



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, January 14, 2024

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Leavetaking of the Theophany. St. Savva I, first Archbishop of Serbia (1237). The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Savva, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others (4th-5th c.). St. Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles, Enlightener of the Georgians (355). St. Joseph Analytinus of Raithu (4th c.). Ven. Theodulus, son of Ven. Nilus of Sinai (5th c.). Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Khenolakkos Monastery near Chalcedon (8th c.). Saint Meletios, Bishop of Ryazan (19th c.). Hieromartyr Platon, the first Bishop of Estonia, and all the New Martyrs of Estonia (1869).

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Services and Events, Upcoming

Sunday, January 14, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, January 14, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Tuesday evening, January 16, 6:30 PM: Daily Vespers

Tuesday evening, January 16, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Monthly Gathering, for fellowship and discussion, of our Parish's Young's Mens' Group

Wednesday morning, January 17, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday evening, January 20, 5:30 PM: 40th Day memorial for Alex D. and Dmitri S., relatives of parishioners John and Nina D.

Saturday evening, January 20, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), followed immediately by our Parish's monthly Rite of General Confession.

Sunday, January 21, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, January 21, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, January 24, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday morning, January 27, 11:00 AM: Baptism of child Hanna C., granddaughter of parishioners John and Nina D.

Saturday evening, January 27, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, January 28, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, January 28, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, January 31, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

NO BIBLE Study on Thursday evening, February 1.

Thursday evening, February 1, Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, 7:00 PM: Great Vespers with Litya (the blessing of the loaves, wheat, wine, and oil) for the Eve of the Feast

Friday morning, February 2, Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

Saturday evening, February 3, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, February 4, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, February 4, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, February 7, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

NO BIBLE Study on Thursday evening, February 8 (Fr. John must attend the monthly meeting of the Clergy of the Connecticut Deanery.)

Saturday evening, February 10, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, February 11, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, February 11, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Tuesday evening, February 13, 7:00 PM: The Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council, via video teleconference (Zoom)

Wednesday morning, February 14, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, February 15, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday evening, February 17, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), followed immediately by our Parish's monthly Rite of General Confession.

Sunday, February 18, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, February 18, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, February 21, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, February 22, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday evening, February 24, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, February 25, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, February 25, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, February 28, 2024, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, February 29, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

LOOKING AHEAD:

This spring, our new bishop, His Grace the Rt. Rev. Bishop BENEDICT, will be with us TWICE, to lead services in our parish.

- On Wednesday evening, April 10, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM, Bishop Benedict will be with us for the Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Lenten "bring-and-share" supper.
 - On Bright Saturday (the first Saturday following Holy Pascha!), May 11, 2024, beginning at 9:15 AM, Bishop Benedict will be with us for the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. We will also be hosting the Connecticut Deanery clergy and faithful that day. As is the Church's custom, the Divine Liturgy of Bright Saturday will follow the Paschal order, and be extremely festive! May 11 is also, this year and every year, the Feast Day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who we will especially commemorate that day. After the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will have a festive Paschal brunch.
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News and Notes

Young Men's Group Meeting, Tuesday evening, January 16: Our Parish's Young Men's Group gives young men, between the ages of 18 and 39, the opportunity to gather and to discuss matters of mutual concern. This group is moderated by Fr. John H. The next meeting of this group will take place here at Church on Tuesday evening, January 16, beginning at 6:30 PM with the service of Daily Vespers. After that, at about 7:00 PM, we will have dinner (catered again on this occasion by Fr. John H.) and discussion. We will finish up by no later than 9:00 PM. (NOTE: If you can't make it for Vespers at 6:30 PM, no worries! Show up when you can!) For the purposes of this group, we are primarily thinking of men aged 18 to 39. However, if someone older than 39 years of age wishes to participate, that will be permitted, as long as all participants understand that the purpose of this group is primarily to discuss matters of significant concern to men in the first two decades of adulthood. As we will be discussing matters of concern to adult men, one must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

A Baptism! On Saturday, January 27, 11:00 AM, the baptism of John and Nina Dubnansky's granddaughter Hanna will take place. May God bless Hanna, her parents Rosie and Mike, her big sister Julia, and all her family and loved ones. Many Years!

Pledge Forms: The Pledge Forms for 2024 have been distributed. Please, make a generous pledge of financial support to our Parish for 2024.

Contribution Envelopes: The 2024 Contribution Envelopes are being distributed at Church. If you have not already done so, please, pick up your box of envelopes. We have prepared boxes of envelopes for all those who usually use them, and for those who have joined our parish recently. If there isn't a box with your name on it, and you desire a box of envelopes, please, see Fr. John H.

House Blessings: Over the next several weeks, for those who so desire, Fr. John is again doing home visits to accomplish the traditional blessing of homes that takes place after the Feast of Theophany. Please, see Fr. John for details and/or to make an appointment. Thank you.

