



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

A Parish of the Diocese of New England of the Orthodox Church in America

Fr. John Hopko, Pastor • Protodeacon Paul Nimchek

860.582.3631 • email: terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com

www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org • www.facebook.com/TerryvilleOrthodoxChurch

Sunday, March 31, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 2. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Repose of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas (1879). St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra (ca. 336). Repose of St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1461). Ven. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Apollonius, Ascetic, of Egypt (4th c.). Hieromartyr Avdas, Bishop of Persia, and Martyr Benjamin the Deacon (418-424). Ven. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon (ca. 446). Appearance of the “Ivéron” (Iberian) Icon of the Mother of God.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/03/31>

Services and Events, Upcoming

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 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, April 7, 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 PITTSFIELD, MA: Sunday, April 7, The Third Sunday in Great Lent, The Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross, 4:00 PM: Lenten Mission Vespers, Saint Nicholas Church, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. His Grace Bishop Benedict, presiding.)

VISIT OF HIS GRACE BISHOP BENEDICT TO OUR PARISH! Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper with His Grace.

Saturday, April 13, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, April 14, 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.

(IN NEW HAVEN, CT: Sunday, April 14, The Fourth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM: Connecticut Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, New Haven, CT.)

Wednesday, April 17, 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, April 18, 9:00 AM: Lenten Morning Prayers, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Friday, April 19, 7:00 PM: The Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos

Saturday, April 20, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, April 21, 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 21, the Fifth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM: The annual Connecticut Deanery Holy Unction Service, Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia, CT. His Grace Bishop Benedict, presiding.)

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper

Friday, April 26, 7:00 PM: Vespers to conclude Great Lent and to mark the Eve of Lazarus Saturday.

Saturday, Lazarus Saturday, April 27, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, Lazarus Saturday, commemorating the occasion when Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from among the dead.

Saturday, April 27, Eve of Palm Sunday, 6:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya, commemorating Palm Sunday, Our Lord's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

Sunday, April 28, Palm Sunday, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday, followed by a Coffee Social Hour.

(IN HARTFORD: Sunday, April 28, Palm Sunday, 4:00 pm: CT Deanery Bridegroom Matins to begin Holy Week, All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, CT.)

Great and Holy Monday, April 29, 7:00 PM: Bridegroom Matins

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 30, 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, May 1, 7:00 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Thursday, commemorating Our Lord Jesus Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples

Great and Holy Thursday, May 2, 10:00 AM: Vespers and Divine Liturgy, Great and Holy Thursday, commemorating Our Lord Jesus Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples

Great and Holy Thursday, May 2, 7:00 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Friday, with the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Great and Holy Friday, May 3, 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, May 3, 7:00 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Saturday, with the Lamentations over the Tomb, and the Procession

Great and Holy Saturday, May 4, 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, May 4, 11:30 PM, leading into the Sunday of Great and Holy Pascha, Sunday, May 5: 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!

Bright Monday, May 6, 9:15 AM: Paschal Divine Liturgy, followed by a festive procession around the Church, and then by a Bring-and-Share Paschal Brunch.

VISIT OF HIS GRACE BISHOP BENEDICT TO OUR PARISH! Bright Saturday AND the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, May 11, 9:15 AM: 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 of the Divine Liturgy, we will have a festive Paschal brunch.

Saturday, May 11, Eve of Saint Thomas Sunday, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, May 12, the First Sunday after Pascha, Saint Thomas Sunday, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, May 12, the First Sunday after Pascha, Saint Thomas Sunday, 12:15 PM: The Annual Blessing of the Graves in the Terryville Parish Cemetery.

News and Notes:

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 of the Divine Liturgy, we will have a festive Paschal brunch.

Choir Rehearsal, Saturday, April 6, 4:15 PM to 5:45 PM: During Great Lent the Choir will rehearse for Holy Week and Pascha on Sunday mornings after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. They will also have one extra rehearsal on Saturday afternoon, April 6, from 4:15 to 5:45 PM.

Sisterhood Meeting, Sunday, April 7: The Parish Sisterhood will meet on Sunday, April 7, after Coffee Hour.

Terryville Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 9: The Terryville Parish Council will meet, via Zoom, on Tuesday evening, April 9, beginning at 7:00 PM.

+ + +

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

Marilyn—Karry O.'s aunt
Ezio—Michael A.'s uncle d. 3/13/24
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!

Helen Morozuk 4/2/1968
Pelagia Mozalak 4/2/1969
John Witick 4/2/1974
Maria Yatsenick 4/3/1931
Peter Klachany 4/3/1951
Etylie Papach 4/3/1964
Philip Gabor 4/3/1974
Dimitry Pisaretz 4/5/1931
Theodore Kowal 4/5/1968
Archpriest Vladimir Sovyrda 4/5/1987

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 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—Mattushka 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
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, health issues
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
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
Daniel—son of a friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; struggling
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
Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness
Jacob—family member of Lynn H.; some health issues
Devon—family member of David C.; torn ACL, surgery required
Joan—John G.'s grandmother; unwell
Gregory D.—friend of Fr. David; back surgery

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

Diana and the daughter newly born of her—Julie and Joel K.'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
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
Shelby and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.'s daughter-in-law; Joel's wife
Maura and the child to be born of her—close friend of Lucy C.
Katy and the child to be born of her—friend of Peter H.
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
Deborah "Deb" W. and members of her family
Lewis and Valbona and family
Lynn H. and members of her family
Mark and Karry O.
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
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 K.—Joel and Julie's son 4/1
Joel O.—Mark and Karry's son 4/3
Jon Theologos H. 4/5

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!

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:

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy>

The End! Glory be to God!

