



## Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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# Sunday, February 4, 2024

**35<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting.** Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436-440). Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of Vladimir (1238). Ven. Kirill (Cyril) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Novoezérsk (Novgorod—1532). Ven. Abraham and Coprius, of Pechenga (Vologdá—15<sup>th</sup> c.). Martyr Jadorus (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria (ca. 344-347). Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion (868).

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## Services and Events, Upcoming

**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.

**Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 PM:** Daily Vespers

**Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 PM:** Young Men's Group Gathering

**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.*)

**Friday, March 1:** Fr. John out of office, attending the Pre-Lenten Retreat of the Connecticut Deanery Clergy

**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.*)

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## **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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# 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  
 Keith—a man we have been asked to remember d. 01/29/24  
 Thomas—a man we have been asked to remember d. 01/29/24

## Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

John Stashenko 2/5/1949  
 Julia Wazorko 2/5/1960  
 Nadejda Markovich 2/5/1965  
 Evheny Mattson 2/6/1952  
 Paul Preslopsky 2/6/1987  
 Francis Biscoe 2/8/1978  
 Mary Abbots 2/8/1998  
 William Lyga 2/9/1985

## 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  
 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  
 Alan—at the request of Cynthia B.; unwell and in need of prayers  
 Mirna—wife of one of Lewis H.'s coworker; unwell and in need of prayers  
 Alice—parishioner Mike A.'s mother; unwell and in need of prayers  
 Robert—Fr. Justin Gri.'s brother; unwell and in need of prayers  
 Aaron—Fr. Steven H.'s son; unwell and in need of prayers

### 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

### 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  
 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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> 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

Julia M.—Lenna M.'s daughter 2/4  
 Dennis K. 2/5  
 Pdn. Paul N. 2/7  
 Lucy C. 2/8

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## 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!

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## New and Notes:

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

**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.

**2023 Contribution Acknowledgement Letters:** The 2023 Annual Financial Contribution Acknowledgement Letters were sent out this past week. When it arrives, please, check your letter carefully, to confirm the amount reported. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Fr. John, at your earliest convenience.

**Young Men's Group Meeting, Tuesday, February 20:** The next meeting of this group will take place here at Church on Tuesday evening, February 20, 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. (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.

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## Scripture Readings, etc.

Follow this link, to be taken to a section of the official Orthodox Church in America website at which you can access the Daily Scripture Readings, the Lives of the Saints arranged day-to-day throughout the year, catechetical (instructional) material about the Orthodox Faith, and section featuring Questions and Answers about the Orthodox Faith:

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*The End! Glory be to God!*

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