



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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31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. The Commemoration of all the New Martyrs Who Suffered Under the Yoke of Godless Atheism in the 20th Century. The Venerable Xenophon, his wife Mary, and their two sons Arcadius and John, of Constantinople (5th c. AD)

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/01/26>

Services and Events, Upcoming

(This schedule is subject to change, please confirm the schedule at www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/schedule before coming to Church.)

Wednesday, January 29, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, January 30, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, via video teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, February 1, Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in Temple, 6:00 PM: Festal Great Vespers and Litya (the Intercessions with the Blessing of the Bread, Wheat, Wine, and Oil).

Sunday, February 2, Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 2, Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour. ***The February Monthly meeting of the Parish Sisterhood will take place on this day, during the Coffee Social Hour.***

Wednesday, February 5, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 6, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via video teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

Sunday, February 9, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 9, The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour.

Monday, February 10, 6:30 PM: The Terryville Parish Council will meet online for their February monthly meeting at 6:30 PM on this day. **Please note the 6:30 PM start time!** (The Council meetings are open to all members in good standing, however, only Parish Council members have voting privileges. If you wish to participate in a Parish Council meeting as an observer, please, contact Fr. John H.)

Wednesday, February 12, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 13, NO Bible Study: Fr. John will be out of the office on Thursday, February 13, attending the Pre-Lenten Retreat of the CT Deanery Clergy, so we shall NOT have Bible Study that evening.

Saturday, February 15, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

Sunday, February 16, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 16, The Sunday of the Prodigal Son, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, February 19, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 20, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via video teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, February 22, The Pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday, 5:30 PM, General Memorial Service: A General Memorial Service will be served in memory of all the Departed Faithful on this day, at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, February 22, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

Sunday, February 23, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 23, The Sunday of the Last Judgment ("Meat-Fare"), 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, February 26, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 27, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via video teleconference (ZOOM).

NOTE: Saturday, March 1: Please reserve this day in your schedule, as we will likely have Baptisms scheduled to take place in the afternoon.

Saturday, March 1, Eve of Forgiveness Sunday, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

NOTE: We will NOT have Parish Education/Catechesis on Sunday morning, March 2.

Sunday, March 2, Forgiveness Sunday, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day

Divine Liturgy, followed by an abbreviated Coffee Social Hour, after which we will serve **Forgiveness Vespers with the Rite of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent**. (NOTE: Forgiveness Sunday is also called "Cheese-fare" Sunday, as it is the last day on which we eat dairy products until Holy Pascha.)

Monday, March 3, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 AM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts. (This service is being scheduled earlier in the day than usual so as to allow those who are not able to travel after dark to more easily attend.)

NOTE: We will NOT have Parish Online Bible Study on Thursday evening, March 6.

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 7, 7:00 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for All Departed

LOOKING AHEAD further into 2025:

- Sunday afternoon/evening, March 30, our Terryville Parish will host the clergy and faithful of the CT Deanery for a Lenten Mission Vespers Service
- Saturday, April 12, is Lazarus Saturday.
- Sunday, April 13, is Palm Sunday.
- Friday, April 18, is Great and Holy (Good) Friday.
- Saturday, April 19, is Great and Holy Saturday.
- Sunday, April 20, is Holy Pascha.
- Sunday, May 11, is the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and His Grace, Bishop Benedict will be visiting and presiding.
- Saturday, May 31, is the 45th anniversary of Protodeacon Paul N.'s ordination to the holy diaconate, and the 45th anniversary of the formal Consecration of our Parish Temple.
- Sunday, June 29, is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, and the 25th Anniversary of Fr. John's Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. (Fr. John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in May 1993.)
- Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18, Fr. John and Parish Lay Delegate Deb W. will be in Phoenix, Arizona, representing our Parish at the triennial (once-every-three-years) All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America.
- Friday, August 1, is the 25th anniversary of Fr. John's assignment as Pastor of our Terryville Parish.



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

H.B. Archbishop Anastasios of Albania	d. 1/25/25
Oleg—a friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.	d. 1/24/25
Matushka Suzanne Senyo—acquaintance of Fr. John and Fr. David	d. 1/18/25
Helen Nethery – of the Waterbury Parish	d. 1/14/25
Matushka Eugenia Nehrebecki – acquaintance of Fr. John and Fr. David	d. 1/2/25
Dorothy Foell—a member of the Waterbury Parish	d. 12/25/24

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Dorothy Gryguch	1/26/1988
Theodore Duke	1/27/1997
Julia Pavelchak	1/27/1935
Steven Pohlod	1/27/1958
Maria Yakowitz	1/28/1949
Pauline Osuch	1/28/2001
June F. Pavelchak	1/28/2009
Matushka Sofia Fedoronko	1/30/1946
Samuel Wrettick	1/30/1987
Anna Kowaleski	2/1/1991
Stella Adams	2/1/2008

