

Sunday, June 16, 2024



Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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The Sunday between the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost – Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. St. Tychon, Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus (4th-5th c.). Ven Tikhon of Kaluga (d. 1492). Ven. Tikhon of Lukhovsk (Kostromá d.1503). Martyrs Tigrisus the Presbyter and Eutropius the Reader, of Constantinople (5th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/06/16>

Happy Father's Day! Many Years! Memory Eternal!

Services and Events, Upcoming

(This schedule is subject to change, please confirm the schedule at www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/schedule before coming to Church.)

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

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

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)

At Saints Peter and Paul Church, Meriden, CT: 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

At Saints Peter and Paul Church, Meriden, CT: 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

Sisterhood Event: 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

At All Saints of America Church, Salisbury, CT: Sunday afternoon, July 7, 4:00 PM: 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)

Thursday, August 1, 9:00 AM: *First Day of the Dormition (Theotokos) Fast:* Supplicatory Canon (Prayer Service) to the Theotokos, the Ever-Blessed and Most Pure Virgin Mary.

Saturday, August 3, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, August 4, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

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, July 7!

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 (July 7, 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 collection exists.

On Sunday, July 7, 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 July 7 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.

News and Notes

Vacuuming the Church: We would like to ask that volunteers vacuum at least the Narthex (entrance area), Nave (main worship space), and Kliros (Choir area) of our Church building each Sunday, *right after the conclusion of the Sunday morning services*. The doing of this uncomplicated, yet needful, task would be a great help. Please consider being this volunteer on at least some occasions. Thank you.

Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour! We need Coffee Hour hosts going forward in the calendar. Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour. Thank you!

POSTPONED: The Sisterhood "Pop-Up" Event, that had been scheduled for Thursday, June 20, at the Elizabeth Park Gardens in West Hartford is POSTPONED due to the anticipated heat wave.

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 is now culminating with a weeklong, in-person component that is taking place from June 16 to June 22 at Saint Tikhon's Seminary. This in-person component is giving participants the opportunity to do actual prison visits at a nearby correctional facility. It is also giving participants a chance to worship and pray together with the monks at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, which adjoins the Seminary. Leo thanks all the members and friends of the Parish who have offered him financial support and other kinds of encouragement in this endeavor.

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

His Grace Bishop Matthias	d. 5/8/24
Archpriest James Bernstein	d. 6/17/24
Mitred Archpriest Nicholas Boldireff	d. 5/22/24
Liliana—family friend of the Hassenfeldts	d. 6/6/24
Joshua—an acquaintance of the Gubas	d. 5/18/24
David—a man we have been asked to remember	d. 5/12/24

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Anna Sobestanovich	6/16/2006
Maria Sarafin	6/17/1947
Anna Biscoe	6/18/1994
Archimandrite Anthony Repella	6/18/1957
Michael Baritsky	6/19/1947
Ellen Senetcen	6/19/1971
Mary Fill	6/21/2010
Xenia Bystry	6/22/1986

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
Subdeacon John Paul—chronic, 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 granddaughter-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
Faith—David C.’s cousin; facing health challenges
Daniel—Cynthia B.’s nephew; facing health challenges
Bob B.—friend of Melanie O.; battling cancer
Nolan—friend of Corey F.; unwell and in need of prayers
Jacqueline—a woman for whom we have been 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

Leo K.—Away at Saint Tikhon’s Monastery this week for
Prison Ministry in-person training
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:

Fr. John & Macrina H. 6/17

Birthdays

Luda S. 6/16
Mat. Ann S. 6/22

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.

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<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy>

The End! Glory be to God!

