

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, September 10, 2023

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia (305-311). Ven. Paul the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Bl. Prince Andrew, in monasticism Joasaph, of Kubensk (Vologda—1453). Holy Apostles of the 70 Apelles, Luke (Loukios), and Clement (1st c.). Martyr Barypsabas in Dalmatia (2nd c.). Rt. Blv. Pulcheria, the Empress of the Greeks (453). Ss. Peter and Paul, Bishops of Nicaea (9th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/09/10>

Services and Events, Upcoming

Sunday morning, September 10, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM: Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

Sunday, September 10, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

NO SERVICES: Wednesday, September 13: NO Matins (Morning Prayers)

Wednesday evening, September 13, Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord, 7:00 PM: Great Vespers, with the Bringing out of the Holy Cross for Special Veneration

Thursday morning, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast

Thursday evening, September 14, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, September 16, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday morning, September 17, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM: Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

Sunday, September 17, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 20, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, September 21, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, September 23, 5:30 PM: 40th Day Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) for our newly departed Brother-in-Christ Gregory “Greg” Wegh. Memory Eternal!

Saturday, September 23, 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 morning, September 24, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM: Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

Sunday, September 24, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 27, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, September 28, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, September 30, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday, October 1.

Sunday, October 1, 9:15 AM, Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Tuesday, October 3, Terryville Parish Council On-line Meeting, 7:00 PM: At 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 3, the Terryville Parish Council will convene via Zoom video teleconference.

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

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

[Fr. John away October 6 through 12, on vacation. Fr. David K. will be substituting.]

Saturday, October 7, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday, October 8.

Sunday, October 8, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

NO SERVICE: Wednesday, October 11, 8:00 AM: We will NOT have our usual Wednesday morning service on this specific Wednesday, the 11th of October.

NO BIBLE STUDY: We will NOT have our usual Parish OnLine Bible Study on Thursday evening, October 12, as Fr. John will be away on vacation.

Saturday, October 14, 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 morning, October 15, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM: Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

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

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

Thursday, October 19, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, October 21, Memorial Saturday, 5:30 PM: Memorial Service ("Panikhida"), commemorating all the Faithful Departed

Saturday, October 21, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday morning, October 21, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM: Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

Sunday, October 21, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour.

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

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday, October 28, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

Sunday morning, October 29, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM: Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

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

Wednesday, November 1, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

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

Protodeacon Alexis Bona—a Diocesan clergyman	d. 8/26/23
Gregory "Greg" Wegh—our fellow parishioner	d. 8/14/23
Ken—friend of Kathy M.; victim of cancer	d. 8/12/23
MaryAnn—acquaintance of Mike N.	d. 8/5/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Mary (Koltko) Banziruk	9/11/2003
Michael Duke	9/12/1950
Catherine Lyga	9/12/1977
Anna Kucirka	9/12/1991
Sophie Andrash	9/12/2007
Maria Menhichyk	9/13/1914
Trofim Sereduk	9/14/1962
Paraska Glouche	9/14/1972
Matrona Mattson	9/16/1960
Steven Zylka	9/16/1975

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
 Archpriest Mark Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
 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)
 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
 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; health issues
 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 long-term 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—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; long-term 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.
 Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, unwell
 Nyla—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Harry—at request of Joan M.; joint replacement surgery
 Matushka Deborah Belonick—severely broken leg, still requiring rehabilitation
 Paul S.—ongoing health issues; underweight and will undergo medical procedures
 Matushka Evelyn K.—fell and broke wrist; complicated break requiring long recovery
 Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer
 Ruth S.—friend of the Hopkos; badly injured in a fall
 Alexandra—Fr. John H.'s sister; suffers with Neurofibromatosis Type 2 (NF2)
 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
 John—a man suffering from cancer (Justine S.'s father)
 Mark and Family—at request of Lenna M.; friends of Lenna's in need of prayer
 Deborah W.—recovering from joint replacement surgery
 Timothy ("Tim") O.—suffering with some health issues
 Bill ("Vasilios") L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers
 Mat. Ann S.—still recovering from a broken hip; now living in residential care
 Matthew—someone for whom we have been asked to pray
 Joan and Robert—mother and son coping with chronic illness—req. of Helena G.

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; now living in residential care

Mothers and Newly born children

Emma, Hailey, and Julia, and the children newly born of them! Many Years!

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Liridona and the child to be born of her—Valbona H.'s sister-in-law
 Amber and the child to be born of her—Louine K.'s granddaughter-in-law
 Kate and the child to be born of her—Lynn H.'s family member
 Justine and the child to be born of her—a frequent visitor to our Parish
 And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

Christyn O.—away on study fellowship
 Mark and Karry O.
 George and Jennifer W.

