

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 24, 2023

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815). Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c.). Venerable Nīkander Wonderworker of Pskov (1581). Monastic Martyr Galacteon of Vologdá (1612). Ven. Coprius of Palestine (530). Ven. Abramii, Abbot of Mirozh (Pskov). St. Vladislav of Serbia (1230-39). Ven. Dorothy of Kashin. Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos (1938). The “MIROZH” (1198) and “THE MYRTLE TREE” Icons of the Mother of God.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/09/24>

Services and Events, Upcoming

[Fr. John out of the office and out of town all day on Tuesday, September 26.]

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, 9:05 AM, Reception in to the fullness of the Faith: Tamara B. will be received into the fullness of the Orthodox Faith on this Sunday morning. Her sponsor is Mat. Melanie K. Many Years!

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), Fr. David K. presiding.

NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday, October 8.

Sunday, October 8, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour, Fr. David K. presiding.

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, as Fr. John will be away on vacation.

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

Fr. John out of the office on Tuesday, September 26, all day long

Dear Members and Friends of the Parish:

Fr. David K. and I will be out of town on an ecclesiastical goods "field trip" all day on Tuesday, September 26.

I (Fr. John H.) will, however, be monitoring my cell phone (860-944-3486) for text messages and for voicemails, so, if something urgent and/or important comes up, please, DO contact me. Thanks!

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

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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

Protodeacon Alexis Bona—a Diocesan clergyman d. 8/26/23
Geraldine—at request of Helena G. d. 8/16/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Helen Hasko	9/24/1985
Wiatschelaw (Slava) Wasyluk	9/24/2007
Peter Hriceniak	9/25/1970
Paul Baychuk	9/25/1973
Anastasia Glowa	9/26/1919
Sava Shakhno	9/26/1951
Michael Witick	9/26/1974
Joseph Pavelchak	9/27/1918
Katherine Ostopchuk	9/27/1961
Deacon Stephen Wrettick	9/27/1977
Michael J. Duke	9/27/1957
Elizabeth Wauriniak	9/28/1963
Cyril Talinko	9/29/1963
Harold Lyga	9/29/1979

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
Kelly—sister of Fr. Steven Hosking; in hospice care
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
Afrodita ("Dita")—suffering loss

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; underwent 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
Jeanne—recent health issues, requesting our prayers
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

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
Melanie and the child to be born of her—George and Jenn. W.'s daughter-in-law
Chabela and the child to be born of her—friends of Leo K.
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
Julie and Joel K. – traveling on vacation
Jennifer and George W. – traveling on vacation
Protodeacon Paul, Patty, and Michael – will be traveling this coming week
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

Isa (Thomas) 9/26

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, Sunday mornings, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM

We recently reactivated a part of our ministry here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, which has been dormant for a long time.

Going 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.*

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 *prospora* 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.

Defeat ovarian cancer! Contribute in memory of a departed parishioner!

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Every year, in September, our fellow parishioner John "Jack" Kriniske participates in fundraising efforts for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC – www.ovarian.org). NOCC is an organization dedicated to the goal of combating ovarian cancer. Jack's beloved wife, Donna, succumbed to ovarian cancer on March 3, 2014, after a long and brave fight against the disease. Memory Eternal!

This year, as in recent past years, Jack has set up a portal on the NOCC website, through which donations can be made in memory of Donna Kriniske. That portal can be accessed at this "click-able" link:

give.ovarian.org/campaign/jack-team-donna

This year, 2023, Jack tells us, "This will be the last year that I will be asking everyone to help me support this fundraiser. Over the years I have been humbled by the outpouring of love each and every one of you has shown in support. If we reach this year's goal of \$1,440.00, we will have raised \$20,000.00 in the ten years this fundraising effort has been active."

Jack thanks all those who will donate to NOCC in memory of Donna. If you have any questions or wish to donate in a way other than by using the online portal, please contact Jack directly. (If you need Jack's contact details, contact me and I will provide those details to you directly.) Thank you.

With love in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Let's help Deb W. with some work at her home, on October 6 and 7, Friday and Saturday

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Our fellow parishioner, Deb W., needs help on Friday, October 6, from 9:00 AM to sunset, and on Saturday, October 7, from 9:00 AM to mid-afternoon. On those days Deb requires help to move and sort many things in her basement and garage. Her late husband, Greg W. (Memory Eternal!), accumulated many things in those spaces over the years.

If you are able to help Deb, even for a few hours, on one or both of those days, please contact her at her cellphone (voice or text) at 860-589-7948 to let her know.

Deb lives in Farmington, off Route 6, just east of the Bristol line. When you contact her, she will give you her exact street address location.

Deb is still recovering from hip joint replacement surgery, so it is important that we provide this assistance with work (lifting, moving boxes, etc.) that she is not yet cleared by her healthcare providers to do. Please, consider giving some time to help her out on October 6 and 7.

Thanks for your kind consideration,

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

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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