



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, May 15, 2022

Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Coenobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.). Paralytic. Saint Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1090). The Holy Right-believing Tsarevich Démétrios of Uglich and Moscow (1591). Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115). Ven. Pachomius—Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384). Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov—1481). St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4th c.).

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Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Sunday, May 15, Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy. (*NOTE: Fr. John Jillions will preside in Terryville on May 15, as Fr. John Hopko, in his capacity as Administrator of the Hartford Parish, will be at All Saints Church, Hartford, presiding at that Parish's Annual General Meeting.*)
- **Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** The May 2022 monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council.
- **Wednesday, May 18, 8:00 AM, Feast of the Mid-Feast of Pentecost:** Our weekly Wednesday Morning Matins Service, with additional elements added to mark the Mid-Feast of Pentecost.
- **CANCELLED: Thursday, May 19, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study gathering will NOT take place on May 19. Fr. John now has a Connecticut Deanery obligation in a neighboring Parish that evening.
- **RECENTLY ADDED: Saturday, May 21, in the morning:** On Saturday morning, May 21, Fr. John will be baptizing a child recently born to a family with connections to our Parish
- **Saturday, May 21, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel, immediately followed by our monthly Terryville Parish Rite of General Confession
- **Sunday, May 22, Sunday of the Lord's Encounter at the Well with the Samaritan Woman, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, May 23 through to Saturday evening, May 28:** Fr. John will be away for the week, visiting with his mother, and spending time at the Monastery of the Holy Transfiguration, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
- **Saturday, May 28, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
- **Sunday, May 29, Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, May 30, Memorial Day:** Fr. John will be away attending the annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania

- **Wednesday, June 1:** We will NOT have our usual Wednesday morning Matins service. (See the next note to learn about the service we will have on June 1.)
 - **Wednesday, June 1, Leave-taking of Holy Pascha and Eve of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, 6:30 PM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy (Vesperal Liturgy) to mark the occasion of these two feasts.
 - **Thursday, June 2, Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, 9:00 AM:** A Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving (“Moleben”) to mark the occasion of the Feast.
 - **Saturday, June 4, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
 - **Sunday, June 5, Sunday of the Holy Fathers, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, and senseless violence throughout the world.

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

We pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19. We pray for all those who have perished in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. Lord have mercy.

Newly Departed

Archbishop Paul of Chicago—reposed on Holy Pascha
Kevin—son of a Hartford parishioner; victim of cancer

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

John Ratushne	5/15/1973
Mary Maichak	5/15/1980
Roy Johnson	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

First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to COVID-19, and those working to alleviate their suffering. We pray for all those suffering presently in Ukraine, due to the war going on there.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Priest Ceraphim—a Diocesan priest; suffered a heart attack on May 6
Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
Archpriest Nicholas—upcoming surgery, to repair knee injury
Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores T.—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheiks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
Donna—Ann S.’s niece, Deb W.’s cousin; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann S.’s niece, Deb W.’s cousin; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
MaryEllen—Louine K.’s daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington’s Disease
Yelena “Lenna” M.—overcoming, by God’s grace, serious health challenges
Katie and Aubrey—a mother and 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
child George—young son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell
Bill M.—struggling with health issues, please keep in prayer
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
George Kla.—our fellow parishioner; facing a variety of health challenges
Lorraine—friend of Joan M.; cancerous blood disease
Joseph—friend of Jeanne M.; in need of prayers
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.
Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing; very unwell
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; recent serious health challenges
Barbara S.—W'bury parishioner; recovering from surgery
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers
Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia
Christina—surgery for cancer on March 14; acquaintance of Fr. John H.
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently
Marisa—a 13-yr-old girl, acquaintance of the Nimcheeks, who is quite unwell
Stephen—facing health challenges; at request of Marilou P.
Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheeks; a person facing serious illness, courageously
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of our prayers
Mike—battling some health challenges
Robert J.—dealing with some health issues
Jeanne M.—healthy, but dealing with other challenges at this time

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities
Alex—John D.'s brother; suffering permanent effects of stroke
Dolores—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare

Mother and Newly born child
Yuliia and her newly born child Milana—Milana was born on May 6 in Kyiv after only 29 weeks of pregnancy. Milana weighed two pounds at birth, and is still in neonatal intensive care, in critical, yet stable condition. Yuliia is Maryna B.'s sister-in-law.

