

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, April 9, 2023 – Palm Sunday

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday. Martyr Euppsychius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (362). Martyrs Desan—Bishop, Mariabus—Presbyter, Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia (363-364). Monastic Martyr Bademus (Vadim) of Persia (376).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/04/09>

Services and Events, Upcoming

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 "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 (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.

Pertaining to Pascha

- **Paschal Appeals:** Please give generously to our Parish's General Paschal Appeal and to the Easter (Paschal) Flower Offering. We always have lovely flowers in the Church for Pascha and our contributions help cover the cost of these beautiful additions to our Paschal worship. Your support of these two appeals is deeply appreciated.
- **Blessing of Paschal Baskets:** The Blessing of Paschal Baskets will take place at the conclusion of the Paschal Midnight Services in the Church Basement Social Hall, after which time the Parish Paschal "Agape" Meal will take place in the same location.
- **Paschal Agape Meal:** The Parish Paschal "Agape" Meal, which will happen after the Paschal Midnight Divine Liturgy, will take place in the Church Basement Social Hall, immediately following the Blessing of the Paschal Baskets. We will not have a general food table, but will be eating from and sharing the contents of our family Paschal Baskets, while enjoying each other's company. If you are planning to stay for this meal, please bring everything you need with you—your own plates, cups, and cutlery, your own beverages and condiments, etc. (P.S. The word "agape," pronounced "ah-GAH-pay," means "love" in the Greek language and is the traditional word used to describe this Paschal meal.)

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

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.

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.)

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.

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 Szepele 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.

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!)

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.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

NOTE: *This week in the Parish Prayer List, we are listing all the anniversaries of repose, birth and marriage that will take place during the two weeks from Palm Sunday, through to and including Bright Saturday (the Saturday after Pascha), as by custom we do not pray for specific individuals during Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week, but rather pray for the whole world during that holy time.*

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

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

Symeon Prokomen	4/9/1932
Fadei Sarochinsky	4/9/1957
Nestor Kott-Helson	4/11/1952
Theofan Pavelchak	4/12/1931
Anthony Ostapchuk	4/12/1946
Nicholas Shafstruck	4/13/1957
Metro Kowalesky	4/13/1964
Maria Sholtis	4/14/1941
Archpriest John Semanitsky	4/14/1963
Nikita Panasuk	4/14/1966
Mildred Shafstruck	4/14/1969
Jason Pikul	4/15/1947
Daniel Lyga	4/15/1972
Olga Toropilo	4/16/1927
Vasili Hmelpi	4/16/1937
Michael Nimchek	4/16/2001
Rosalia Macibora	4/17/1965
Samuel Glowa	4/17/1971
Gregory Fill	4/18/1918
Gregory Nikolaichik	4/18/1950
Andrew Fedak	4/18/1969
Harry N. Banziruk	4/19/2007
Frank Kiriluk	4/20/1990
Gregory Kaschak	4/21/1927
Leon Gurlewski	4/21/1983
Thomas Raineault	4/21/2002
Sonia Rozyk	4/21/2007
Joseph Naymchik	4/22/1929
Helen Kowaleski	4/22/1979
Richard Kowaleski	4/22/2000

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
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
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
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.—upcoming medical procedure
Mary—relative of David C.; recently unwell
Cameron—relative of David C.; in need of prayerful support
Richard—acquaintance of David C.; very unwell
Delores—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
Beverly—important person in Lewis H.'s life; in need of prayers
Harry—at request of Joan M.; joint replacement 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
Matushka Ann S.—our fellow parishioner; chronic health challenges

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")
Shelby—Joel O.'s wife; also a U.S. Navy 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
Zachary W.—Fr. Zachary W.'s son; a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot

Birthdays

Alex W.—George and Jennifer W.'s son 4/18

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!)

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!