

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 13, 2022 – Tone 5

First Sunday in Great Lent

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Translation of the relics of St. Nikēphóros, Patriarch of Constantinople (846). Martyr Sabinus (Abibus) of Egypt (287). Martyrs Africanus, Publius, and Terence, of Carthage (3rd c.). Martyr Alexander of Macedonia (305-311). Martyr Christina of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Aninas of the Euphrates.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/03/13>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, March 13, 9:15 AM:** Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. **First Sunday in Great Lent. Sunday of Orthodoxy.**
- **AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT:** **Sunday afternoon/evening, March 13, 4:00 PM: Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers,** bringing together the clergy and faithful of the CT Deanery and the Bridgeport Orthodox Clergy Association. Fr. John Hopko, our Pastor, will be the preacher on this occasion.
- **Tuesday evening, March 15, 7:00 PM:** Monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council, to be convened ONLINE, via Zoom.
- **Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, followed by a simple Soup and Bread meal.
- **Friday, March 18: 7:00 PM:** Daily Vespers with Memorial Prayers for the Departed
- **Saturday evening Vigil, March 19, 6:30 PM:** Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord's Day Vigil Service.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, March 20, 9:15 AM:** Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. **Second Sunday in Great Lent. Saint Gregory Palamas.**
- **AT SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, MERIDEN:** **Sunday afternoon/evening, March 20, 4:00 PM: Lenten Mission Vespers,** bringing together the clergy and faithful of the CT Deanery.
- **Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, followed by a simple Soup and Bread meal.
- **Friday, March 25, Feast of the Annunciation, 6:30 PM:** Festal Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Feast.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, March 26, 6:30 PM:** Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord's Day Vigil Service, with the bringing out of the Holy Cross for Veneration.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, March 27, 9:15 AM:** Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. **Third Sunday in Great Lent. Lenten Veneration of the Cross.**

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, and senseless violence throughout the world.

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

We pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19. We pray for all those who have perished in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. Lord have mercy.

Newly Departed

Archpriest Michael Fortounatto—acquaintance of Hopkos	d. 2/19/22
Peter—a man Fr. John has been asked to pray for	d. 2/24/22
Dorothy—Mat. C. Voytovich's mother	d. 2/17/22
Roy—Jacob J.'s grandfather	d. 2/17/22
Steven Wenslow—Bev. Kuzmich's nephew	d. 2/17/22
Rosemary—friend of Jack K	d. 2/14/22

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

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
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
Anna Longo	3/19/1986

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to COVID-19, and those working to alleviate their suffering. We pray for all those suffering presently in Ukraine, due to the war going on there.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Archbishop Paul of Chicago—diagnosed with a grievous illness
Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores T.—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Donna—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
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 and 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
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery
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
Lorraine—friend of Joan M.; cancerous blood disease
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.
Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing; very unwell
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
Barbara S.—W'bury parishioner; recovering from surgery
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers
Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia
Christina—surgery for cancer on March 14; acquaintance of Fr. John H.
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently
Marisa—a 13-yr-old girl, acquaintance of the Nimcheks, who is quite unwell

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

Alex—John D.'s brother; suffering permanent effects of stroke
Dolores—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare

Expectant Mothers

Tracey and the child to be born of her—Tracey is G. and J. W.'s daughter-in-law
Lucy and the child to be born of her—Lucy C. is our fellow parishioner
Maura and the child to be born of her—Maura is Lucy and David C.'s friend
Katherine and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos

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

All those traveling, soon to be traveling, and apart from us

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 and helicopter pilot
Alexander—relative of Carolyn P.; 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

Wedding Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays this coming week

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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**, her brother **Dmytro**, her sister-in-law **Yuliia** (who is with child), and, also, for **Alexander** and **Aleksey**. Maryna's grandmother, Larissa, and other family and friends, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people are suffering greatly at this time, due to ongoing 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 Ukraine, including, specifically, her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**, and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**.

Prayers Requested: One of our parishioners who is a teacher has asked prayers for one of her students. This student is battling a very serious illness. Please, keep this child and their loved ones in your prayers. Thank you. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Letter of Support Sent

With the approval of our Terryville Parish Council, our Pastor, Fr. John Hopko, has written a letter to Fr. Paul Luniw, Pastor, and the Members and Friends of Saint Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Allen Street, Terryville, our neighbor here in Terryville. In that letter, Fr. John expressed our Parish's sadness over the war in Ukraine, and expressed our prayerful support for all those effected by the war, and our prayerful hope that peace will soon prevail. Lord, hear our prayer!

Annual ONE Stewards Appeal

ONE (Orthodox New England) Stewards is a group within the Diocese of New England that contributes money to the Diocese for the purpose of supporting outreach (and "in-reach") ministries in the Diocese beyond what the annual budget of the Diocese is able to support. These ministries include charitable grants, scholarships and youth programs.

Historically, our parish membership has a wonderful record of ONE Stewards membership. Many members of our parish have been annual supporting members of ONE Stewards for many consecutive years.

Every year at about this time ONE Stewards conducts its annual membership appeal. Please consider supporting this program. Donations may be made by writing a check made out to "ONE Stewards—Diocese of New England" and then sending it to ONE Stewards, PO BOX 1182, Torrington, CT 06790-1182. Alternatively, you may simply give your ONE Stewards donation directly to our own Deacon Paul Nimchek, who coordinates ONE Stewards on behalf of the Diocese.

Lenten Confessions: *Make your appointment now! Great Lent began on Monday, March 7.* Each and every Christian should 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 15. 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 Spring Cleaning, Saturday morning, April 2: We will have a Church Spring Cleaning Session on Saturday morning, April 2, beginning at 9:00 AM. Please note this occasion in your calendar and plan to participate. Many hands make the work quick and easy! Let's work together to beautify our Church for Holy Pascha! Thank you!

A Church Cookbook: The Women's Group at Saint Michael the Archangel Church in Cotuit, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, where several of our former members are now communicants (including Juliana Koles Haskins and her children, and Subdeacon Joseph and Annie Boruch) has published a cookbook. The price for the cookbook, the proceeds of which support aspects parish life at Saint Michael Church, is \$30.00. Please, contact Fr. David Koles or Mat. Melanie Koles if you are interested in ordering a copy of this cookbook, or to obtain more information about it. (Apparently, the cookbook includes some Lenten recipes, which is, of course, timely. No doubt there are festive recipes in the book, too.)

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 1st Sunday of Great Lent, which is also called the Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (Heb. 11:24-26, 11:31-12:2)

Brothers and Sisters: By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn. 1:43-51)

At that time Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Beth-saida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Scripture Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Great Lent, on which we commemorate especially the memory of St. Gregory Palamas

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (Heb. 1:10-2:3)

Brothers and Sisters: [Of the Son, God says:] "Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark (Mark 2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"