

Sunday, June 11, 2023



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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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1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. All Saints. Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1st c.). Ven. Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga (1445). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novotórgsk (1572). Synaxis of the “Axion Estin” Icon of the Mother of God (10th c.). The Holy Archbishop, Confessor, and Healer Saint Luke of Crimea, the Blessed Surgeon, (died June 11, 1961).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/06/11>

Read the amazing life story of Saint Luke the Blessed Surgeon (died 1961) here:

[https://orthodoxwiki.org/Luke_\(Voino-Yasenetsky\)_of_Simferopol_and_Crimea](https://orthodoxwiki.org/Luke_(Voino-Yasenetsky)_of_Simferopol_and_Crimea)

Services and Events, Upcoming

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

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Monday, June 12, 7:00 PM: The monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council. NOTE: This meeting will take place in-person, at Church!

Change to Schedule: June 13 through 15: Fr. John will be away attending a conference and retreat at Saint Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania. This is a continuing education opportunity for Fr. John, which he is participating in with the support of the Terryville Parish Council. *(See the notice, further on in this bulletin, about emergency pastoral contacts in Fr. John's absence.)*

Change to Schedule: Wednesday, June 14, 8:00 AM: NO Matins on this particular Wednesday morning.

Change to Schedule: Thursday, June 15, 7:00 PM, On-line: NO Bible Study on this particular Thursday evening.

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), followed by our Parish's monthly Rite of General Confession.

Sunday, June 18, the Feast of All Saints of North America, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

In the Salisbury Parish! Sunday, June 18, the Feast of All Saints of North America, 4:00 PM: Service of Praise and Thanksgiving (Akathist) before the Icons and Relics of the North American Saints. This service will take place at our sister parish, All Saints of North America Church, 313 Twin Lakes Rd, Salisbury, CT.

Wednesday, June 21, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, June 22, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, June 24, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, June 25, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, June 28: NO Matins Service on this particular Wednesday morning.

In the Meriden Parish! Wednesday evening, June 28, Eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Vigil, 6:00 PM. Followed by a "Bring-and-Share" Supper (Lenten foods, only—no meats or dairy products). *NOTE: This service will take place at our sister parish, Saints Peter and Paul Church, 54 Park Ave, Meriden, CT 06450.*

In the Meriden Parish! Thursday morning, June 29, The Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul, Festal Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM. *NOTE: This service will take place at our sister parish, Saints Peter and Paul Church, 54 Park Ave, Meriden, CT 06450.*

Thursday, June 29, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, July 1, 1:00 PM: Baptism of the child Yuri, son of Kristen, and grandson of Paul and Claudia S. Yuri's patron saint is [Saint George the Great-martyr, Victory-Bearer, and Wonderworker](#). Please, pray for Yuri, his parents, grandparents, and all those who love and care for him. Lord, hear our prayer!

Saturday, July 1, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday, July 2, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, July 5, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, July 6, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. John will be away on vacation from Friday, July 7, through Saturday, July 15. We will have services in our parish during that time, with Fr. David K. presiding. The exact schedule of those services will be shared soon.

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

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
John B.—acquaintance of Jeanne M. d. 5/18/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Mark Macibora 6/11/1972
Anthony Kalechy 6/12/1913
Theodore Tadaychuk 6/12/1967
Rose Shavstruck 6/13/1955
Eva Habrukovich 6/14/1974
Adam Omelchik 6/15/1951
Anna Sobestanovich 6/16/2006
Maria Sarafin 6/17/1947

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
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 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
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
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
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 further surgical attention
James—Louine King's son; injured recently
Jeffery—Leo K.'s brother-in-law; very unwell and in need of our fervent prayers
Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer
John O.—our fellow parishioner; recently unwell
Ruth S.—friend of the Hopkos; badly injured in a fall
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

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

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

Archpriest John H.—traveling this coming week, June 13 through 15
James, Elena, and the members of their family

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

Fr. John & Macrina H. 6/17

Birthdays

Jacob J. 6/15
Luda S. 6/16

Prayers Requested, related to the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine: Maryna B., friend of our Terryville Parish, and a native of Kharkiv, Ukraine, asks prayers for her family and friends in Ukraine, including her grandmother **Larissa**, her brother **Dmytro**, his wife **Yuliia**, and their child **Milana**. Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**, and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**. Elena Watras asks prayers for her Goddaughter **Vera** and Vera's family members **Pavel**, **Timothy**, **Nina**, **Anya**, **Mitya**, **Petya**, and all their extended family.

Prayers Requested: Please keep Fr. John and Macrina's son **Thomas**, his wife **Alexis**, and their daughter **Julia Rose** in your prayers "for health and salvation" this Sunday, June 11. Thank you.

News and Notes

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Emergency Contacts during Fr. John's time away: While Fr. John is away, in the case of a true emergency requiring the ministry of an Orthodox priest or deacon, please contact Fr. David K. at 850-573-0013 (voice or text) or Deacon Paul N. at 860-307-5219 (voice or text) or Fr. Phillip B. (Pastor of our neighboring parish in New Britain) at 727-277-3321.

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

About the Small Commemorative *Prosphora* (Church Bread) Loaves

In some parishes (including ours, here in Terryville) there is the custom of making small *prosphori* (Church bread loaves) available to the faithful, who send them into the altar with a list of names for prayers for the living and the departed. In our parish these loaves are kindly made by our local bakers, fellow parishioners who have mastered this culinary art.

When the priest receives the *prosphora* and the list, he prays for the people indicated and takes a small particle of bread for each name and places it on the *diskos* (the special footed plate on which the Eucharistic Bread is placed during the Divine Liturgy), in the center of which is the cube of bread which will become the Body of Christ during the Divine Liturgy. The *prosphora* is then given back to the person who requested the prayers, and if you look closely at the loaf, you will find that small particles have indeed been taken out.

The origins of this practice go back to the days when the faithful would bring the bread and wine to be used in the Liturgy.

The *prosphora* you receive back, which of course has not been consecrated into the Body of Christ, is part of the "antidoron", not unlike the bread the faithful receive when coming forth to kiss the cross at the end of the Liturgy.

"Antidoron" means "instead of the gift," and in times past only those who did not receive Communion would take it at the end of Liturgy. The *prosphora* you receive is also an "antidoron," and it is appropriate to share it with the person or persons in whose name it was offered, especially if they are home-bound or too ill to come to the Church for the Eucharist. Some people take their *prosphora* home, and eat a little bit of it each morning on weekdays, after morning prayers and before breakfast, to remind them of the gift of the Holy Eucharist and of the persons for whom the loaf was offered.

This article was sourced from the Questions and Answers section (<https://www.oca.org/questions>) on the Orthodox Church in America website. This article was edited and enhanced to fit our local needs, before being re-printed here, in our Parish Bulletin.

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.

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!

