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, January 16, 2022 – Tone 5

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 5.** Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and Allglorious Apostle Peter. Bl. Maxim of Tot'ma, Fool-for-Christ (Vologdá—1650). Martyred brothers Speusippus, Eleusippus, Meleusippus, and those with them, in Gaul (161-180). Martyr Danax the Reader, in Macedonia (2nd c.). St. Honoratus, Archbishop of Arles and founder of the Abbey of Lérins (429). Hieromartyr Damascene the New (Mt. Athos—1771).

https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/01/16

Services and Events, Upcoming

- Wednesday morning, January 19, 8:00 AM: Our usual Wednesday morning in-person Matins service, here at Church.
- Thursday evening, January 20, 7:00 PM: <u>ONLINE</u>, via "Zoom," we will have our usual 90-minute long weekly Bible Study session, continuing our reading of The Gospel According to Saint Matthew.
- Saturday evening Vigil, January 22, 6:30 PM: Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord's Day Vigil Service.
- Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, January 23, 9:15 AM: Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. (NOTE: Fr. Sergius Halvorsen will be here in Terryville presiding on Sunday morning, January 23. Fr. John Hopko, our Pastor, will be fulfilling his duties as Dean of the CT Deanery by serving that morning at Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, CT, and then presiding at that Parish's Annual General Meeting.)
- **Wednesday morning, January 26, 8:00 AM:** Our usual Wednesday morning in-person Matins service, here at Church.
- Thursday evening, January 27, 7:00 PM: <u>ONLINE</u>, via "Zoom," we will have our usual 90-minute long weekly Bible Study session, continuing our reading of The Gospel According to Saint Matthew.
- Saturday evening Vigil, January 29, 6:30 PM: Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord's Day Vigil Service.
- Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, January 30, 9:15 AM: Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.

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

Archpriest Igor Soroka—prominent priest and Church musician d. 12/18/21 Archpriest Michael Macura—priest at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Silver Lane, Stratford, CT d. 12/18/21 d. 12/18/21 Barbara Welch—Tim and Melanie O.'s aunt John—a relative (through marriage) of Fr. John H. d. 12/18/21 Michael—associated with Hartford Parish, a young man, victim of cancer d. 12/18/21 Eugenia "Jean" Mickewich, who was Arthur Charkowsky's sister d. 12/13/21

Anniversaries of Repose - Memory Eternal!

Joseph Tkach	1/19/1922
John Liba	1/19/1922
Michael Glowa	1/19/1933
Mary Cleveland	1/20/1972
Afton Tkachuk	1/21/1958
Natalie Witik	1/21/1988
Anna Stanko	1/21/1990
Julia Maichack	1/21/2012
Isodore Kablesh	1/22/1960

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

Michael "Mike" L.—ongoing health issues

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 Donna-Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease Davrl-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; health challenges and recently widowed 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

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

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

Louis—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; very unwell

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 surgery 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

child Zoe—appendicitis; at request of Deb. W.

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

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

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 with the CT ARNG (now back in USA)

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., 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier

Derek-relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

Wedding Anniversaries, Upcoming

Matthew & Laura N. 1/16

Birthdays this coming week

Emery Andrew W. 1/16 Nika D. 1/20

Lay Delegate Required: The 20th All-American Council (AAC) of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) will take place at the Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD, on July 18–22, 2022

We are looking for a lay person (that is, someone who is neither a deacon or priest) willing to serve as the lay delegate from our Parish to the upcoming 20th All-American Council (AAC) of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), which will take place at the Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD on July 18–22, 2022. If you are interested in the opportunity to serve as an AAC delegate, please, contact Fr. John Hopko. (And, if you just want to attend the AAC as a registered observer, without speaking or voting privileges, that, too, can be arranged. Talk to Fr. John H. for more details about that opportunity.)

2022 Pledge Forms: Please, support our Parish in 2022

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

For those of you who are members of our Parish (or who have your sacramental and pastoral needs served primarily by our Parish, though, perhaps, you have allowed your formal membership to lapse), I want to make you aware that **the 2022 Annual Pledge Form is available on our Parish website at this LINK.** We will, also, be distributing the form, in its traditional, paper form, here at Church.

Submission of the Annual Pledge Form is the means by which you designate how you are planning to support the Parish financially during the coming year, with general giving, designated and intended to meet the day-to-day, routine costs of Parish life. Last year, 2021, 68 different individuals made general, unrestricted donations to our Terryville Parish totaling \$125,798.80 in freewill giving. In recent (and upcoming) times, our Parish has an annual expense budget of about \$140,000.00 (plus or minus about \$5000.00, depending on fluctuating needs in any given year), so these donations are vital to our continuing Parish life, on a practical basis. (Most vital, of course, is that we love God and neighbor, seeking salvation in and through Christ's Holy Church!)

If you are accessing the pledge form online, through the <u>LINK</u> provided, please, print it out, fill it out, and return it to:

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church
ATTN: Pledge Forms 2022
34 Fairview Avenue
Terryville, CT 06786-6329

Thanks for your serious and prayerful consideration.

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

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. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

More Prayers Requested: A number of people recently diagnosed with COVID-19 have asked our prayers, specifically. Please, remember all those suffering with COVID-19, and all those working to alleviate their suffering. Thank you. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

POSTPONED! House Blessings: In January, after the Feast of Theophany, it is customary to perform the annual blessing of homes. However, due to the present prevalence of COVID-19, we will be postponing house blessings this year until a more favorable moment in time, when it is possible for Fr. John to make home visits with fewer restrictions and, one hopes and prays, fewer worries. Thank you for your understanding.

2022 Pledge Forms: The Annual Pledge Forms for 2022, whereby we make our pledges to support the Parish financially during the 2022 Fiscal Year (1/1/22 to 12/31/22), are being distributed. Please, plan to maintain your generous financial support for our Parish. Thank you, very much. We depend on the freewill contributions of the faithful members and friends of our parish to meet the costs of parish life. NOTE: The Pledge Form can be downloaded at this link on the Parish website:

https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/files/PledgeForm2022.pdf.

2022 Contribution Envelopes: The Weekly Contribution Envelopes for 2022 are being distributed, and are available at Church presently. If you prefer that your contribution envelopes be mailed to you, please, contact Fr. John. (NOTE: If your choose this option, we respectfully ask that you reimburse the Parish the cost of the postage of mailing those envelopes to you by making a donation using the Initial Offering envelope contained within those boxes of envelopes. Thank you.)

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 30th Sunday after Pentecost, this year January 16

The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (Col. 3:12-16)

Brothers and Sisters: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Luke 18:18-27)

At that time: A ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother." And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."