## Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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# **Sunday, June 2, 2024**

**5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA** — **Tone 4. Samaritan Woman.** St. Nikephoros the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (828). Greatmartyr John the New of Sochi, who suffered at Belgrade (1330-1340).

https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/06/02

# Services and Events, Upcoming

(This schedule is subject to change, please confirm the schedule at <a href="https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/schedule">www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/schedule</a> before coming to Church.)

### **Schedule of Services and Events**

Wednesday, June 5, Leave-taking of Mid-Feast of Pascha, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, June 8, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday, June 9, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Monday, June 10, 7:00 PM, via Zoom video teleconference: June Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council

**Tuesday, June 11, Young Men's Gathering:** Vespers Service at 6:30 PM, followed by Dinner and Discussion at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday morning, June 12:** NO Matins (Morning Prayers)

**Wednesday evening, June 12, 7:00 PM:** Vespers: The last singing of the Paschal Troparion and Paschal Verses to "give away" the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha, followed by Great Vespers for the Eve of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Thursday, June 13, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Friday, June 14: Fr. John will be out of the office all day; personal day.

IN NEW BRITAIN PARISH: Saturday morning, June 15, Special Assembly of the Diocese of New England, taking place at Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, CT. (Our Parish will be represented by Fr. John H., Dn. Paul N., and Deb W.)

Saturday, June 15, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil, followed by the Monthly Rite of General Confession

Sunday, June 16, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Monday, June 17: Fr. John will be out of the office all day; personal day.

Wednesday, June 19, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

<u>At Elizabeth Park, Hartford</u>: Thursday, June 20, 10:30 AM: Parish Sisterhood "Pop-Up" Event at Elizabeth Park in Hartford. For details, check with a Sisterhood Member.

**Saturday evening, June 22, 5:30 PM:** General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") for all the Departed on the occasion of the Pre-Pentecost Memorial Saturday

Saturday evening, June 22, 6:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya for the Eve of Holy Pentecost

**Sunday, June 23, Holy Pentecost, 9:15 AM:** Pentecost Divine Liturgy, followed by the Service with the Kneeling Prayers that are said on Holy Pentecost, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Monday, June 24, Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, 9:00 AM: Prayer Service to Saint John the Baptist on the Occasion of the Feast of the Nativity (the Birth) of Saint John the Baptist

Wednesday, June 26, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

<u>At Saints Peter and Paul Church, Meriden, CT:</u> Friday evening, June 28, Time to be Announced: Vigil for the Eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Meriden, CT

<u>At Saints Peter and Paul Church, Meriden, CT:</u> Saturday morning, June 29, Time to be Announced: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Meriden, CT

Saturday evening, June 29, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday, June 30, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

<u>Sisterhood Event:</u> Sunday, June 30, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy: Summer meeting of the Parish Sisterhood. (Note the Sisterhood will NOT meet in July or August, but will regroup again in September.)

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

Saturday evening, July 6, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, July 7, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

<u>At All Saints of America Church, Salisbury, CT:</u> Sunday afternoon, July 7, Time to be Announced: Akathist (Service of Praise and Thanksgiving) before the Relics of the American Saints at All Saints of America Church, Salisbury, CT.

FR. JOHN AWAY ON VACATION: Fr. John will be away from Connecticut from the morning of July 10 to the late evening of July 17, 2024. We will NOT have weekday services while he is away. Fr. David K. will preside at weekend services during Fr. John's absence.

Saturday evening, July 13, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil, with Fr. David K. presiding in Fr. John's absence.

**Sunday morning, July 14, 9:15 AM:** Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, with Fr. David K. presiding in Fr. John's absence, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

**Friday, July 19, Feast of Saint Seraphim of Sarov, 9:00 AM:** Prayer Service to Saint Seraphim, before his icon and holy relics, on the occasion of his Feast Day.