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

H.E. Archbishop Alexander of the Diocese of the South
 Archpriest Vladimir A—serious illness
 Subdeacon John Paul—recent acute health problems
 Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
 Bill ("Vasilios") L.—relative of the Soyvyda Family; more unwell of late, please pray fervently
 Aaron H. – Fr. Steven H.'s son; recurring and ongoing health issues
 Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); at home
 JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
 Katie and Aubrey—a mother & daughter for whom we have been asked to pray
 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 serious and worrisome 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
 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
 Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; facing serious illness, courageously
 Michael "Mike" A.—battling health challenges
 Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues
 Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.
 Rosemary—member in the New Britain Parish; long-term health challenges
 Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., suffering in illness
 Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.
 Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, health issues
 Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Patrick—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer
 Reader Matthew—friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; in need of prayers
 Daniel—son of a friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; struggling

Joan—grief and chronic illness; req. of Helena G.
 Paul S.—health issues
 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.
 Larissa—daughter of Fr. Michael and Nadia K.; we have been asked to pray for her
 Elizabeth S.—mother of an acquaintance of Fr. John's; battling cancer
 George Z.—Fr. George Z.'s son; seriously ill
 Timothy—Olena's husband; now undergoing treatment for a serious illness
 Michael—at the request of Nina and John D.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness
 Irina—Ksenia's mother; battling cancer
 Jacob—family member of Lynn H.; some health issues
 Faith—David C.'s cousin; facing health challenges
 Bob B.—friend of Melanie O.; battling cancer
 Nolan—friend of Corey F.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Jacqueline—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray for general well-being
 Amy—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray for general well-being
 Michael N.—facing health challenges; our devoted and beloved Choir Director
 John—Cynthia B.'s uncle—unwell and in need of prayers
 Leo M.—Parishioner Lynn H.'s father; unwell and in need of prayers
 Claudia—Macrina H.'s mother; fell this week and broke her hip, surgery needed
 Ingrid—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
 Terry—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
 Louine K.—recently unwell; our fellow parishioner
 Fernando—Matthew A.'s grandfather; declining health
 Audrey—A.J.'s mother; unwell and in need of prayers
 Bob P.—Louine K.'s son-in-law; recovering from an injury suffered in a fall
 Susan—Claudia S. and Melanie K.'s sister—ongoing health issues
 Matthew A—seriously injured fingers which required surgical care
 child Matthias—an infant who is unwell that we have been asked to pray for
 child Noelle—Bob M.'s granddaughter; recently unwell with some chronic issues
 child Nicholas—at request of Dennis K.; suffering with illness
 Christine—at request of Elaine H.; blindness cause by aneurysms
 Jill—friend of Elaine H.; recovering from surgery
 Timothy—relative of Joan M.; surgery
 Nika D.—John and Nina D.'s daughter; some recent health challenges
 Cheryl—a Food Pantry volunteer who is battling a serious illness
 Nancy B.—our fellow parishioner; preparing to undergo another surgery
 Lubomir—Leo K.'s grandfather; upcoming surgery
 Sarah—friend of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness

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

Tanya B.—suffering long-term and lingering effects of brain hemorrhage
 Claudia A.—Waterbury parishioner; health challenges and now widowed
 Dolores M.—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
 Roberta K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care
 Forrest H.—our fellow parishioner, now living in residential care

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Alexis and the child to be born of her—Hopko Family member

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

Ksenia—traveling abroad to see her mother
 Laura and Richard K.

Those from among us serving in the Armed Forces

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")
 Ian—Fr. David and Melanie's son-in-law; U.S. Army reservist called up for training
 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
 John S.—Fr. John's nephew; a U.S. Navy ROTC midshipman

Birthdays

Joan M.	1/28
Jeanne M.	1/28
Claudia S.	1/30
Lewis (Anthony) H.	1/30
Katrina – Karry & Mark's daughter	2/1
Courtney – Karry & Mark's daughter	2/1

Notes on Parish Life

Vacuuming the Church: We ask that volunteers vacuum the Narthex (entrance area), Nave (main worship space), and Kliros (Choir area) of our Church building each Sunday, *right after the conclusion of the Sunday morning services*. The doing of this uncomplicated, yet needful, task would be a great help. Please consider being this volunteer on at least some occasions. Thank you.

Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour! We need Coffee Hour hosts going forward in the calendar. Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour. Thank you!

Please, remember to fill out and submit your Pledge Form for 2025! Check your email inbox or see Fr. John for more details.

Fr. John is now blessing homes: Please contact him to set up an appointment, if you desire him to visit and bless your home.

Please, 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!