

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 4. Samaritan Woman. Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios (251). Ven. Isidore, Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Rostov (1474). St. Nikéttas, Bishop of Novgorod, Recluse of the Kiev Caves. Martyr Maximus (ca. 250). Ven. Serapion of Egypt (5th c.). St. Leontius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (1175). First opening of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk (1846).

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Happy Mother's Day!

Today we celebrate all our mothers, grandmothers, God mothers, spiritual mothers and all those who exercise any and every form of motherly ministry in our lives. Many Years!

We, also, remember with gratitude all our departed mothers. Memory Eternal!

Services and Events, Upcoming

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, 5:30 PM: Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for the newly departed George Klachany. Memory Eternal!

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

Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, June 10, the Eve of All Saints Day, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, June 11, the Feast of Holy Pentecost, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, June 14, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, June 17, the Eve of the Feast of All Saints of North America, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

News and Notes

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

A Graduate: Congratulations to Courtney, daughter of Mark and Karry O. who recently graduated with a doctorate in pediatric nursing. Many Years!

Let Fr. John know: If someone in your family is graduating this spring, please, let Fr. John H. know so that we can offer prayerful congratulations and best regards. God bless all the graduates!



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

Priest Angelo—classmate of Fr. John and Macrina's d. 4/20/23
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
Vincent—acquaintance of Julie K. and her family d. 5/7/23
Marcia Ann Casey—Julia Markovich Casey's daughter d. 5/10/23
George Klachany—our fellow parishioner d. 5/13/23
John Wegh—the late Emery W.'s brother d. 5/15/23

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

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
Roy Johnson—Carol's husband 5/18/2012
Steven Panasuk 5/18/2018
Gregory Broda 5/19/1940
Sylvester Kostyk 5/19/1969
Matushka Catherine Semanitsky 5/19/1972
Feodor "Pat" Senetcen 5/19/1995
Dennis Tichon 5/19/2005
Olga Gabor 5/20/1939

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 Jos.—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
Richard—acquaintance of David C.; hopefully now enjoying improving health
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.
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
Paul S.—ongoing health issues
Matushka Evelyn K.—fell and broke wrist; requires surgical repair
James—Louine King's son; injured recently

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
Matushka Ann S.—our fellow parishioner; chronic health challenges

Mothers and the Children Newly Born of them

Katrina and the son newly born of her
Alexandra and the daughter newly born of her

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

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

Mark O. and his sons—on the Appalachian Trail!
John "Jack" K.—who will be traveling this week
Laura K.—traveling to her Uncle John's funeral

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

Wedding Anniversaries

George & Jennifer Wegh 5/19

Birthdays

Abigail—Mark and Karry O.'s daughter 5/17

For more prayer requests, please, see the next page. Thank you!

More Prayer Requests

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. She also asks prayers for her 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!)

How Funerals and Memorial Services usually and customarily take place at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, CT

Funerals

The Funeral Service of the Orthodox Church is for practicing Orthodox Christians, those who regularly participated during their lives in the sacraments of Confession and Communion and who, at the time of their deaths, were in communion ("good standing") with the Church.

The order of services for the funeral of an Orthodox Christian may follow one of two patterns. Which pattern is followed will be determined at the discretion of the pastor, following consultation with the family of the departed. Departures from these patterns require the blessing of the priest.

In our parish the more usual pattern is as follows: On the eve of burial, usually in the evening, a memorial service is sung over the body of the departed. This usually takes place at the funeral home, though it may happen—with permission—that the body of the departed is brought to the Church for this service. Then, on the day of burial the Funeral Service over the body of the departed is sung in Church, followed by burial. A memorial supper usually follows the burial.

A second possible pattern is as follows: The body of the departed is brought to the Church on the eve of the day of burial and the Funeral Service is sung at that time. Then, the next morning, the day of burial, the Divine Liturgy is celebrated in the presence of the body of the departed. Then the burial and memorial supper follow, as usual and customary. This practice may be followed as long as the liturgical calendar allows for the celebration of Divine Liturgy (Divine Liturgies are not celebrated on Lenten weekdays) and as long as the family members of the departed are members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion on the day of burial.

In any case, the Funeral Service takes place in the Church and—in keeping with traditional Orthodox Christian practice—the casket is to remain open until the end of the service when it is formally "sealed" with the reading of the assigned prayer from the Funeral Service and the accompanying blessing of Holy Water.

