

# 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 26, 2023

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 8. Leavetaking of the Annunciation. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. St. John Climacus (of *The Ladder*).** Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Sirmium (304). Martyrs Bathusius and Bercus—Presbyters, Arpilus—Monk, Abibus, Agnus, Reasus, Igathrax, Iscoeus (Iskous), Silas, Signicus, Sonirilus, Suimbalus, Thermus, Phillus (Philgas)—laymen, and the women: Anna, Alla, Larissa, Monco (Manca), Uirko (Virko), Animais (Animaida), Gaatha and Duklida, in the Crimea (375). St. Malchus of Chalcis, Syria (4th c.). Ven. Basil the New, Anchorite, near Constantinople (10th c.). Martyr Montanus, Presbyter, of Singidunum, and his wife, Maxima (235).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/03/26>

## Services and Events, Upcoming

**Sunday, March 26, The Fourth Sunday in Great Lent, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy. (NOTE: We will NOT have our usual Coffee Social after the Divine Liturgy on this day.)

**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 morning, April 1, 9:00 AM:** Spring Cleaning of the Church Interior

**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. This will 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 "Plashchinitza/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 (Nocturnes, Paschal Matins, and Paschal Divine Liturgy), with the Proclamation of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the Dead – Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

**Bright Monday, April 17, 9:15 AM:** Paschal Divine Liturgy, followed by a festive procession around the Church, and then by a Bring-and-Share Paschal Brunch.

**Bright Wednesday, April 19, 8:00 AM:** Paschal Matins (in a somewhat abbreviated form), followed by some Paschal fellowship (Coffee and Goodies) for those who would enjoy sharing such fellowship.

**Bright Saturday, April 22, 9:00 AM – Grounds-Keeping Morning here at the Church:** On Saturday, April 22, beginning at 9:00 AM, we will have a grounds-keeping morning here at the Church, when we will be doing work to beautify the grounds and flower beds around the Church building.

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**Lenten Confessions – Only Two Weeks Left!** 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." If you have not yet done so, please contact Fr. John now to make your Confession appointment. 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.

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## Candle Prices Increasing

For the first time in more than two decades, we are increasing candle prices here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville. We must do this because the price that we pay to purchase these candles from our suppliers has gone up. Beeswax is more expensive than it used to be.

So, beginning on Saturday, April 1, 2023, the cost of what we call "the dollar candles" will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25. These candles are the thirteen-and-a-half-inch-long, half-inch-wide beeswax candles (what are traditionally called in the candle trade "standard 'lampadas'"), which we most commonly use in our parish.

Please, if you are a candle purchaser, try to bring exact change, in cash, for your candle purchases at Church. This will make things work efficiently at the candle desk. (We will have some change available at the candle desk, however, let's try to make things easy. Thanks!)

Even with this increase in prices, we will still have among the lowest candle prices that I have seen. So, please, keep buying and lighting candles.

For more about candles, and their use in Church, please read this excerpt from our Parish Life Handbook:

*Candles are used in the Orthodox Church as symbols and offerings during the liturgical services. In our parish we use traditional 100% beeswax tapers, as well as paraffin votive candles. (Note: Traditionally, oil-burning votive lamps are used in the Orthodox Church. However, many years ago our parish opted to use the paraffin votives, probably for reasons of convenience.)*

*In a general sense, the lighting of a candle in Church symbolizes the life of a Christian person. Until a candle is lit it is cold and hard. Once lit it is warmed and softened and then consumed by the flame. In the same way, we human beings can be spiritually "cold and hard" until our hearts and minds are "warmed and softened" by the grace of God. When we, faithful Christians, allow ourselves to become "on fire" with God's love we can be consumed by that divine love in a beautiful and powerful way.*

*In a more particular and specific sense, the lighting of a candle in Church is an offering. The faithful purchase candles, thus making a monetary offering to the Church, and then they light those candles as an offering of prayer. The candles are set in stands in significant parts of the Church, usually near a particular icon of Our Lord, His Mother, or a particular saint or group of saints. When we offer a candle by lighting it and placing it in a particular place in the Church we should simultaneously offer a prayer. For example, we may light a candle and place it to burn near an icon of a particular saint and, at the same time, ask that saint's intercession before God on behalf of our self or a person for whom we wish to pray. We, also, may light and place candles at the Memorial Table (which is located by the large Crucifix situated in the front left corner of the Nave of the Church) as offerings of prayer on behalf of the departed. Additionally, candles may be lit not only as petitions asking for God's blessings to be given, but as prayerful offerings of gratitude for blessings already received.*

