



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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Sunday, August 18, 2024

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.). Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and Polyænus, of Rome (2nd c.). Hieromartyr Emilian and with him Martyrs Hilarion, Dionysius, and Hermippus (4th c.). Ss. John (674) and George (683), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Ven. Macarius, Monk. Repose of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila (946). Ven. Sophronius of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos). Ven. Arsenios of Paros (1877).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/08/18>

Services and Events, Upcoming

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

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

Thursday, August 22: Funeral of the newly departed Katherine “Kathy” Smick. Memory Eternal!

For details of arrangements, please visit this link: <https://www.naugatuckvalleymemorial.com/listings>

Saturday, August 24, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

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

Wednesday, August 28, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, August 29, Commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, 9:00 AM: Service of Prayer to Saint John the Baptist

Saturday, August 31, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, September 1, Church New Year, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 4, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, September 7, Eve of the Feast of the Nativity (the Birth) of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, 6:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya for the Eve of the Feast

Sunday morning, September 8, Feast of the Nativity (the Birth) of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 11 (Memory Eternal!), 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Friday, September 13, Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Holy Cross, 6:30 PM: Vespers with Divine Liturgy (what is often termed “Vesperal Divine Liturgy”) for the Feast of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 14, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

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

Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, September 21, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil, followed by the Parish’s monthly rite of general Confession

Sunday morning, September 22, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 25, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, September 28, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, September 29, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Tuesday morning, October 1, Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, 9:00 AM: Service of Supplication to the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Wednesday, October 2, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, October 5, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, October 6, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour



Notes on Parish Life

Vacuuming the Church: We ask that volunteers vacuum 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!

Are you the person? Represent our Parish as a Lay Delegate to the annual Diocesan Assembly and/or to the Orthodox Church in America's triennial Council.

Dear Members of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We have two opportunities, upcoming in October 2024 and then again in July 2025, for a person (or persons) to represent our Parish as a lay delegate. A person can represent us on both occasions, OR one person can represent us in October 2024, and then a second, different person can represent us in July 2025.

First, the Year 2024 Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England will take place in Cumberland, Rhode Island, on Friday-Saturday, October 25-26, 2024. Fr. John H. and Deacon Paul N. are scheduled to attend that Assembly in their official capacities. However, we also require a lay delegate to represent our Parish, as we enjoy the privilege of electing and sending a lay delegate to the Assembly.

Second, the next triennial All-American Council (AAC) of the [Orthodox Church in America \(OCA\)](https://www.oca.org) is scheduled to take place next summer from Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona. Details about the OCA AAC can be accessed at this hyperlink: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/one-year-to-the-21st-all-american-council>. Our Parish is instructed by [The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America](#) to send our Pastor, together with a duly elected Lay Delegate, to represent us at the OCA AAC.

Are you the lay member of our Parish who is ready and able to serve as a lay delegate to one or both of these gatherings? Costs (travel, accommodations, food, etc.) will, of course, be paid by the Parish. If you are interested in serving in one or the other (or, even, both) of these capacities, or need more information about what service as a lay delegate involves, please, contact me (Fr. John H.) Also, you can speak with parishioners Jack K. and Deb W., who have both served our Parish as lay delegates to these gatherings in the past. Deb and Jack can tell you about the experience from a lay person's perspective.

Please be informed, that in order to be elected and then serve as a lay delegate from our Parish, you must be a full, voting member in good standing of our Parish, and be such a member for at least the last 12 consecutive months* before the start date of the event in question. You must, therefore, be a parishioner who regularly attends Church and regularly participates in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion.

Please, prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Thank you.

With love and gratitude,

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

** There is some question about this length of time: It may be 36, rather 12, months that is required. Fr. John is presently seeking clarification about this from the Diocese of New England authorities.*

Please, support Prison Ministry!

A while back, on Sunday, July 28, (Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday) we were blessed to hear from our fellow Terryville parishioner, Leo K., about his recent experience in being certified to do prison ministry. Many of us were deeply moved by that presentation.

One way that we can all help to support prison ministry is to support the organization called Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM). Please, visit the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry website at <https://theocpm.org/>, in order to learn more about how to support Orthodox Christian prison ministry here in the United States. Thank you.

P.S. If the above listed hyperlink doesn't work (and it might not), please do an Internet search ("google") the phrase "Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry." Thank you!

Looking Ahead

In the Fall! Saturday, October 12, Sisterhood Retreat: A pre-Advent Sisterhood Retreat has been planned for Saturday, October 12. Put that event in your calendar now, and save the date!

September 6 and 7: Myrrh-Streaming Icon to again visit our Area

On Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7, 2024, the Wonder-working Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God ("Kardiotissa") from Saint George Orthodox Church, Taylor, PA, will be visiting St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, CT. The icon last came to our area a few years ago. At that time, many of us made the effort to go and pray before and venerate that holy icon, and to be anointed by the myrrh it exudes, and were deeply edified and moved by that experience.

This icon is known as "Kardiotissa", which means "Tender Heart". The icon has this title because it depicts the Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus in a tender-hearted fashion. This icon has been streaming "myrrh," which is a sweet-smelling oil, since October 13, 2011. Some members of our parish have been privileged to venerate this icon, and to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from it.

