

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, February 12, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 2. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381). St. Aleksey (Alexius), Metropolitan of Moscow, Wonderworker of All Russia (1378). St. Meletius, Archbishop of Khar'kov and Akhtyrsk (1840). Ven. Mary (who was called Marinus), and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria (6th c.). St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople (895). St. Kristo the Gardener (Albania—1752). The “Ivéron” (Iberian) Icon of the Mother of God.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/02/12>

Services and Events, Upcoming

Sunday, February 12, The 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.

Monday, February 13, 7:00 PM: The February monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, February 13, beginning at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be convened via ZOOM teleconference.

Wednesday, February 15, 8:00 AM: Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Matins service.

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 PM: Our usual weekly online Thursday evening Bible Study session, via teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, February 18, 5:30: A General Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) for all the Departed. (*This Saturday, the Eve of the Sunday of the Last Judgment, is one of a number of “Memorial Saturdays” throughout the year, when we commemorate those who have departed this life in the hope and expectation of resurrection to eternal and blessed life.*)

Saturday, February 18, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, February 19, The 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. (*This is the last completely “fast-free” day until Holy Pascha!*)

Wednesday, February 22, 8:00 AM: Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Matins service.

Saturday, February 25, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, February 26, Forgiveness Sunday, 9:15 AM: 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.

Monday, February 27, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, March 1, 10:30 AM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts. *(This service is being scheduled earlier in the day than usual to allow those who are not able to travel after dark to more easily attend.)*

Thursday, March 2, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 3, 7:00 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for All Departed

Saturday, March 4, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday in Great Lent, The Sunday of Orthodoxy, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday in Great Lent, The Sunday of Orthodoxy, 4:00 PM: Mission Vespers, Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, Bridgeport.

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper.

Friday, March 10, 7:00 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for All Departed

Saturday, March 11, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, March 12, The Second Sunday in Great Lent, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, March 12, The Second Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM: Lenten Mission Vespers, Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury.

Monday, March 13, 7:00 PM: The March monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, March 13, beginning at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be convened via ZOOM teleconference.

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper

Friday, March 17, 7:00 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for All Departed

Saturday, March 18, 6:00 PM: Our weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), with Bringing out of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross for Veneration.

Sunday, March 19, The Third Sunday in Great Lent, The Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, March 19, The Third Sunday in Great Lent, The Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross, 4:00 PM: Lenten Mission Vespers, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Bridgeport.

Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 AM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts. *(This service is being scheduled earlier in the day than usual to allow those who are not able to travel after dark to more easily attend.)*

Friday, March 24, 7:00 PM: Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation.

Saturday, March 25, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Annunciation.

Saturday, March 25, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, March 26, The Fourth Sunday in Great Lent, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, March 26, The Fourth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM: Connecticut Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers hosted by our Parish, followed by a Reception for our guests featuring Lenten Soups, Breads, and Desserts.

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper.

Thursday, March 30, 9:00 AM: Lenten Morning Prayers, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 31, 7:00 PM: The Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos

Saturday, April 1, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, April 2, the Fifth Sunday in Great Lent, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, April 2, the Fifth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM: The annual Connecticut Deanery Holy Unction Service, Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia, CT.

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper

Friday, April 7, 7:00 PM: Vespers to conclude Great Lent and to mark the Eve of Lazarus Saturday.

Saturday, Lazarus Saturday, April 8, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, Lazarus Saturday, Commemorating the occasion when Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from among the dead.

Saturday, April 8, Eve of Palm Sunday, 6:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya, Commemorating Palm Sunday, Our Lord's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday, followed by a Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday, 4:00 pm: CT Deanery Bridegroom Matins to Begin Holy Week, Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, New Britain.

Great and Holy Monday, April 10, 7:00 PM: Bridegroom Matins

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 11, 3:00 PM: Bridegroom Matins. *(This service is being scheduled earlier in the day than usual to allow those who are not able to travel after dark to more easily attend.)*

Great and Holy Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Thursday, Commemorating the Our Lord Jesus Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples

Great and Holy Thursday, April 13, 10:00 AM: Vespers and Divine Liturgy, Great and Holy Thursday, Commemorating the Our Lord Jesus Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples

Great and Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Friday, with the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Great and Holy Friday, April 14, 3:00 PM: Vespers commemorating the Death and Burial of Our Lord, with the Bringing out of the Winding Sheet (The "Plashchinitsa/Epitaphion")

Great and Holy Friday, April 14, 7:00 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Saturday, with the Lamentations over the Tomb, and the Procession

Great and Holy Saturday, April 15, 10:00 AM: Vespers and Divine Liturgy over the Tomb of Christ, with the Many Old Testament Readings, the Changing of the Liturgical Colors from Dark to Bright, and the First Proclamation of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the Dead.