The Funeral Service follows the Church's set order for this Rite. Items may not usually be added or deleted to or from the service.

During the Funeral Service the Sermon will be delivered by the pastor. Any other remarks may be delivered only by persons who have received the blessing of the pastor and who have submitted their remarks to him for his approval.

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Funerals are not to be served and the bodies of the departed are not to be brought to the Church on Sundays (that is from late in the day on Saturday until the evening on Sunday) or on major feast days of the Church. This is also the case on Holy Friday, Holy Saturday, and Pascha Sunday.

The burial of departed persons other than practicing Orthodox Christians may take place as follows: In the case of a person who was an Orthodox Christian, but not in communion with the Church at the time of his or her death for reasons of willfulness or discipline, the burial and solemnities preceding it are to take place at and from the funeral home. The priest, vested in stole (*epitrachelion*) only, may serve a memorial service including the reading of scriptural readings for the dead.

Non-Orthodox persons may be buried by the pastor from the funeral home. An appropriate memorial service may be served by the priest at the funeral home before burial.

There are some special cases that should be mentioned:

In the case of a person who has committed suicide, the Orthodox Church usually does not allow the full funeral rites to be followed. This is because suicide is a rejection of life, and life is a gift we have been given by God. Nevertheless, special pastoral considerations may allow a determination to be made, in consultation with the Bishop, to permit the use of the Funeral Service.

The practice of Freemasonry constitutes an impediment to full communion with the Church. Thus, those Orthodox Christians who chose to be Freemasons, when they die, if they have not repented and returned to the communion of the Church, are not buried from the Church with the Church's full funeral rites. They may be buried from the funeral home as described above in the sections concerning the burial of those not in communion with the Church.

Cremation is not an accepted practice in the Orthodox Church and cremated remains are not to be brought to the Church. Cremated remains may be prayed over and buried only after consultation and direction from the Bishop.

(For further details and elaboration, please see the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of New England's Diocesan Guidelines for Funerals. Among other places, the Diocesan Guidelines for Funerals are available on the official Internet Website of the Diocese of New England.)

Memorial Services

Memorial Services ("Panikhidas") are served by appointment on Saturday afternoons before the celebration of the weekly Saturday evening Parish Vigil. On those Saturdays designated in the Church calendar as "Memorial Saturdays," a general memorial service commemorating all departed faithful Christians is served.

During Great Lent, since in our Parish we, generally, do not serve the Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts on Friday evenings, we instead have the practice of serving Daily Lenten Vespers with additional memorial elements, or of just serving the Memorial Service ("Panikhida"). We do this because during Great Lent most Saturdays are designated as Memorial Saturdays.

Please note that, in the Orthodox Christian tradition, Sundays are given over to the commemoration of the Resurrection. Thus, Memorial Services are not generally served on Sundays.



A Wonderful Pilgrimage Opportunity!!!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT:

Let's make a joyful, hopeful, and prayerful pilgrimage to venerate the relics of the North American saints on Sunday afternoon, June 18!

Here's more information about that opportunity:

The very first Orthodox Christian parish named to commemorate the memory of all the saints of North America is our neighboring parish of All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Rd, Salisbury, CT 06068. That's up in the northwest corner of Connecticut.

Annually, on the Sunday of All Saints of North America, which is always the second Sunday after Pentecost (June 18, this year), that parish hosts Orthodox Christians from our region for a service of prayer and thanksgiving celebrated before the icons and relics of the North American saints that are present in that parish. Fr. John Kreta, pastor of that parish (as well as the Chancellor of our Diocese of New England) tells us that the Salisbury parish now stewards holy relics of ten of the North American saints. This is quite remarkable. I know of no other place where such a gathering exists.

On Sunday, June 18, at 4:00 PM, at All Saints of North America Church, Salisbury, CT, an Akathist Service (a service of praise and thanksgiving) will be celebrated before the icon and relics of the North American saints. That service will be followed by a fellowship reception with refreshments.

It is about an hour's drive up to Salisbury from here in Terryville. The trip for this occasion on June 18 is well worth our time, and the drive up passes through some beautiful countryside. Perhaps, some of us can carpool, and make the trip together.

Holy Saints of North America, pray to God for us!

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

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>

The End! Glory be to God!