The icon will arrive at Saint Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain at 6:00 PM on Friday evening, September 6. At that time a talk about the icon will be given, a prayer service will be served before it, and all present will have the opportunity to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from the icon. Again, on Saturday morning, September 7, beginning at 9:00 AM, the same schedule of events (talk, prayer service, and anointing) will take place.

The Kardiotissa icon has been associated with a number of miraculous occurrences, including the healing of seemingly incurable illnesses, as well as the repentance and conversion of those previously strongly opposed to Christ and His Church.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that it is strictly forbidden to take pictures or video of the icon or events associated with the icon. Every effort is made to maintain pious and sober Orthodox Christian decorum in the presence of the icon, and to avoid any tone or atmosphere of the "sensational." Although unusual, myrrh-streaming icons do occur from time to time in the life of the Church. Usually, when such an event happens it is understood to be an occurrence for the interior life of the Church, a consolation for the faithful. As such, we Orthodox tend NOT to share too much with those "outside" when an icon begins to stream myrrh. We do not invite in the public, and especially not the media. Rather, we gather in prayer and gratitude, thanking and praising God for His unending love and care for us. + + +

Please, become a Steward of the Diocese of New England by providing a supportive donation!

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Please, become a Steward of the Diocese of New England by providing a supportive donation!

The best way to make a donation is to go to this website and click on the "Donate" button:

<https://dneoca.org/stewardsofnewengland>

Another way to make a donation is to write out a check made out to "The Diocese of New England," and specify that it is for "The Stewards of the Diocese of New England." Then, give that check to Protodeacon Paul Nimchek who is collecting those donations in our Parish.

Stewards of the Diocese of New England (formerly ONE Stewards), supports Youth Activities, Missions, Seminary Scholarships, and Charitable Work in the Diocese of New England. When you become a Steward of the Diocese of New England you are providing funding for these kinds of programs in the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of New England.

For many of us, a favorite cause to support financially via The Stewards of the DNE is the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally.

Youth Rally is a wonderful program of the Diocese that provides a weeklong, residential, immersive, Orthodox Christian camp experience—led by talented and devout Orthodox Christian clergy and adult leaders—for children between the ages of 10 and 17 in the Diocese of New England. It takes place annually in the month of August. (From 2004 through 2018, Fr. John was the Youth Rally Rector and Director, every summer. And, for many summers a number of our parishioners, including Melanie O., Lucy C., and Macrina H., served as Rally Staff in various capacities.)

Youth Rally is an expensive program, but a fruitful program (literally fruitful in some cases--men and women who have met at Youth Rally have later married and had families!). It costs several hundred dollars per camper to hold Youth Rally, so a generous donation to The Stewards of the Diocese of New England can really, really help.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request to become a Steward of the Diocese of New England. God bless you!

In Christ, gratefully,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor
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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

Katherine "Kathy" Smick—our fellow parishioner d. 8/15/24
Robert—request of Helena G. d. 7/19/24
Anthony—acquaintance of the Guba Family d. 7/10/24

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Archpriest Michael Kobloch—past Pastor of the Parish 8/18/2021
William Papach 8/18/1991
Alexander Desenko 8/20/1957
John Pavelchak 8/20/1987
Clement Passechnuk 8/21/1958
Cyprian Panasuk 8/22/1956
Melanie Duke 8/22/1958
Maria Savoron 8/23/1951
Philip Glowa 8/23/1956
Anna Kablesch 8/24/2001

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 David K.—our Parish's attached priest; joint replacement surgery on 9/10
Archpriest Andrew T.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
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
Priest Ceraphim—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 serious 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., suffering in illness
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; recovering from serious spinal surgery
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—grief and 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
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
Irina—Ksenia's mother; battling cancer
Jacob—family member of Lynn H.; some health issues
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 be asked to pray for general well-being
Amy a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
Michael N.—facing health challenges; our devoted and beloved Choir Director
John—Cynthia B.'s uncle—unwell and in need of prayers
Leo M.—Parishioner Lynn H.'s father; unwell and in need of prayers
Tamara B.—recovering from surgical procedure; our fellow parishioner
Claudia—Macrina H.'s mother; various health issues following recent surgery
Bob—acquaintance of Mat. Melanie K.; surgery
Ingrid—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Terry—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Louine K.—recently unwell; our fellow parishioner
Fernando—Matthew A.'s grandfather; declining health
Audrey—A.J.'s mother; increasingly unwell and in need of prayers
Susan—Claudia S. and Melanie K.'s sister—surgery to repair broken upper femur

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

Valbona and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
Lucy and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
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—Teodora J. and husband Jacob J. in Serbia

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

Matthew A.—will be travelling, 8/21 to 9/4.

Those from among us serving on 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
John S.—Fr. John's nephew; a U.S. Navy midshipman

Wedding Anniversaries

None this week

Birthdays

John G. 8/15
Elaine H. 8/19
Elizabeth "Lizzie" M.—Lenna M.'s daughter 8/23

Please, 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:

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

The End! Glory be to God!

