

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, March 5, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Martyr Conon of Isauria (1st c.). Finding of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Theodore, Prince of Smolensk and Yaroslavl', and his children Ss. David and Constantine, Wonderworkers of Yaroslavl' (1463). Monastic Martyr Adrian of Poshekhónsk (Yaroslavl'—1550). Martyr Onesimus of Isauria (1st c.). Martyr Conon the Gardener, of Pamphylia (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Irais (Raíssa) of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 308). Martyr Eulogius, of Palestine. Martyr Eulampius, of Palestine. St. Mark the Faster, of Egypt (5th c.). St. Hesychius the Faster, of Bithynia (ca. 790).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/03/05>

Services and Events, Upcoming

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.

IN BRIDGEPORT: 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.

IN SOUTHBURY: 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.

IN BRIDGEPORT: 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.

HERE IN TERRYVILLE! 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.

IN ANSONIA: 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.

IN NEW BRITAIN: 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

THIS SUNDAY! Collection to Aid Earthquake Victims, this Sunday, March 5: On this Sunday, March 5, the First Sunday in Great Lent, we are having a collection to aid those who are suffering in the wake of the recent earthquakes affecting southeastern Turkey and northwestern Syria. The proceeds from this collection will be conveyed to Saint Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bridgeport, CT. The deacon in that parish, Archdeacon Sami Bal, is an immigrant who came to the United States in 1966 from the region of Syria (near the city of Aleppo) most affected by the awful earthquakes. Thus, through Archdeacon Sami, we have a conduit to help some of the persons now most in need.

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

Lenten Confessions

Make your appointment now! Each and every Christian should (must!) participate in the saving Sacrament of Holy Confession during the Lenten season, as part of his or her own "Lenten journey." Please contact Fr. John now to make your Confession appointment, even if you want your appointment to take place later on during Lent. Please make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, that is, by Friday, April 7. By the time we reach Holy Week and Pascha, every member of the Parish should (must!) have participated in the Sacrament of Confession in the Lenten season.

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

Priest John Bernardi—formerly a priest of our diocese d. 1/25/23
Archpriest Daniel Rentel—a well-known OCA priest d. 2/7/23
Joshua—relative of Carolyn P. d. 2/12/23
Alexandrea—acquaintance of Helen G. d. 2/18/23
Armand—Mike A.'s uncle—98 year-old WW2 (D-Day) Navy Veteran d. 2/24/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

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
Catherine Kowal 3/10/1988
Anne Yurascik 3/10/2010

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
Archpriest Nicholas—Fr. John's brother-in-law, unwell recently
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
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
Brittney—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
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
Andrea—mourning loss of loved one; 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
Edith—Patty N.'s aunt, injured in a car accident
Bettye—acquaintance of the Hopkos, very unwell
Anita—Patty N.'s cousin, injured in a car accident
Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, surgery upcoming 3/10

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
George Kla.—our 97-year-old fellow parishioner; battling health issues

Mothers and the Children newly born of them

Alexis and the daughter newly born of her (2/27)

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Katrina 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.
Elena and Jim W.—traveling this week to visit family
Mark and Karry and all the Orelups, soon to be traveling

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

Birthdays

Irene Koles 3/5
James "Jim" Watras 3/7
Stefan Robert Koski 3/7
Nicholas Granoth 3/11

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: For Maryna B.'s brother **Dmytro**, sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and their child **Milana** (born May 6, 2022). (Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Peace, hear our prayers! Lord, 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, 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**, **Anyia**, **Mitya**, **Petya**, and all their extended family. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayer Request Update: Johnathan, son of Alison and Mike A., who was severely injured in tree trimming accident has experienced a strong rehab and recovery and is doing well. We are grateful for everyone's love and prayers for his recovery after this awful accident.

The **Lenten Letter of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon**, our bishop is available to be read at this link: <https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/statements/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon/beginning-of-great-lent-2023>.



Orthodox Prayer for Enemies: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who commanded us to love our enemies and those who defame and injure us, and to pray for them and forgive them; Who Yourself prayed for Your enemies who crucified You: Grant us, we pray, the spirit of Christian reconciliation and meekness, that we may heartily forgive every injury and be reconciled with our enemies. Grant us to overcome the malevolence and offences of people with Christian meekness and true love of our neighbor. We further beseech You, O Lord, to grant to our enemies true peace and forgiveness of sins; do not allow them to leave this life without true faith and sincere conversion. And help us to repay evil with goodness, and to remain safe from the temptations of the devil and from all the perils which threaten us, in the form of visible and invisible enemies. Amen.



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>



The End! Glory be to God!