

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, March 12, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 6. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane (818). Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron (ca. 1500 B.C.). St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome (604). Ven. Simeon the New Theologian (1021).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/03/12>

Services and Events, Upcoming

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 SOUTHURY: 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

Lenten Mission Vespers, Sunday, March 26, 4:00 PM. We are the hosts! On Sunday evening, March 26, 2023, the Fourth Sunday evening in Great Lent, beginning at 4:00 PM, our parish is taking its turn to host one of the Lenten Mission Services in the Connecticut Deanery. Clergy and Faithful from other Orthodox parishes in our area will be joining us that afternoon beginning at 4:00 PM for Vespers in the Church, followed by Christian fellowship at a Lenten "Soup, Bread and Desserts" Reception in our Church Basement Social Hall.

We need six pots of soup for the event (each able to serve about 12 people), donations of bread and vegan margarine to go with the soup, and donations of Lenten desserts, too. All dishes provided must be meatless and dairy-free ("vegan"), in accordance with our traditional Lenten fasting guidelines. We also need two or three volunteers to coordinate the meal and other volunteers to help set-up, serve, and clean-up.

There is a sign-up list posted in the Parish Basement Social Hall now, asking for contributions of food and assistance to that event. Thank you, in advance, for your help with and participation in this event.

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

Archpriest Daniel Rentel—a well-known OCA priest d. 2/7/23
William “Bill” (Vasily) Markovich—Joan’s husband d. 3/11/23
Jared—cousin of Corey F. d. 3/7/23
Armand—Mike A.’s uncle—98 year-old WW2 (D-Day) Navy Veteran d. 2/24/23
Alexandrea—acquaintance of Helen G. d. 2/18/23
Anthony—Mike and Jim L.’s cousin
Joshua—relative of Carolyn P. d.2/12/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

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 Gerasimchik 3/16/1944
Susan Skovran 3/17/1954
Mary Wrettick 3/17/1958
Konstantin Pohlod 3/18/1965
Stephen Andrash 3/18/1988
Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko 3/18/2015

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
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; 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 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 a while back; 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 3/14

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.
Mark and Karry and their family

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 and Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK

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, Anya, Mitya, Petya, and all their extended family. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Click on these links to see some options for Lenten Giving:

www.iocc.org – IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities), the international humanitarian aid and development agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, aims to develop in Orthodox Christians a commitment to philanthropy and global cooperative involvement in the diaconal work of the Orthodox Church.

www.ocmc.org – Through its many ministries, OCMC (The Orthodox Christian Mission Center) has shared the love of Christ offering a living witness of the Orthodox Christian Faith in more than 30 countries around the world. Each of these ministries works to build up the Church and help transform the lives of people who hunger and thirst for salvation through a vibrant Eucharistic life in Christ.

www.zoeforlife.org – ZOE for Life is a Christian ministry which affirms the value of all life by providing nonjudgmental, confidential support and education during and after an unplanned pregnancy. *[NOTE: ZOE for Life primarily operates in northeastern Ohio, and is not represented presently by a chapter in Connecticut. Nevertheless, it is an organization worthy of our support. Here in our area Carolyn's Place in Waterbury (www.carolynsplace.org) is a similar faith-based initiative with roots in the local Roman Catholic communities.]*

www.theocpm.org – Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. For Orthodox Christians who have been arrested for crimes, OCPM helps them return to the Faith, offering forgiveness and reconciliation with Christ. For both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike, OCPM provides spiritual care, enabling prisoners to find hope and purpose in their lives.

www.ocf.net – Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF is charged with connecting Orthodox college and university students—and those interested in the Orthodox Christian faith—to Christ and His Church.

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>.

Scripture Readings, etc.

It has been our custom in the past 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!