



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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5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Apostle Simeon the Zealot (1st c.). St. Simon, Bishop of Vladimir and Suzdal' (Kiev Caves-Near Caves—1226). Martyrs Philadelphus, Cyprian, Alphius, Onesimus, Erasmus, and 14 others, in Sicily (3rd c.). Martyr Hesychius of Antioch (4th c.). Bl. Isidora the Fool, of Tabenna in Egypt (4th c.). Bl. Thais (Taisia) of Egypt (5th c.).

[Lives of the Saints - Orthodox Church in America](#)

A Prayerful Note for Mother's Day: On this civil Mother's Day, we ask our Lord Jesus Christ to remember and bless all mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers, granting them health, peace, strength, and many years. May the Most Holy Theotokos intercede for them always, as they continue to nurture their families and communities in faith and love.

Services and Events, Upcoming

(This schedule is subject to change, please confirm the schedule at www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/schedule before coming to Church.)

Monday, May 11, Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers) on the occasion of the Feast of our Holy Patron Saints.

Monday, May 11, 6:30 PM, Parish Council Meeting: The Terryville Parish Council will meet on Monday, May 11, beginning at 6:30 PM, via Zoom video teleconference for their May 2026 routine monthly meeting.

Wednesday, May 13, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Saturday, May 16, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, May 17, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, May 17, 12:15 PM: We have rescheduled the Annual Blessing of the Terryville Parish Cemetery (the East Plymouth Road, Terryville, Cemetery) for this date and time, weather permitting.

NO MATINS! Wednesday, May 20: We will not have Matins (Morning Prayers) this morning, since we are having services in the evening on this specific Wednesday (see below for details).

Wednesday, May 20, Leave-taking of Holy Pascha and Eve of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, 7:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya (the blessing of the five loaves, the wheat, wine, and oil) marking the end of the 40-day Feast of Holy Pascha, and celebrating the Eve of the Feast of the Holy Ascension.

Thursday, May 21, Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 23, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), followed immediately by the **Monthly Rite of General Confession**.

A NOTE ABOUT GENERAL CONFESSION: *We should all be regularly participating in the Sacrament of Confession, privately and personally, especially if we are regularly participating in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. However, as an aid to the faithful, in our Parish we do provide the Rite of General Confession monthly to help us be accountable for our sins and thus to prepare appropriately for the reception of Holy Communion. An explanation of the practice of General Confession in the Orthodox Church in America begins with understanding the practice itself: rather than each person confessing privately, the priest leads the congregation in a common confession of sins, with all praying together, followed by a general prayer of absolution for those who are properly prepared. This approach preserves the communal and liturgical character of repentance, reminding believers that sin and healing both have a corporate dimension within the Body of Christ. In a culture where many struggle to articulate sins privately or feel paralyzed by shame, such a shared confession can help people enter into repentance together, rather than as isolated individuals. Properly understood, it does not eliminate the need for personal confession when serious or specific sins weigh on the conscience, but serves as a pastoral practice that fosters humility, self-examination, and fuller participation in the Church's sacramental life. We should not abuse this practice by using General Confession as an inadequate substitute for participation in the actual Sacrament of Confession on a personal and private basis.*

Sunday, May 24, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day: The Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage to Saint Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, May 27, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Saturday, May 30, Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday, 5:30 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") commemorating all the Faithful Departed. (*Memorial Saturdays—often called "Soul Saturdays"—are specific Saturdays set aside during the liturgical year for communal prayers and services commemorating the departed, asking God to grant them rest and forgiveness.*)

Saturday, May 30, Eve of Holy Pentecost, 6:00: Great Vespers with Litya (the blessing of the five loaves, the wheat, wine, and oil) to mark the Eve of the Feast of Holy Pentecost.

Sunday, May 31, Holy Pentecost, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy, followed immediately by **The Vespers of Pentecost** with the traditional Kneeling Prayers, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour. (*The Kneeling Prayers on Pentecost are a set of special prayers offered during Vespers that mark the first time the faithful kneel since Pascha, expressing humility and repentance after the joy of the Resurrection season. They ask for the descent of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of sins, and blessed repose for the departed, emphasizing renewal and the living presence of God in the Church.*)

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

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

Sunday, June 7, All Saints Day, the First Sunday after Pentecost, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, June 7: The Parish Sisterhood will have their monthly meeting during or after the Coffee Social Hour.

