



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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SUNDAY OF MEATFARE – Tone 7. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Martyr Quadratus and those with him: Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Crescens, Dionysius (another), Victorinus, Victor, Nikēphóros, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, Papias, Leonidas, Chariessa, Nunechia, Basilissa, Nice (Nika, Victoria), Galla, Galina, Theodora, and many others, at Corinth (258, 267-268). Martyrs Quadratus, Saturninus, Rufinus, and the rest, of Nicomedia (3rd c.). St. Anastasia the Patrician of Alexandria (567-568).

The Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-fare Sunday): On the Sunday of the Last Judgment we hear Christ's recounting of the Last Judgment as recorded in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matthew 25:31-46). We are reminded that we will be judged in the end not for our intentions or even our beliefs, but for our actions. We will be judged not in reference to what we have said, but rather for what we have done. We are also reminded that we must treat every fellow human being with dignity and respect, as we would hopefully treat Jesus Christ, our Lord, Himself. The Sunday of the Last Judgment is also called Meat-fare, because it is the last day on which we eat meat products until the celebration of Holy Pascha.

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Services and Events, Upcoming

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, 3:00 PM: Reception of John G. into the fullness of the Holy Orthodox Faith by Holy Baptism. A Lenten Reception (Lenten Cake and Coffee) will follow the service.

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 n 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

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

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Catherine Kowal 3/10/1988
Anne Yurascik 3/10/2010
William (Bill, Vasily) Markovich (**First anniversary**) 3/11/2023
Joseph Kostyk 3/12/1939
Anastasia Fedak 3/12/1976
Harry Duke 3/12/1977
Joseph Kurdeka 3/13/1972
John Broda 3/13/1972
Stefan Osuch 3/13/1998
Iakov Krivoy 3/14/1949
Michael Shular 3/14/1979
Ella Ascolese 3/15/2010
Vasili Gerasimchyk 3/16/1944

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
Deacon Timothy S.—upcoming knee joint replacement 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
Blanche—Matushka Anne H.'s mother; injured in fall
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 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
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
Alan—at the request of Cynthia B.; 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
George Z.—Fr. George Z.'s son; seriously ill
Timothy—Olena's husband; recent surgery to address serious illness
Michael—at the request of Nina and John D.; 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

Mother and Newly Born Child

Melanie and the daughter born of her—George and Jenn. W.'s daughter-in-law
Kate and the son born of her—Lynn H.'s daughter-in-law

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

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.
Teodora and the child to be born of her—Jacob and Teodora J. are our distant parishioners, for now in Serbia, hoping to soon be back in CT
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
Timothy, Donna, and Christopher Osuch
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

Nicholas G.—son of Steve and Elena G.

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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!

News and Notes:

Sunday, March 17, Vespers of Forgiveness to Begin Great Lent: On Sunday, March 17, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, and after an abbreviated Coffee Social Hour, we will return to the Nave of the Church to celebrate the Vespers of Forgiveness with the Rite of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent. For those of you who are new to the Parish and unfamiliar with the Vespers of Forgiveness, this service should begin at about 11:45 AM, and lasts about 40 minutes. It concludes with the Mutual Rite of Forgiveness, where we ask forgiveness and offer forgiveness to one another, as we begin our journey through Great Lent to Holy Pascha.

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 by Holy Baptism and Chrismation, 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.) The service will begin at 3:00 PM and will be followed by Lenten Cake and Coffee Reception.

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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