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

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**AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Purchase and Training:** At their most recent meeting our Terryville Parish Council authorized the purchase of an AED and also budgeted money for the cost of training persons in its use. The AED, including both the primary unit and its peripherals, will cost about \$2,800.00. The training will cost about \$85.00 per person for a six-hour course, through Bristol Hospital. To host the course here at Church, we need at least six volunteers to participate, and not more than nine. **If you volunteer or this training, our Parish will cover the costs of your participation—there is no cost to you.** So, if you would like this training, which actually goes far beyond how to use the AED, and addresses, more broadly, addressing a heart-related health emergency, please, let Fr. John know. Fr. John himself will be undergoing the training, too, with the others who volunteer from our Parish. Thanks for your interest.

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**LOOKING AHEAD – Terryville Parish Council Meeting, Monday evening, May 8, 7:00 PM:** Our next Terryville Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday evening, May 8, beginning at 7:00 PM. Please be reminded that our Parish Council Meetings are “open” meetings. Any parishioner may attend the Parish Council meeting and will be allowed to participate, unless the Council decides to go into a closed, off-the-record, so-called “executive” session. Only Parish Council members may make motions and participate in votes, but all parishioners are allowed to participate by being present to observe the proceedings and to participate in the conversation with the permission of the meeting chairperson. (Note: The Parish Council is not meeting in April, due to the month being dominated by the last week of Great Lent, Holy Week, Holy Pascha, and Bright Week. Thank you for your understanding.)

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**Sewing and Needlecraft Ministry:** We are looking to establish a Sewing and Needlecraft Ministry in our Parish, to meet the needs of repairing and, even, crafting liturgical paraments (the cloth covers that we place on Church furniture) and vestments. If you are interested in this ministry, please, let Fr. John know. We are planning, after Holy Pascha, to establish this ministry. We will begin with repairing some of our vestments, and then move on to make a new set of gold-colored coverings (paraments) for use in our Church.

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**New Picnic Table:** Our Terryville Parish is the happy recipient of a picnic table and benches that was once used in the Waterbury Parish. We thank Subdeacon John Paul Szepel for storing that outdoor furniture over the winter and then bringing it to us now. We are looking for a parishioner who has the necessary experience and skills to have a look at that furniture and to assess if it needs any repairs or renovation. Please, let Fr. John know if you are interested in performing that task.

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**Church Pictorial Directory:** Some have been asking that we prepare a new pictorial directory of our Church, which would include contact details for all our parishioners. If you think this is a good idea, please, let Fr. John know. If you would rather not participate, please, also, let Fr. John know. (Please know that we will NOT share anyone’s photograph or contact information without their express permission!)

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

[www.iocc.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.carolynsplace.org)) is a similar faith-based initiative with roots in the local Roman Catholic communities.]*

[www.theocpm.org](http://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](http://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.

# 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**

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  
 Alexandria—acquaintance of Helen G. d. 2/18/23  
 Anthony—Mike and Jim L.'s cousin

### **Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!**

Maria Hubchik 3/26/1946  
 Nicholas Maichak 3/26/1961  
 Martha Grabchuk 3/26/1965  
 Arlene Osuch 3/27/2011  
 Beverly Kuzmich 3/27/2020  
 Theodore Kozar 3/28/1936  
 Michael Kandybaik 3/28/1961  
 Paraskeva Glowa 3/30/1932  
 Lou Plasko 3/30/1961  
 Anna Shewchuk 3/30/1982

## 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  
 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  
 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.  
 John—the late Emery W.'s brother; suffering in illness  
 Edith—Patty N.'s aunt, injured in a car accident  
 Anita—Patty N.'s cousin, injured in a car accident  
 Bettye—acquaintance of the Hopkos, very unwell  
 Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, recovering from surgery

### **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

### **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  
 Emma and the child to be born of her  
 Juliana and the child to be born of her—Fr. John K.'s daughter and her child  
 And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

John (Jack) K.

### **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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Vera Wegh 3/28  
 Nicholas Kowaleski—Joel and Julie's son 4/1

**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!)

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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>.

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## **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, c/o Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, PO BOX 1569, Lanesborough, MA 01237-1569.

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## **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](http://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!*