2024 Orthodox Wall Calendars: The Annual Wall Calendars for 2024 are still available for distribution in the Narthex at Church. As always, they are sponsored by Scott Funeral Home of Terryville. Please, take a 2024 wall calendar for your household. (One per household, please, until we know that every household has at least one. Thank you!)

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

The Nun Mother Elizabeth of Ellwood City (PA) Monastery	d. 01/06/24
Claudia—an acquaintance of John G.	d. 12/23/23
Igor—a relative (through marriage) of Fr. John H.	d. 12/20/23
Alex D.—brother of parishioner John D.	d. 12/10/23
Dimitry S.—father of parishioner Nina D.	d. 12/11/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Maria Duke	1/7/1946
Joseph Arburr	1/7/1970
Anna Szepel	1/8/2021
John Witik	1/9/1988
Nicholas Toropilo	1/10/1970
John Fill	1/10/1986
Maria Vanokhy	1/12/1932
Martha Hasko	1/12/1967
John Naymchik	1/13/1932
Alexander Skalaban	1/13/1960
Michael Sarachun	1/13/1967
Michael Nimchek	1/13/1972
Makari Kaplonetz	1/14/1939
Clement Tikhon	1/14/1945
Ignaty Kucirka	1/14/1958
Joseph Tkach	1/19/1922
John Liba	1/19/1922
Michael Glowa	1/19/1933
Mary Cleveland	1/20/1972

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; unwell
 Archpriest Vasily G.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
 Archpriest Vladimir A.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
 Archpriest Mark Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
 Archpriest John E.—recent back surgery
 Subdeacon John Paul—chronic and debilitating back pain
 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)
 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 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 (Katherine) 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; health issues
 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 long-term health challenges; at request of Marilou P.
 Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; facing serious illness, courageously
 Michael “Mike” A.—battling health challenges

Robert Jos.—dealing with some health issues
 Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.
 Rosemary—member in the New Britain Parish; long-term health challenges
 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
 Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.
 Sonya K.—former W’bury parishioner, unwell
 Nyla and Don—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Jesse—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Ninoos—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Harry—at request of Joan M.; joint replacement surgery
 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)
 Bill (“Vasilios”) L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers
 Joan and Robert—mother and son coping with chronic illness—req. of Helena G.
 Marilou P.—our fellow parishioner; still recovering from surgical repair of broken leg
 Paul S.—recovering from recent medical procedure
 Holly—an acquaintance of Peter H.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Laura—friend of Lenna M.; battling brain cancer
 Amber—Louine K.’s granddaughter-in-law.
 Ferda (“fair-dah”)—acquaintance of Mark and Karry O.; battling a serious illness
 Darcy—Fr. John K.’s brother-in-law; extremely ill
 Matthew—someone for whom we have been asked to pray
 Larissa—daughter of Fr. Michael and Nadia K.; we have been asked to pray for her

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

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
 Forrest H.—our fellow parishioner, now living in residential care

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Liridona and the child to be born of her—Valbona H.’s sister-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—a frequent visitor to our Parish
 Melanie and the child to be born of her—George and Jenn. W.’s daughter-in-law
 Diana and the child to be born of her—Julie and Joel K.’s daughter-in-law
 Meredith and the child to be born of her—Fr. John’s nephew’s wife
 Courtney and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.’s daughter
 Valbona (Catherine) and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
 And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

John (Jack) K. – away in Florida
 Christyn O. – away on study fellowship
 Patricia B. – Mark O.’s aunt, traveling abroad until January 17.
 Mark and Karry O. –away this weekend
 George and Jennifer W.
 And all those who are or will be traveling

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.; 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; U.S. Air Force pilot

Wedding Anniversaries

Lewis and Valbona H. 1/7

Birthdays

Richard K.—our fellow parishioner 1/11
 Larisa K.—Joel and Julie’s daughter 1/15
 Emery W.—Deb W.’s son 1/16/98
 Maria L.—Jim L.’s wife; our fellow parishioner 1/19
 Emily S.—Chezelle and Peter S.’s daughter 1/20
 Nika D.—John and Nina’s daughter 1/20

Pray for Peace!

Please pray for all those throughout the world, known and unknown to us by name, who have died and who are suffering due to armed conflict.

Presently there is significant warfare, causing tens of thousands of deaths and incredible suffering, ongoing in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar, in the Maghreb, in Ethiopia, and in Sudan. There are lesser conflicts going on in many other places, as well, costing thousands more deaths. To give but one example, the ongoing drug war in Mexico has cost thousands of lives.

Please, pray for peace. Pray for those who have died. Pray for those who yet still live, but who have been victimized. Pray for all those who have suffered loss. Lord, hear our prayer!

Scripture Readings, etc.

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The End! Glory be to God!

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