Saturday, July 20, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil, followed by the Monthly Rite of General Confession

**Sunday morning, July 21, 9:15 AM:** Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour, followed by the Annual Blessing of the Cars and Vehicles of All Parishioners

Wednesday, July 24, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, July 27, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, July 28, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, July 31, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

## **News and Notes**

### Young Men's Group Gathering, Tuesday evening, June 11

Our Young Men's Group will meet again on Tuesday evening, June 11, with the following schedule: At 6:30 PM we will pray Daily Vespers. From 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM we will enjoy Dinner and Discussion. All young men in our Parish between the ages of 18 and 39 are invited to attend. Older men in the Parish may, also, attend, but only to support the younger men. The goal of this group is to minister to the younger generation of men in our Parish. Please, let Fr. John H. know if you are planning to participate, so that we can make appropriate arrangements for dinner. Thank you.

## Special Diocesan Assembly, June 15

His Grace Bishop Benedict, our Diocesan Bishop, has called a Special Assembly of the Diocese of New England, to take place on Saturday, June 15, at Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, CT. The sole purpose of this Special Assembly will be to consider the passage of a resolution authorizing the Diocesan Council to act on behalf of the Diocese of New England as a whole to purchase property for a price not to exceed \$650,000.00 to serve as residence for the Diocesan Bishop and a Diocesan Center for the Diocese of New England. The Diocese is presently in the market for such a property, and the purpose of this proposed resolution is to position the Diocese to act promptly if a suitable property is identified. Right now, our Diocesan process, which requires a Diocesan Assembly to be convened to authorize such an expenditure and purchase, is too unwieldy (slow) to allow the Diocese to act quickly if a suitable property becomes available. The Diocesan authorities feel that it is imperative to put into place a more responsive process due to the state of the real estate market right now in Connecticut, specifically, and in New England more broadly.

By instruction of the Diocesan authorities, our Parish will be represented at this Assembly by our Pastor Fr. John Hopko, Clergy Representative, and by Deb Wegh, Lay Representative, the same two representatives who represented our Parish at the most recent annual Assembly of the Diocese this past October. Protodeacon Paul Nimchek will also be a representative to this Special Assembly by virtue of positions he holds in the Diocese and in our Parish.

If you have any questions or concerns, please, see me at your earliest convenience. Discussion of this matter, including consideration of how our Parish Representatives should vote on this matter, will be on the Agenda of the June monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council scheduled for Monday, June 10.

# Sisterhood "Pop-Up" Event, Thursday, June 20, 10:30 AM, at the Elizabeth Park Gardens in West Hartford

The roses will be at peak at this delightful park in West Hartford! Bring a bag lunch with a chair or blanket. Join the group for a walk-through or wander around yourself, then meet for a picnic lunch. Children and friends are welcome; no RSVP needed. There are several parking lots; "google" for directions etc. The street address is Elizabeth Park, 1561 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT.

# Thanks from Leo K., as he comes to the conclusion of his Certification Program in Prison Ministry

Leo K., our fellow parishioner, has been doing a certification program in Prison Ministry through Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry and their educational partner Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, a seminary of the Orthodox Church in America located in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. The certification program will culminate with a weeklong, in-person component that will take place from June 16 to June 22 at Saint Tikhon's Seminary. That in-person component will give participants the opportunity to do actual prison visits at a nearby correctional facility. It will also give participants a chance to worship and pray together with the monks at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, which adjoins the Seminary. Leo reports that he has being doing well in the program, and has been getting good grades. (Well done, Leo!). Leo thanks all the members and friends of the Parish who have offered him financial support and other kinds of encouragement in this endeavor. Leo also offers to pray for any person for whom we would like him to pray while he is at Saint Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery late this month.

### 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 mercyl

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: Memory Eternal!

**Newly Departed** 

His Grace Bishop Matthias	d. 5/8/24
M. Archpriest Nicholas Boldireff	d. 5/22/24
Joshua—an acquaintance of the Gubas	d. 5/18/24
David—a man we have been asked to remember	d. 5/12/24
Emery A.—Matthew A.'s grandfather	d. 5/2/24

#### Anniversaries of Repose - Memory Eternal!

#### 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; unwell Archpriest Vasily G.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest Archpriest Vladimir A.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest Archpriest Vladimir H.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest Archpriest James B.—in need of prayers; gravely ill

Subdeacon John Paul—chronic and debilitating back pain

Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.

Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers

Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); now back home

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

Thomas—Patty N.'s nephew; battling cancer

Wayne—Donna O.'s father

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

Louis—friend of a parishioner (F.G.); facing serious illness

Kathy (Katherine) 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; health issues

Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; serious health challenges

Stephen—facing long-term health challenges; at request of Marilou P.

Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; facing serious illness, courageously

Michael "Mike" A.—battling health challenges

Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues

Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.

Rosemary—member in the New Britain Parish; long-term health challenges

Andrea—mourning loss of loved one; req. of Helena G.

Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., recovering from brain surgery

Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.

Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, health issues

Nyla and Don-at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers

Jesse—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers

Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers

Ninoos—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers

Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer

Juliana—Fr. John's sister; preparing to undergo possible back surgery for serious injury

Reader Matthew—friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; in need of prayers

Oleg-friend of Subdeacon John Paul S; very worrying diagnosis of health issue

Daniel—son of a friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; struggling

Bill ("Vasilios") L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers Joan and Robert—mother and son coping with chronic illness—req. of Helena G.

Marilou P.—our fellow parishioner

Paul S.—health issues

Holly—an acquaintance of Peter H.; unwell and in need of prayers

Laura—friend of Lenna M.; battling brain cancer

Amber—Louine K.'s grandaughter-in-law.

Ferda ("fair-dah")—acquaintance of Mark and Karry O.; battling a serious illness

Larissa—daughter of Fr. Michael and Nadia K.; we have been asked to pray for her

Elizabeth S.—mother of an acquaintance of Fr. John's; battling cancer Alan—at the request of Cynthia B.; unwell and in need of prayers

Robert—Fr. Justin Gri.'s brother; unwell and in need of prayers

Aaron—Fr. Steven H.'s son; unwell and in need of prayers

George Z.—Fr. George Z.'s son; seriously ill

Timothy—Olena's husband; recent surgery to address serious illness

Michael—at the request of Nina and John D.; unwell and in need of prayers

Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness

Jacob—family member of Lynn H.; some health issues

Audrey—A.J.'s mother; quite unwell and in need of prayers

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

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

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; now living in residential care

Forrest H.—our fellow parishioner, now living in residential care

#### Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Shelby and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.'s daughter-in-law, Joel's wife

Maura and the child to be born of her—close friend of Lucy C.

Katy and the child to be born of her—friend of Peter H.

Anya and the child to be born of her—Fr. John's niece

Therese and the child to be born of her—a friend of the Parish

Teodora and the child to be born of her—Jacob and Teodora J. are our distant

parishioners, for now in Serbia, hoping to soon be back in CT And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

Mark and Karry O. and their family

Peter H.

Christyn O. - away on study fellowship

#### 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

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; U.S. Air Force pilot

David—at request of Fr. David K.; U.S. Army medic

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

Grzegorz "Greg" and Olga F. 6/4
Rev. Fr. David & Melanie K. 6/5
John & Nina D. 6/7

Birthdays

James L. 6/2 Raisa C. – John & Nina D.'s daughter 6/6

## **Pray for Peace!**

Please pray for all those throughout the world, known and unknown to us by name, who have died and who are suffering due to armed conflict.

Presently there is significant warfare, causing tens of thousands of deaths and incredible suffering, ongoing in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar, in the Maghreb, in Ethiopia, and in Sudan. There are lesser conflicts going on in many other places, as well, costing thousands more deaths. To give but one example, the ongoing drug war in Mexico has cost thousands of lives.

Please, pray for peace. Pray for those who have died. Pray for those who yet still live, but who have been victimized. Pray for all those who have suffered loss. Lord, hear our prayer!

## Scripture Readings, etc.

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:

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The End! Glory be to God!