



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, September 15, 2024

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Niketas (Nikita) the Goth (ca. 372). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (3rd c.). Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodotus, and Maximus, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Martyr Porphyrius the Actor (361). Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (415). St. Philotheus the Presbyter, in Asia Minor (10th c.). Ven. Joseph, Abbot, of Alaverdsk in Georgia (570). St. Joseph the New of Partos, Metropolitan of Timisoara (1656).

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Services and Events, Upcoming

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

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

At Saint Mary's Orthodox Cemetery, Stillson Road, Waterbury: Monday morning, September 23, 11:00 AM: 40th Day Memorial for the newly departed Kathy Smick at her graveside.

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

Sunday, September 29, 11:45 AM: ALL-PARISH MEETING! We will have an All-Parish Meeting of all parishioners of both the Waterbury Parish and the Terryville Parish on Sunday, September 29,

beginning at 11:45 AM., or as soon thereafter as possible following the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy.

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)

RENEWED! Thursday, October 3, Online, via Zoom, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: The Terryville Parish Online Bible Study, led by Fr. John H.

Saturday morning, October 5, 8:30 AM: Grounds and Garden Day at Church. Please, come help do some work on the grounds and gardens around the Church on Saturday morning, October 5.

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, followed by the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Sisterhood

Monday, October 7, via Zoom, at 6:30 PM: The Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council

Wednesday, October 9, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, October 10: *NO Bible Study on this particular Thursday evening. Fr. John H. is unavailable, as he will be attending the Monthly Meeting of the Connecticut Deanery Clergy that evening.*

Saturday, October 12, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil, followed by our Parish's Monthly Rite of General Confession

Sunday morning, October 13, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, October 16, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, October 17, Online, via Zoom, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: The Terryville Parish Online Bible Study, led by Fr. John H.

Saturday, October 19, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil (Fr. John H. will be away attending the 60th Anniversary celebration at Saint Gregory Church, Wappingers Falls, NY, where his father, the late Protopresbyter Thomas, was pastor from 1968 to 1978. So, a substitute priest or deacon will be here in our Parish presiding on Fr. John's behalf.)

Sunday morning, October 20, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour (Fr. John will be away on Long Island and in Manhattan on this Sunday. In the morning he will be attending a priestly ordination of a longtime friend. In the afternoon, he will be participating as clergy in a wedding of two N.E. Diocesan Youth Rally "alums." (A substitute priest will be here in our Parish presiding on Fr. John's behalf.)

Wednesday, October 23, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, October 24, Online, via Zoom, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: The Terryville Parish Online Bible Study, led by Fr. John H.

Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26: Fr. John, Deacon Paul N., and Deb W. will be representing our Parish at the Annual Diocesan Assembly on these two days. This year the annual Assembly is taking place in Cumberland, RI, hosted by Dormition of the Holy Virgin Mary Church, located in that town.

Saturday, October 26, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, October 27, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, October 30, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, October 31, Online, via Zoom, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: The Terryville Parish Online Bible Study, led by Fr. John H.

Saturday, November 2: During the day: The Parish Sisterhood Pre-Advent Retreat, details to be shared soon.

Saturday, November 2, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, November 3, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

LOOKING AHEAD: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Terryville Parish will take place on Sunday morning, November 10, at 11:45 AM or as soon thereafter as possible. Please, plan to attend the AGM.

Notes on Parish Life

Elevator “Out of Order”: We apologize that the elevator in our Church building is out of order. We are waiting on parts to effectuate a repair. The technician came this week, but needed to order parts.

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!

All Parishioners requested to be present!
Important General Meeting of all Parishioners:
Sunday, September 29, 2024!

Dearly Beloved:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We continue to work towards our goal of accomplishing the consolidation of Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary ("Saint Mary's") Orthodox Church, Waterbury, CT, and Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT, into one legal and canonical entity. We are, praise be, already, one family of Faith, worshiping and praying and living together as Orthodox Christians.

VITALLY IMPORTANT: We will have a special meeting of both Parish bodies (the entire congregations!) on Sunday morning, September 29, at 11:45 AM, or as soon thereafter as possible. Please make a serious effort to be present.

This is a **VITALLY IMPORTANT** meeting, at which formal resolutions, confirming decisions we have already made, will be passed in precise and exact language required by the State of Connecticut to bring to fruition the full legal consolidation of our two Parish corporations—the Waterbury Corporation and the Terryville Corporation.

The necessary legal documents—the draft resolutions, have been prepared by our attorneys (including, especially, Attorney Julia Boisvert) at Murtha Cullina, LLP, in Hartford so that we can take action on these matters to work towards finalizing this process.

These draft resolutions arrived in my email inbox this week. They are extensive and I am now accomplishing a careful reading and examination of those documents, and will review them with the executive leadership (i.e., officers) of both Parish Councils.

Once—working with those officers and our attorneys—those draft resolutions are finalized, these draft resolutions will be shared with all the presently active members of both parishes in advance of the September 29 meeting.

Please, note also, that I have been in regular contact about this matter with both Bob Matzkevich, Lay President, and Subdeacon Joseph Boruch, Treasurer, of the Waterbury Parish, as well as with other members of the Waterbury and Terryville Parish Councils.

Please, pray for the successful completion of this initiative. We look forward to seeing you all on September 29.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me, right now, by replying to this email.

Respectfully, in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko
Pastoral Administrator of the Waterbury Parish
Pastor of the Terryville Parish

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

Francis—Marilou P.'s brother-in-law d. 8/23/24
Katherine "Kathy" Smick—our fellow parishioner d. 8/15/24

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Matrona Mattson 9/16/1960
Steven Zylka 9/16/1975
Mary Fomenko 9/17/2019
William Markovich 9/18/1986
John Tkach 9/19/1921
Olga Petroff 9/19/2016
Amelia Pastyrnak 9/20/1975
Anthony Kowaleski 9/21/1963

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; rehabbing after joint replacement surgery
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 M.—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
Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Patrick—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
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
Bob P.—Louine K.'s son-in-law; recovering from an injury suffered in a fall
Susan—Claudia S. and Melanie K.'s sister—surgery to repair broken upper femur
Deborah W.—suffered fall at home

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

Mother and Newly-Born Child

Teodora and the daughter, Irina, newly born of her!

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

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

Protodeacon Paul, sent on duty this morning

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

Birthdays

Helena G.

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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.

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The End! Glory be to God!