Monday, June 8: Beginning of the Annual Apostles' Fast. *(The Apostles' Fast, also called the Saints Peter and Paul Fast, takes place annually from the Monday after All Saints Day until the very end of the day on June 28, the Eve of the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul. That Feast Day falls annually on June 29.)*

Monday, June 8, 6:30 PM, Parish Council Meeting: The Terryville Parish Council is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 8, beginning at 6:30 PM, via Zoom video teleconference for their June 2026 routine monthly meeting. *(The Parish Council generally meets on the second Monday evening of the month.)*

Wednesday, June 10, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

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

Sunday, June 14, All Saints of North America Day, the Second Sunday after Pentecost, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Sunday, June 14, All Saints of North America Day: Annual Pilgrimage to [All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Rd, Salisbury, CT 06068](#), to pray there before the icons and relics of many of the North American saints. Exact details are pending, but this event usually occurs in the mid-to-late afternoon.

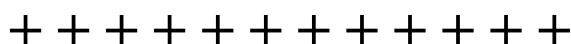
NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

Vacuuming the Church: We ask that volunteers vacuum the Narthex (entrance area), Nave (main worship space), and Kliros (Choir area) of our Church building each Sunday, *right after the conclusion of the Sunday morning services*. The doing of this uncomplicated, yet needful, task would be a great help. Please consider being this volunteer on at least some occasions. Thank you.

Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour! We need Coffee Hour hosts going forward in the calendar. Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

Parish Sisterhood Sip n' Swap Event in the Fall: The Parish Sisterhood will be hosting a Sip n' Swap tea party next October. For details, please see a Melanie K. or Melanie O. A sign-up list for this event is posted in the Parish Basement Social Hall.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Again we pray for all victims of accident, 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

Archpriest Joseph Gallick d. 4/4/26
Protopresbyter John Ketchum—Fr. John's nephew's father-in-law d. 4/8/26
James M. — Barbara K.'s husband d. 4/13/26

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Michael Gorsky 5/10/1960
Mary Markovich 5/10/1970
Julius Cassius 5/11/1972
Nicholas Demonosow 5/11/1972
Andrew Glowa 5/12/1915
Maria Sysedko 5/12/1919
David Duke 5/12/1945
Madeline Tkach 5/12/1954
Michael Lyga 5/13/1969
Rupert Twombly, Sr. 5/13/1975
Irene Kopcha 5/13/1976
William J. Susla 5/13/1991
Rose Barna 5/13/2002
George Klachany 5/13/2023
John Slevinsky 5/14/1959
Paul Christophy 5/14/1976
Anna Twombly 5/14/1992
John Ratushne 5/15/1973
Mary Maichak 5/15/1980

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

H.E. Archbishop Benjamin of the Diocese of the West (Retired)
H.E. Archbishop Alexander of the Diocese of the South (Retiring on 7/23/26)
Archpriest Vladimir A.—serious, chronic illness
Archpriest Vladimir H.—unwell
Archpriest Patrick B.— complications after knee joint replacement surgery
Priest Moses—another recent medical procedure
Reader John S.—former Diocesan Treasurer; upcoming surgery
Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
Bill (“Vasilios”) L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell, please pray fervently
Michael N.— recipient of a kidney transplant; our devoted, beloved Choir Director
Nancy B.—our fellow parishioner; dealing with very difficult chronic illness
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer
Michael “Mike” L.—ongoing health issues
Paula—friend of Jim L.; struggling with cancer
Dimitri—brother of Carolyn P.; health issues
Margaret—sister-in-law of Carolyn P.; health issues
Dianna—Jennifer W.'s mother; suffering serious and worrisome 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
Nicholas—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness
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
Michael “Mike” A.—battling many, many health challenges
Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues
Diane—daughter of friends of Forrest and Elaine H., suffering in illness
Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner; health issues
Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Patrick—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Jesse—John G.'s brother; injured in accident
Nila—John G.'s aunt; facing challenges
Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer
Joan—grief and chronic illness; req. of Helena G.
Candace—mourning the loss of her newly departed husband David; req. of Helena G.
Timothy—Olena's husband; undergoing treatment for a serious illness
Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness

