

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, April 23, 2023 – Saint Thomas Sunday

ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1. Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer, and Wonderworker George (303). St. Thomas Sunday. Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303). Martyrs Anatolius and Protoleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George (303).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/04/23>

Services and Events, Upcoming

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, April 29, 9:30 AM: At the Parish Cemetery–Burial of William Vasily (“Bill”) Markovich. Memory Eternal!

Saturday, April 29, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, April 30, Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearers, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, May 3, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, May 6, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, May 7, Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Rescheduled: Sunday, May 7, 12:15 PM: At the Parish Cemetery–A General Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) followed by the Blessing of All the Graves in the Parish Cemetery

Monday, May 8, Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council (via video teleconference), 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 10, Mid-Feast of Pentecost, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, May 11, Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 9:30 AM (note the slightly later start time): Divine Liturgy, followed by a Festive Brunch and by a Meeting of the Connecticut Deanery Clergy.

(On this day, the priests and deacons of our Connecticut Deanery will be joining us for Divine Liturgy on the occasion of our patronal feast day. Then, the gathered clergy will stay onsite after the conclusion of Liturgy to hold a Deanery clergy meeting.)

Saturday, May 13, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day!), Sunday of Christ's Encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the Well, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour. This day is also Mother's Day. Many Years!

Wednesday, May 17, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, May 20, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel), followed by our Parish's monthly Rite of General Confession

Sunday, May 21, Sunday of Christ's Healing of the Man Born Blind, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, May 24: **NO** Matins service in the morning

Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 PM: Festal Great Vespers for the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, preceded by the last singing of the Paschal Troparion ("Christ is risen...") for this year, as we give away (after 40 days of feasting) the annual Great and Holy Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord (Holy Pascha) for 2023.

Thursday, May 25, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Saturday, May 27, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, May 28, Sunday of the Holy Fathers—the Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, May 31, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, June 3, the Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday, 5:30 PM: A General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") commemorating all the Faithful Departed

Saturday, June 3, the Eve of the Feast of Holy Pentecost, 6:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya commemorating the Feast of Holy Pentecost

Sunday, June 4, the Feast of Holy Pentecost, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy, followed *immediately* by the Reading of the traditional Pentecost Kneeling Prayers, and then followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

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

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

Matushka Carol Steffaro d. 4/14/23
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew d. 4/21/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

John Bayda 4/23/1954
Anthony Tkach 4/23/1961
Diane Wrettick 4/23/1979
Nadejda Loshoski 4/24/1966
Joanna Pawelchak 4/24/1979
Aftan Pastyrnak 4/25/1978
John Maichack 4/26/1997
Louis "Lou" Kopcha 4/26/2013
Maria Komansky 4/27/1925
Theodore Hrabsky 4/27/1939
Konstantine Yatsenick 4/27/1961

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
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
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
Mary—relative of David C.; recently unwell
Cameron—relative of David C.; in need of prayerful support
Richard—acquaintance of David C.; very unwell
Dolores—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
Nyla—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Beverly—important person in Lewis H.'s life; in need of prayers
Harry—at request of Joan M.; joint replacement surgery
Matushka Deborah Belonick—badly broken leg, requiring surgical repair
Vincent—very unwell; at request of Julie K., and her family
Paul S.—ongoing health issues
MaryEllen—Louine K.'s daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington's Disease

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

Gregory "Greg" Wegh 4/25
Frank "Fyodor" Guba 4/25
Laura Koski 4/26
Julie Kowaleski 4/26
Natalie Wingate 4/27
Sarah Senetcen 4/27
Christopher Aaron Osuch 4/27

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!