And all those traveling

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
 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; U.S. Air Force pilot

Preparing for Marriage

Jacob and Teodora

Wedding Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Kathy Mih.	9/11
Helena Gu.	9/16

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.

Parish Education Sessions, starting this Sunday, September 10

Beginning on this Sunday morning, September 10, we are reactivating a part of our ministry here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, which has been dormant for a long time.

From this Sunday morning forward, unless announced otherwise, we will have Parish Education sessions on Sunday mornings. Those sessions will begin at 8:15 AM and end at 9:00 AM. (After Education has concluded, we will begin the Divine Liturgy as usual at 9:15 AM, after the reading of the Third Hour, which starts at 9:05 AM.)

During these 45-minute-long, in-person sessions, which will take place in the Church Basement Social Hall, I (Fr. John H.) will address topics pertinent to our Orthodox Christian Faith. **I hope to do this based on questions that will be submitted to me by you, the members and friends of our Parish, in advance of those sessions.**

In the past, these educational sessions were well-attended by those who were eager to grow in their knowledge and practice of the Orthodox Christian Faith, the Life in Christ. I hope that they will be well-attended once again.

Please, if you wish to submit questions for me to speak to during these educational/catechetical sessions, send those questions to me either via reply to this email, or by text to my cell phone, 860-944-3486.

In Christ, *Fr. John H.*

On Sunday, September 17, we will elect our Parish's Lay Representative to the upcoming Diocesan Assemblies. Deb Wegh has been nominated by the Parish Council.

On Sunday, September 17, immediately after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will have a very brief, one-issue, meeting of the entire membership of our Parish for the purpose of electing Deborah "Deb" Wegh to represent our Parish at both of the upcoming New England Diocesan Assemblies, which will be taking place on October 27 and 28, 2023, at Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven, CT. Deb is being nominated to serve in this capacity by our Terryville Parish Council, and we hope that the entire membership of our Parish will confirm the Parish Council's nomination by gratefully electing Deb to serve in this way.

The New England Diocesan Assembly on October 27 is the usual and customary annual Assembly of the Diocese, convened once a year to accomplish the necessary administrative business of the Diocese, such as the consideration of last year's financial report and the upcoming year's budget. At that Assembly, also, reports about various Diocesan initiatives, such as the Annual Youth Rally, etc., are presented and received.

This year a special, one-issue Diocesan Assembly is being convened on October 28, for the purpose of considering the possibility of nominating a candidate for consideration to be elected by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America to be our next resident, local, Diocesan hierarch (bishop) in the Diocese of New England. Our Diocese has been without a resident bishop since the death of His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON (Memory Eternal!) in 2019. The Diocesan Council has vetted a candidate to be so nominated, Priest Benedict Churchill.

For further information about how the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) is governed and administered, please, see the [Statute of the OCA](#). (Article VIII is about "The Diocesan Bishop.")

For more information about Fr. Benedict Churchill please visit this [LINK](#) and this [LINK](#).

People Need Our Help, Here and Throughout the World

How to Help in Our Parish: Make a check out to “Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church,” designate it specifically in the memo line for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, and give the check to Fr. John.

The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund is a fully confidential charity fund run by Fr. John, with occasional assistance from Deacon Paul, whereby Fr. John meets specific needs. The needs are met, completely confidentially, at Fr. John’s personal, pastoral discretion.

Most gifts from the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund are made to fellow parishioners. (Note: When we purchase the small commemorative *prosphora* bread loaves on Sunday mornings, we are helping fund the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.)

How to Help in Our Town: Make a donation to The Plymouth Community Food Pantry (<https://plymouthfoodpantry.org>), which is housed in the basement portion of our Parish Community Center Building.

The Plymouth Food Pantry is working hard to defeat hunger in our area. In June 2023, a recent month for which we have figures, the Food Pantry distributed 13,453 pounds of food to 144 households. Those 144 households were made up of 365 people. 79 households made one visit to the Food Pantry in June, 59 made two visits, and six households made three visits in June. There is no good reason anyone living in the Town of Plymouth should ever be hungry.

Monetary donations are especially useful, as the Food Pantry, by virtue of its official, registered status with various governmental programs, can purchase many food stuffs at prices not available to individual citizens. (Fr. John is an ex officio member of the Food Pantry Board, and a past President of that Board, too.)

How to Help, Nationally and Internationally, through an Orthodox Christian Charitable Organization: Visit the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) website (<https://iocc.org/about>) and make a donation or, even better, set up a monthly donation that automatically goes to IOCC, every month. IOCC has partners all over the United States and all over the world. IOCC helps respond to every major disaster that occurs domestically or globally.

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!

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