Ksenia—our fellow parishioner; recent surgery and further issues thereafter
Alex—Ksenia's husband; recent illness
Tatyana—Ksenia's mother-in-law; recent health issues leading to job loss
Faith—David C.'s cousin; facing health challenges due to a chronic illness
Nolan—friend of Corey F.; unwell and in need of prayers
Jacqueline—a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
Amy—a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
Leo M.—Parishioner Lynn H.'s father; unwell and in need of prayers
Ingrid—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Terry—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Victor—family member of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness
Alex—family member of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness
Louine K.—various health challenges; our fellow parishioner
Heather—at the request of Louine K.; facing challenges
Christine—at request of Elaine H.; blindness cause by aneurysms
Jill—friend of Elaine H.; recovering from surgery
Timothy—relative of Joan M.; surgery
Andrea—friend of Helena G.; mourning loss of her daughter
Joanne—acquaintance of Helena G.; mourning passing of her husband
Nikola—friend of Jacob J.; very unwell and in need of prayers
Gregory—Bob M.'s son; underwent surgery on 7/22, follow-up therapies
Chitra—Melanie B.'s mother; surgery on 7/22, followed by complications
Alexandra—Fr. John's sister; suffers Neurofibromatosis type II, a chronic disease
Boris—a participant in our Parish Bible Study; battling illness
Raymond—Fr. John's brother-in-law; some health issues
Tabitha H.—recovering from knee surgery, which took place on 2/11
John—undergoing cancer treatment; relative of Lenna M.
Cameron—a person for whom we have been asked to pray, facing a challenging diagnosis
Iris—at request of Hopkos; for joy, peace, and tranquility
Barbara—friend of Jack K.; unwell and in need of prayers
Lynn H.—our fellow parishioner; underwent shoulder joint surgery, 1/13
Jeanne M.—our fellow parishioner; hip joint replacement surgery on 2/10
Srdjan—a man we have been asked to pray for; recovering from stroke
Barbara K.—our fellow parishioner; suffered a fractured pelvis in fall on 2/12
Petra Joy—at request of Barbara K.; Petra is suffering a recurrence of cancer
David—Paul S.'s brother, unwell and in need of prayers
Joseph—at request of Hopko Family; a young man in need of prayers
Susan—Nancy B.'s sister; unwell and in need of prayers
child Emerson—at request of Valbona H.; an infant with hearing difficulties
child Zeke—a request of the Nimcheks
Stephen—at the request of Valbona and Lewis H.; recovering from surgery
Jennifer—Adam K.'s sister; lost her home in a fire this week
Laura—relative of Carolyn P.; injured in car accident
Roman—The above-listed Laura's son; also injured in same car accident
Mariah—The above-listed Laura's daughter; also injured in same car accident
Thomas—Patty N.'s nephew; in hospice care

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities

Tanya B.—suffering long-term effects of brain hemorrhage
Claudia A.—Waterbury parishioner; health challenges
Claudia B.—Macrina H.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
Dolores M.—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
Roberta K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care
Forrest H.—our fellow parishioner; resident in long-term eldercare
John—Cynthia B.'s uncle

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Shelby and the child to be born of her—Karry and Mark O.'s daughter-in-law
Anya and the child to be born of her—Fr. John H.'s niece
Katie and the child to be born of her—Leo K.'s wife

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

James and Elena
Todd S., on an extended trip abroad

Those from among us serving or training to serve in the Armed Forces

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman (“medic”); Mark and Karry O.'s son
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier
Weston—son of a friend of Lenna M; National Guardsman, deployed abroad
Ian—Fr. David and Melanie K.'s so-in-law, Army reservist called up for active duty
Ruben—acquaintance of the Hopkos, U.S. Marines Corps tiltrotor pilot
Zachary W.—Fr. Zachary W.'s son; U.S. Air Force fighter pilot
John S.—Fr. John H.'s nephew; Ensign, U.S. Navy
Matthew S.—Fr. John's nephew (John S.'s brother); ROTC cadet, U.S. Army

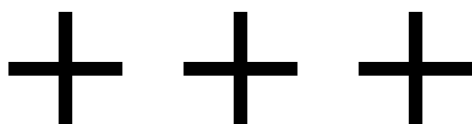
Birthdays this coming week

Lillian “Lily” O.—Mark and Karry's daughter 5/12
Noah K. —Adelle K.'s little brother 5/15

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



The End

Glory be to God, for all things!