Expectant Mothers
Lucy and the child to be born of her—Lucy C. is our fellow parishioner
Maura and the child to be born of her—Maura is Lucy and David C.'s friend
Katherine and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos

Travelers, Those Soon to be Traveling, and Those Apart from Us
Stefan K.—traveling abroad
Robert M.—traveling to Connecticut

Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces
Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")
Joseph B.—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
Joshua P.—husband of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army officer and helicopter pilot
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, deployed U.S. Marines Corps pilot

Wedding Anniversaries
George & Jennifer Wegh

Birthdays this coming week
NONE THIS WEEK

Additional Prayers Requested

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**, her brother **Dmytro**, her sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and Yuliia and Dymtro's prematurely born newborn daughter, **Milana** (see next note), and, also, for **Alexander** and **Aleksey**. Maryna's grandmother, Larissa, and other family and friends, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people are suffering greatly at this time, due to attacks by the military of the country of Russia. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayers Requested: Related to the request made above: Maryna Bharara's sister-in-law, Yuliia, for whom we have been praying, went into premature labor on May 6, at 29 weeks of pregnancy. That day, May 6, Yuliia delivered a baby girl, Milana, who only weighed 2 pounds. Baby Milana is presently in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in Kyiv, Ukraine, where Yuliia has been living. Little Milana is presently in critical, yet stable condition. Yuliia had received permission from the United States government to come to the United States to join family resident here, but now, of course, circumstances are different. Please, pray for Yuliia, her husband Dmytro, and their newly born child, Milana.

Prayers Requested: Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for the health and salvation of family members in 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!)

Some Sad News: Your Further Prayers are Requested

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

Christ is risen!

Over the last two months, we have been including the following notice in the Parish Bulletin, in connection with the Parish Prayer List: "*Prayers Requested: One of our parishioners who is a teacher has asked prayers for one of her students. This student is battling a very serious, life-threatening illness—indeed, the prognosis is now dire: A miracle is needed. Please, keep this child and their loved ones in your prayers. Thank you. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)"*

Sadly, we received news earlier this week that the student that we have been praying for died on Tuesday evening, May 10. Thankfully, it was a peaceful passing, with the child at home, surrounded by her loving family. Your prayers are requested for all who mourn this child's passing.

Memory Eternal! May the Lord God console those who mourn! Lord, hear our prayer! Lord, have mercy!

To us Christ has given eternal life! Let us worship His Third-Day Resurrection!

Respectfully,

In Christ Jesus, Our Lord and God, the Conqueror of Death

Fr. John H.

The Parish Rite of General Confession

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Christ is risen!

A practice that we have gotten away from during the last several years (due to the COVID-19 event) is the regular monthly convening of the faithful communicant members of the Parish for the Parish Rite of General Confession. Our custom had been (and will now be restored to be) to gather once a month, after the conclusion of the Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers) Service, to make a general confession of sins in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The form of this rite is that we offer some prayers, and then the presiding priest offers a meditation, in which he meditates upon the reality of sin and the good news that God, who is merciful and compassionate, forgives our sin. **This Rite of General Confession is not a replacement for, but, rather, is a supplement to what should be our regular participation in the full Sacrament of Confession.** Some have found participation in the Rite of General Confession to be helpful in learning how to participate in the full Sacrament of Confession. In any case, if we are regularly receiving Holy Communion, part of our preparation to receive Holy Communion must be to acknowledge and repent of our sins. **We will next gather for the Rite of General Confession on Saturday evening, May 21, immediately after the conclusion of our usual Saturday evening Vespers service.**

With love in Christ, *Fr. John H.*

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, called the Sunday of the Paralytic

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 9: 32-42)

At that time, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples,

hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 5:1-15)

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him,

"Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.