



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, March 3, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — **Tone 6.** Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus (ca. 308). Saint Piamoun (337). Ss. Zenon and Zoilus.

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son: On the Sunday of the Prodigal Son we hear the Parable of this wayward young man (Luke 15:11-32) who comes to realize the error of his ways and returns in a humble way to the home of the father he had abandoned. There he is greeted by his father with love and forgiveness. By this powerful story, we are reminded about God the Father's perfect, forgiving and abiding love and the need to turn away from our own sins in order to receive God's love and forgiveness.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/03/03>

Services and Events, Upcoming

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 PM: Terryville Parish Council meeting, online.

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

Friday, March 8: Fr. John will be out of the office all day long.

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 10, 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 10, 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.)

Sunday, March 10, during the Coffee Social Hour, Meeting of the Parish Sisterhood: On Sunday, March 10, during the Coffee Social Hour following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the Parish Sisterhood will meet. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new leadership for the Sisterhood, and to make plans for future activities. All women who are members and friends of the Terryville Parish are invited to attend and take part in this meeting.

Wednesday morning, March 13, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, March 16, Eve of Forgiveness Sunday, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday March 17, 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 18, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Wednesday, March 20, 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.)

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM: Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 22, 7:00 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for All Departed

Saturday, March 23, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, March 24, First Sunday in Great Lent, The Sunday of Orthodoxy, Forefeast of the Feast of Annunciation, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

EASTON, CT: Sunday, March 24, Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 4:00 PM: On Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 4:00 PM, Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be celebrated at Saint Dimitrie Orthodox Church, Easton, CT.

Monday, March 25, Feast of the Annunciation, 10:30 AM: Vespereal Divine Liturgy to mark the Feast of the Annunciation. (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.)

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a "Bring-and-Share" Lenten meal.

Saturday, March 30, during the day: Reception of John G. into the fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith, exact time and details to be determined.

Saturday, March 30, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, March 31, 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.

SPRINGFIELD, MA: Sunday, March 31, Lenten Mission Vespers, 4:00 PM: On Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 4:00 PM, Lenten Mission Vespers will be celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, MA.

Wednesday, April 3, 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.)

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

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.

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

Richard—a man Dennis K. sponsored into the Orthodox Church d. 3/1/24
 Hysen (“Sammy”)—Valbona H.’s cousin, victim of automobile accident d. 2/25/24
 Keith—a man we have been asked to remember d. 1/29/24
 Thomas—a man we have been asked to remember d. 1/29/24

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Anton Honcharuk 3/3/1974
 Donna Marie Kriniske 3/3/2014
 Emery Michael Wegh 3/3/2015
 Helen Kowaleski 3/4/1997
 Andrew Tczap 3/6/1946
 Mary Oleshko 3/6/1984
 Amelia Hriceniak 3/6/1998
 Louis Senetcen 3/8/1990
 Mary Hitchcock 3/8/2011
 Maria Braga 3/9/1927
 Julia Glowa 3/9/1952
 Stephen Kowal 3/9/1968

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

Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit—in ill health, in need of prayers
 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 Vladimir H.—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
 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
 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 Sovryda 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 [*Meer-nah*])—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
 Tamara “Tammy” B. – our fellow parishioner; experiencing recurrent health challenges
 Timothy—Olena’s husband; recent surgery to address serious illness

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

Mother and Newly Born Child

Melanie and the daughter born of her—George and Jenn. W.’s daughter-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
 Maura and the child to be born of her—close friend of Lucy C.
 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.; 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
 David—at request of Fr. David K.; U.S. Army medic

Wedding Anniversaries

None this week

Birthdays

Jayne G. 3/3
 Macrina H. 3/4
 Irene K.—Melanie and Fr. David K.’s daughter 3/5
 James “Jim” W. 3/7
 Stefan K.—Laura and Rich K.’s daughter 3/7

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!

News and Notes:

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday evening, March 5, 7:00 PM, Online: The Parish Council will meet online, via Zoom, beginning at 7:00 PM, on Tuesday evening, March 5.

Fr. John out of the office, Friday, March 8: Fr. John will be out of the office all day long on Friday, March 8.

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Saturday, March 30, John G. to be received into the Fullness of the Orthodox Faith: John G., who has been a seeker and a learner in our Parish for many months now, will be received into the Orthodox Faith on Saturday, March 30. (March 30 is the annual Feast Day of Saint John of the Ladder. Saint John of the Ladder is John G.'s patron saint.) Exact details will be shared as those details are finalized.

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:

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

The End! Glory be to God!

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