

## 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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## Sundays, May 22 and 29, 2022

### Sundays of the Samaritan Woman and the Healing of the Blind Man

**5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 4. Samaritan Woman.** Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (ca. 308). Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381). St. John (Vladimir), Ruler of Serbia (1015). Monastic Martyr Paul of the Lavra (Mt. Athos—1818).

**6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 5. Blind Man.** Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307-308). Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ (1494). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726-730). Icon of the Mother of God, “SURETY OF SINNERS”.

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### Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Monday morning, May 23 through to Saturday morning, 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.
- **Thursday, June 2, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
- **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
- **Wednesday, June 8, 8:00 AM:** Our weekly Wednesday Morning Matins Service
- **Thursday, June 9, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study
- **Saturday, June 11, 6:00 PM, Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday:** General Memorial Service for All Departed
- **Saturday, June 11, 6:30 PM, Eve of Holy Pentecost:** Festal Great Vespers with Litya, the Blessing of the Loaves, Wheat, Wine, and Oil
- **Sunday, June 12, Feast of Holy Pentecost, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, followed by the Traditional Pentecost Kneeling Prayers

# 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	d. 4/24/22
James "Jim" B.—husband of Nancy B. of the W'bury Parish	d. 5/22/22
Kevin—son of a Hartford parishioner; victim of cancer	d. 4/13/22

## **Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!***

Archpriest John Markovich	5/24/1989
Irina Cherkasevich	5/24/1992
Olga Sobestanovich	5/26/1931
Vassily Murin	5/27/1915
Steven Shewchuk	5/27/1983
Nicholas Andrash	5/27/1985
Helen "Nellie" Biscoe	5/27/1995
Anna (Yurchyk) Guba (Frank's mother)	5/29/2008
Anastasia Panasuk	5/30/1974
John Pavelchak	5/31/1920
Nicholas Banziruk	5/31/1949
Francis Chevorniak	5/31/1956
Christine Pasachnuk	5/31/1962
Archpriest Joseph Fedoronko	5/31/1971
Mary (Markovich) Dailey	5/31/2001
Steven Kraynak	6/2/1982
Barbara Lisyk	6/3/1933
Matthew Kopcha	6/3/1958
Walter Petroff	6/3/1975
Anna Arburr	6/4/1986

## **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  
 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.  
 Marisa—a 13-yr-old 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  
 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  
 Sharon and the child to be born of her—acquaintance of Fr. John H.

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

Fr. John H.—will be traveling, May 23 to May 28  
 Yelena "Lenna" M.—traveling abroad  
 John "Jack" K.—traveling this coming week

### **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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Elena & James Watras	5/22
Salvatore & Cynthia (Belonick) Giuliano	5/23
Grzegorz "Greg" and Olga (Zyla) Fedorczak	6/4

### **Birthdays**

Deborah Wegh	5/25
Thomas "Tom" Wills	5/29
Elliott Wingate	6/1
James "Jim" Liverman	6/2

## Fr. John away this week (5/23 to 5/28)

Fr. John will be away from early Monday morning, May 23, through to Saturday morning, May 28. He will be visiting family in western Pennsylvania, and, also, visiting Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Ellwood City, PA, where he will be presiding at Divine Liturgy on Wednesday morning, May 25. (The Monastery streams their services at this link: <https://www.orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org/chapel>.)

During Fr. John's absence, in the case of a true pastoral emergency requiring the ministry of a priest, please contact Fr. David Koles at 860-573-0013.

Alternatively, you may also contact any priest of one of the parishes of the Diocese of New England's Connecticut Deanery: <https://www.oca.org/clergy/deanery/OCA-NE-CTD>.

You may also reach out to our parish deacon, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek at 860-489-3220.

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## 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 at birth. 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 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!)

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## Congratulations Graduates!

- Sean O., son of Mark O. and Karry O., has graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) with a dual Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science and Game Simulation Arts and Sciences. Sean is now working for a company in New York State that creates educational games. Congratulations and Many Years!
- Nicholas O., son of Tim O. and Donna O., has graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) with a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Nick will soon be starting a new job in Florida. Congratulations and Many Years!
- Emery W., son of Greg W. and Deb W., has graduated from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts with a Master's Degree in Performance (String Bass). Emery will soon be back here in Connecticut, and we look forward to welcoming him home and congratulating him here at Church. Congratulations and Many Years!

**Are you (or someone in your family) graduating?** If you or a member of your family is graduating this spring, please let us know, so that we might share the news with our Parish Family, and offer our congratulations and prayerful best greetings and congratulations.

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# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the Fifth Sunday of (Fourth Sunday after) Pascha, called the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 11:19-26, 29-30)**

At that time, those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain

faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 4:5-42)**

At that time, Jesus, came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

# Readings from Holy Scripture

## *Scripture Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Pascha, called the Sunday of the Blind Man*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 16:16-34)**

At that time, going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were

praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John (John 9:1-38)**

At that time, when Jesus was passing, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does

he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.