



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 21, 2024

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa (303-305). Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome (ca. 304). Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Venerable Neóphytos of Vatopaidi (Mt. Athos). Ven. Maxim the Greek (1556).

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Services and Events, Upcoming

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

NOTE: Sunday, January 21, is the Annual Sanctity of Life Sunday in the Orthodox Church in America. We offer special prayers to commemorate this occasion during the Sunday morning services on this day.

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, The Sunday of Zacchaeus, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, February 18, The Sunday of Zacchaeus, 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, The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, February 25, The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, 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. *(NOTE: This is our last on-line Parish Bible Study until we re-start Bible Study sessions after the Feast of Holy Pascha. We suspend on-line Bible Study, during Lent, so that we can concentrate on our Lenten efforts, which include more attendance at Church, at liturgical worship services.)*

Saturday, March 2, Eve of the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, March 3, Sunday of the Prodigal Son, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, March 3, Sunday of the Prodigal Son, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, March 6, 2024, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, March 9, the Pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday, 5:30 PM: General Memorial Service for all the Departed

Saturday, March 9, Eve of the Sunday of the Last Judgement, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, March 9, Sunday of the Last Judgement, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday March 9, Sunday of the Last Judgement, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour. (**NOTE:** *The Sunday of the Last Judgement is also called "Meat-fare" Sunday, as it is the last day on which we eat meat until Holy Pascha. The fast from meat begins on the Monday after the Sunday of the last Judgement, and the full Lenten fast begins a week later on the Monday which is the first day of Great Lent.*)

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.

News and Notes

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: Fr. John is still doing home visits to accomplish the traditional blessing of homes that takes place each year 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

Archpriest Moses Berry—a priest of the OCA d. 01/12/24
The Nun Mother Elizabeth of Ellwood City (PA) Monastery d. 01/06/24
Darcy—Fr. John Kreta's brother-in-law d. 01/15/24
Joan—friend of Carolyn Palleria d. 01/11/24
Lauren Alexandra—a young woman we have been asked to remember d. 01/12/24
Claudia—an acquaintance of John G. d. 12/23/23
Igor—a relative (through marriage) of Fr. John H. d. 12/20/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Afton Tkachuk 1/21/1958
Natalie Witik 1/21/1988
Anna Stanko 1/21/1990
Julia Maichack 1/21/2012
Isodore Kablesch 1/22/1960
Joseph Duke 1/23/1935
Mary Duke 1/23/1985
Julia Biscoe 1/24/1944
Fotia Veshman 1/24/1939
Michael Susla 1/24/1963
Steven "Steve" Thomas Eazarsky 1/24/2020
William Glowa 1/25/1987
Olga Wrettick 1/25/2008
Dorothy Gryguch 1/26/1988
Theodore Duke 1/27/1997
Julia Pavelchak 1/27/1935
Steven Pohlod 1/27/1958

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
Alice—Mike A.'s mother—recently unwell
Brett—Mike A.'s son—recent unwellness
Elizabeth S.—mother of an acquaintance of Fr. John's; battling cancer

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

Parents experiencing loss

Valbona and Lewis and their child lost to miscarriage—our fellow parishioners

Mothers and Newborn Children

Liridona and the child newly born of her—Valbona H.'s sister-in-law

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

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
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
Richard and Laura K.—away this weekend
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

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Yuri Samson George—Paul and Claudia S.'s grandson 1/25
Emilia H.—Fr. David and Melanie's granddaughter

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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