

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, April 30, 2023 – Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearers

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian (44 A.D.). Myrrhbearing Women. Uncovering of the Relics of St. Nikéatas, Bishop of Novgorod (1558). St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus (ca. 387). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Basil, Bishop of Amasea (4th c.). Martyr Maximus of Ephesus. St. Ignátii (Ignatius) Brianchaninov, Bishop of the Caucasus and Stavropol (1867). The “PASSION” Icon of the Mother of God.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/04/30>

Services and Events, Upcoming

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!

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.)

LOOKING AHEAD: Our Parish Feast Day, Thursday, May 11, 2023, 9:30 AM

We require volunteers to organize, host, and clean up a festive brunch on Thursday morning, May 11, here at Church. If you are able to volunteer to help on that occasion, please, contact me (Fr. John). Thanks. Here are the details:

On Thursday, May 11, our Parish will be commemorating our Terryville Parish Patronal Feast Day, the annual Feast Day of our Heavenly Patrons Saints Cyril and Methodius. We will have Divine Liturgy that morning, starting at the slightly later start time of 9:30 AM.

We are starting just a bit later that day because we will be hosting the priests and deacons of the Connecticut Deanery for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy that morning. After the conclusion of the festive Divine Liturgy, those priests and deacons will be convening one of their usual and customary periodic meetings of the Deanery clergy. Before that clergy meeting begins, we will enjoy a festive brunch with all those, both clergy and lay people, who have gathered for the occasion.

Again, if you are able to volunteer to help on this occasion, please, contact Fr. John. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

AED – Automated External Defibrillator

Some weeks ago, at the March 2023 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, has now been ordered. It cost \$2,131.00. We took advantage of a discount, and the price we paid was, therefore, less than we anticipated needing to pay.

Also, due to the generosity of the children of the late Julia Markovich Casey, the cost of purchasing the AED, and the cost of training persons in its use, has been *completely met* through the Casey Family's very kind donations of financial support. Julia Markovich Casey was a long-time member of our Parish. She entered blessed repose ten years ago, on October 30, 2013, at the age of 93.

An AED, or automated external defibrillator, according to the definition provided at www.redcross.org, "is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm." In fact, while training in an AED's use builds confidence, the device can actually be used with almost no training at all!

This three-minute video, which features the exact model of AED our Parish is purchasing, shows how easy to use an AED is. Click on this link: [How to use a LIFEPAK CR2](#).

The training we would like to provide to volunteers in our Parish 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*. (We can actually run the training for fewer than six people, but it will, in that case, still cost us as much as if six people were participating.)

If you volunteer for this training, our Parish will cover the costs of your participation through the above-mentioned generosity of the Casey Family—*there is no cost to you*.

So, if you would like this training, which goes far beyond how to use the AED, and addresses, more broadly, addressing heart-related health emergencies, 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.

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
MaryEllen—Louine K.'s daughter-in-law d. 4/22/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Eva Yacknick 4/30/1960
Protodeacon Simeon "Sam" Kopcha 4/30/2010
Wassa Sobestanovich 5/1/1989
Mitred Archpriest Andrew Kuharsky 5/1/1972
Mitred Archpriest Konstantine Kaminsky 5/1/1984
Jacob Kyriluk 5/2/1939
Olga Klachany 5/2/2014
Maria Shular 5/3/1920
John Ribak 5/4/1947
James Dougay 5/4/1942
Maria Salenko 5/4/1950
Julia White 5/5/1945
Vasili Bochno 5/5/1932
Afton Muchka 5/6/1963

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
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
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

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
Hailey and the child to be born of her—Fr. Peter P.'s daughter-in-law
And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

Those presently 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
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

None this week

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!)

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 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.

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!)

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!