments. For more information, you may visit Christ the Savior Church's website at: [www.christsaviorchurch.org](http://www.christsaviorchurch.org).

## More News and Notes

**Monthly Terryville Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday evening, November 9, beginning at 7:00 PM:** Our monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will convene, via video teleconference (ZOOM) at 7:00 PM, on Tuesday, November 9.

**IN THE ANSONIA PARISH:** Three Saints Orthodox Church at 26 Howard Ave., Ansonia will hold its “Slavic Festival” on Fri., Nov. 12th (4 – 7 pm) and Sat., Nov.13th (9 am – 4 pm, kitchen opens at 10 am). Enjoy two days of shopping opportunities and a variety of homemade ethnic foods including: pierogi, holupsi, holushki, borscht, cheese blintzes, baked goods, and more. Shop for religious items or Christmas tag sale treasures. Eat in or take out available. For more information, contact: 203-735-0117.

**IN THE HARTFORD PARISH: On Saturday morning, November 13, at All Saints Church, Hartford, our Pastor, Fr. John Hopko, will be baptizing a man and his two children.** Please keep Christopher, and his children, Alex and Emma, in your prayers. Fr. John has been providing catechism to Christopher for many months now. (Fr. John is presently administering the Hartford Parish, while its Pastor, Fr. James Parnell, continues his military chaplaincy deployment in Africa. Fr. James is due back here in Connecticut in the early part of 2022.)

**Sunday, November 14, Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) Sunday:** Each year in November, the Orthodox Church in America designates a Sunday as Stewards of the OCA Sunday. On this specified Sunday we are encouraged to give to the Orthodox Church in America in support of the departmental and program work of the OCA. For further information, please, see this link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/stewards-of-the-oca-launch-2021-annual-appeal>. More details about this event will be in next weekend’s Parish Bulletin, and we will take a special collection at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 14, in support of this initiative.

**Fr. John out of the office, Monday, November 15:** Fr. John will be out of the office all day long on Monday, November 15, the first day of the Nativity Fast.

**General Meeting of the Waterbury Parish, Sunday, November 21, at 12:30 PM, via video and voice teleconference:** The full membership of the Waterbury Parish will meet virtually on Sunday, November 21, beginning at 12:30 PM, via video and voice teleconference, to discuss matters necessary to the legal and canonical consolidation of the Waterbury and Terryville Parishes. A notice via email has been sent out to the members of the Waterbury Parish, and a mailed notice will follow via USPS.

**Fr. John away for Thanksgiving, November 25 and 26:** Fr. John will be away from the Parish for the annual Thanksgiving Day holiday on Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26.

**The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, Sunday, December 12, at 12:30 PM, via video teleconference:** The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, will take place, via ZOOM video teleconference, beginning at 12:30 PM, on Sunday, December 12. Further information will be made available to you about the meeting, as the date draws near.

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### Notes from Fr. John: Participate in the Sacrament of Confession

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:                      Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is usual and customary for Orthodox Christians regularly to participate in the Sacrament of Confession. Unfortunately, for many of us, the ongoing COVID-19 event has disturbed our regular rhythm of participation in this essential and saving sacrament of the Church. I would suggest—in the strongest possible way—that we all make an appointment now to participate in the Sacrament of Confession between now and the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord (Christmas, December 25).

It is, of course, our usual custom to participate in the Sacrament of Confession during the Nativity Fast (Advent), the forty-day period leading up to Christmas. However, given that some of us have not participated in the Sacrament of Confession is quite a long time, it would be appropriate not to wait for the beginning of the Nativity Fast, and to make out appointment now, without any further delay. (Note: The Nativity Fast begins each year on November 15.) So, please, contact me, at your earliest convenience, so that we can get an appointment for you into the calendar, and then prepare ourselves to participate in the essential and saving Sacrament of Confession.

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 7*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Gal. 1:11-19)**

Brother and Sisters: I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 8:41-56)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

## *Scripture Readings for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 14*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (Gal. 2:16-20)**

Brothers and Sisters: We know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (10:25-37)**

At that time a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."