Great and Holy Saturday, April 15, 11:30 PM, leading into the Sunday of Great and Holy Pascha, Sunday, April 16: Pascha Midnight Services (Nocturns, Matins, and Divine Liturgy), with the Proclamation of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the Dead – Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

News and Notes

An Error in the Saint Tikhon's Monastery Wall Calendar: We have distributed the 2023 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Wall Calendar to all Parish households. There is an error that should be noted in the month of February: Sunday, February 19, "Meat-Fare" Sunday, is not a fasting day as indicated on the calendar. In fact, the 19th is the last day until Holy Pascha on which there is no fasting! It is a so-called "fast-free" day.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Please, consider signing up to host one (or some) of our Sunday morning Coffee Social Hours. Thank you!

2023 Pledge Forms: If you have not yet completed and returned your annual Pledge Form for 2023, please do so. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please, see Fr. John. The pledge form can be accessed at this link:

<https://terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/files/PledgeForm2023.pdf>

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

His Grace Bishop TIKHON, Retired Bishop of San Francisco	d. 1/22/23
Mitred Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky—a prominent clergyman	d. 1/5/23
Fr. Dimitrios Recachinas—a priest in Connecticut	d. 1/22/23
Priest John Bernardi—formerly a priest of our diocese	d. 1/25/23
Archpriest Daniel Rentel—a well-known OCA priest	d. 2/7/2023

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

John Itar	2/12/1937
Elias Prystash	2/12/1965
Doris Witik Raineault	2/12/2007
Vladimir Lukyantsev	2/12/2015
Stephen Sarafynik	2/13/1940
Mary Rewak	2/13/1983
John Yuraschik	2/15/1979
John Muchka	2/15/1987
Maria Kaschak	2/15/2000
Theodore Shopay	2/16/1920
William Papach	2/17/1969
Matushka Pearl Markovich	2/17/1978
Adam Mihailoff	2/17/2001
Steven Suslenko	2/18/1960

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; recently unwell
 Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
 Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
 Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
 Donna—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
 Dayrl—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease-awaiting transplant
 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 & 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
 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
 George Kla.—our fellow parishioner; facing a variety of health challenges
 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

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
 Britney—facing possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.
 Kathy 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; heart surgery
 Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; recent serious health challenges
 Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers
 Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia
 Marisa—a young girl, acquaintance of the Nimcheks, who is quite unwell
 Stephen—facing health challenges; at request of Marilou P.
 Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; a person facing serious illness, courageously
 Michael "Mike" A.—battling some health challenges
 Robert J.—dealing with some health issues
 Geraldine—acquaintance of Helena G.; battling lung cancer
 Forrest H.—husband of Elaine H.; ongoing health challenges
 John B.—acquaintance of Jeanne M.; facing health challenges
 Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.
 Rosemary—dedicated member in the New Britain Parish; health challenges
 Olga—John K.'s sister-in-law; unwell and in need of our prayers
 Kirk—nephew of Joan M. and Jeanne M., recovering from cardiac surgery
 Johnathan—son of Alison and Mike A.; severely injured in tree trimming accident
 Paul S.—underwent medical procedure on December 6; still in need of prayers
 Mary—relative of David C.; recently unwell
 Cameron—relative of David C.; in need of prayerful support
 Joshua—relative of Carolyn P.; recently diagnosed with a vexing illness
 Andrea and Alexandra—mother & daughter who need prayers; req. of Helena G.
 Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., recovering from brain surgery
 Jeffrey G.—John G.'s father; recovering from surgery
 Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.
 Subdeacon Joseph B.—recovering from joint replacement surgery
 John—the late Emery W.'s brother; suffering in illness

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

Alex—John D.'s brother; suffering permanent effects of stroke
 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

Mothers and the Children newly born of them

Kristen and the son newly born of her

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Katrina and the child to be born of her
 Alexis and the child to be born of her
 Rose and the child to be born of her
 And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

John (Jack) K.

Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces

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
 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

Wedding Anniversaries

Joel & Julie Kowaleski	2/12
David & Lucy Crosby	2/16

Birthdays

Christyn O.	2/14
Melanie Osuch	2/16

Prayers Requested: Maryna B., friend of our Terryville Parish, and a native of Kharkiv, Ukraine, asks prayers for the health and salvation of her family and friends in Ukraine, including, specifically, her grandmother **Larissa**. Larissa, and others dear and known to Maryna, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people have been suffering greatly, due to attacks by the military of the country of Russia. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayers Requested: Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for the health and salvation of family members in and from Ukraine, including, specifically, her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**, and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayers requested: For Maryna B.'s brother **Dmytro**, sister-in-law **Yuliya**, and their child **Milana** (born May 6, 2022). (Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Peace, hear our prayers! Lord, have mercy.)

Prayers Requested, related to the troubles created by the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine: Elena Watras asks prayers for her Goddaughter **Vera** and her family members **Pavel**, **Timothy**, **Nina**, **Anya**, **Mitya**, **Petya**, and all their extended family.

Scripture Readings, etc.

For decades, it has been our custom to share Scripture Readings the Parish Bulletin. However, it seems better now to provide links to the Daily Scripture Readings and other resources located on the official website of the Orthodox Church in America, www.oca.org:

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:

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy>

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The End! Glory be to God!