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 27, 2026

Sunday, October 4, 2026

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Martyrs Callistratus and his company (49 Martyrs—ca. 304). Ven. Savvatii (Sabbatius), Wonderworker of Solovétsky Monastery (1435). Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas, of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Epicharis of Rome (3rd c.). St Ignatius of Christ the Savior Monastery (963-975).

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, first Archbishop of Kazan, and St. Varsonúphy (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1595). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan' (1976). Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod (1052). Ven. Helladius and Onesimus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th-13th c.). Ven. Ammon, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chæremon, of Alexandria (3rd c.). Martyr Peter of Capitolias (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Domnina and her daughters Berenice and Prosdoce of Syria (305-306). Ven. Ammon (ca. 350) and Paul the Simple (4th c.), of Egypt. St. Stephen Stiljianovich of Serbia (1515).

Lives of the Saints - Orthodox Church in America

Services and Events, Upcoming

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

Pastor on Vacation: *Fr. John H. will be away from Terryville from the morning of Saturday, September 26, until about midday on Saturday, October 3.*

Pastor's Vacation, September 26 to October 3: Fr. John will be away from Terryville from early in the morning on Saturday, September 26, until the afternoon of Saturday, October 3. Fr. David K. will preside at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, September 27. **NOTE:** While Fr. John is on vacation, in the case of a true emergency requiring the ministry of an Orthodox priest, please contact Fr. David K. at 860-573-0013 (voice or text) or Fr. Phillip B. (Pastor of our neighboring parish in New Britain) at 727-277-3321 (voice or text).

CHANGE TO SCHEDULE!!! NO Vespers, Saturday evening, September 26: We will NOT have Vespers here in the Terryville Parish on Saturday evening, September 26, since Fr. John will be away, and, also, all our Choir Directors are not available to direct the Choir that evening. We apologize for this. Please, take the opportunity to visit one of our sister parishes here in Connecticut. Click on this link to see a listing of other parishes here in Connecticut: https://www.oca.org/parishes/deanery/oca-ne-ctd.

Sunday, September 27, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour. Fr. David K. will preside at Liturgy, in Fr. John's absence.

Wednesday, September 30: NO Matins

Saturday, October 3, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, October 4, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, October 7, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Saturday, October 10, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, October 11, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Monday, October 12, 6:30 PM, via Zoom: On Monday, October 12, 6:30 PM, the Terryville Parish Council will convene, online, via ZOOM video-teleconference, for their October monthly meeting.

Wednesday, October 14, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

SISTERHOOD EVENT! Saturday, October 17, in the afternoon, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: The Parish Sisterhood *Sip n' Swap* event. For information about this tea party event, please, see a member of the Parish Sisterhood, especially one of the co-chairs of the event, Melanie K. and Melanie O., or one of the officers of the Parish Sisterhood. (Please see more detailed information about this event, further on in this bulletin.)

Saturday, October 17, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), followed by our Parish's Monthly Rite of General Confession.

Sunday, October 18, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

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

October 22-24: From Thursday, October 22, through the afternoon of Saturday, October 24, Fr. John H., Deacon Paul N., and Patty N. will be in Vermont and New Hampshire representing our Parish at the Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England.

Memorial Soul Saturday, October 24, 5:30 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") commemorating all the departed. (NOTE: The Saturday before the Feast Day of the Great Martyr Demetrius is one of the Church's periodical "Soul Saturdays" on which we especially commemorate all the departed. Soul Saturdays are designated days throughout the liturgical year when the faithful gather to pray for the souls of the departed, asking God to grant them forgiveness, rest, and eternal life. These commemorations express the Church's belief in the communion of saints and the enduring bond of love and prayer between the living and those who have died.)

Saturday, October 24, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, October 25, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

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

Saturday, October 31, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, November 1, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

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

LOOKING AHEAD: On **Sunday, November 8, at 11:45 AM** (that is, following the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy that day, and a brief light meal), we will convene the **Year 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Parish**.

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NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

Fr. David K. will be traveling on about a half dozen weekends this fall to substitute in other parishes: Fr. David K. will be traveling a lot this fall to substitute in other parishes. Please, keep Fr. David in prayer as he accomplishes this important ministry. I know that we, the parish priests, appreciate it greatly when we can count on Fr. David to substitute for us. Thank you, Fr. David. (Note: Fr. David will be substituting for Fr. John H., here in the Terryville Parish, on Sunday, September 27.)

Gardening (weeding!): If anyone wants to come and do some of the obvious pulling of weeds that is necessary around the Church Building and the Shed by the Parking Lot, please, feel free to stop by the Church grounds any time, and to do some of that necessary work.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Again we pray for all victims of accident, 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

Nina Kosowsky—Prominent member of the Diocese of New England	d. 9/23/26
Christine—at request of the Hopkos	d. 9/23/26
John—Cynthia B.'s uncle	d. 9/18/26
Stephen—Carolyn P.'s cousin	d. 9/15/26
Allan—at request of Lenna M.	d. 9/12/26
Christine—a friend of the Hopkos	d. 8/28/26
Marion—at request of Fr. David K.	d. 8/18/26
Mary—at the request of Elaine H.	d. 8/15/26

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

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
George Witick	10/1/1949
Adam Mattson	10/1/2006
Edward Tadaychuk	10/2/1962
Clement Sarakhyn	10/2/1952
Averky Hubchik	10/2/1969
Harry Kostyk	10/2/1980
John Kuzmich	10/2/2017
Mat. Anna Sovyrda	10/2/2024
Andrew Shkarypsky	10/4/1940
Vasili Belick	10/4/1965
Eva Mattson Pierce	10/5/2007
John Biscoe	10/6/1966
Madeline Pikul	10/6/1989
Anastasia Fill	10/7/1958
Nellie (Anastasia) Hrabsky	10/7/2002
Michael Kopcha	10/7/2007
Anastasia Baiga	10/9/1918
Vladimir Yaromschik	10/10/1938

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

H.E. Archbishop Benjamin of the Diocese of the West (Retired)
H.E. Archbishop Alexander of Toledo
Archpriest Vladimir A.—serious, chronic illness
Archpriest Vladimir H.—unwell
(Matushka) Mary S.—one of Fr. John's four sisters; recently unwell
(Presbytera) Veronica—acquaintance of Hopkos; widowed clergy wife, unwell
(Matushka) Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
Nancy B.—our fellow parishioner; dealing with difficult chronic illness
Mary Lynn G.—friend of Donna O.; breast cancer—hopefully now in remission
Michael "Mike" L.—ongoing health issues
Paula—friend of Jim L.; struggling with cancer
Yvonne K.—a person we have been asked to pray for; multiple myeloma
Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; health issues
Natonya L.—Mike and Jim L.'s family member; health issues
Lois—Mike and Jim L.'s family member; health issues
Michael "Mike" A.—battling many, many health challenges
Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues
Diane—daughter of friends of Forrest and Elaine H., suffering in illness
Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, health issues
Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Nila—John G.'s aunt; facing challenges
Joan—grief and chronic illness; req. of Helena G.
Candace—mourning the loss of her husband David; req. of Helena G.
Timothy—Olena's husband; undergoing treatment for a serious illness
Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness
Ksenia—our fellow parishioner; another surgery upcoming, as illness reoccurs
Alex—Ksenia's husband; recent illness
Tatyana—Ksenia's mother-in-law; recent health issues
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
Corey (Phocas) F.—our fellow parishioner' facing some challenges
Amy—a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
Leo M.—Parishioner Lynn H.'s father; unwell and in need of prayers
Ingrid—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Terry—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Victor—family member of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness
Alex—family member of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness
Louine K.—various health challenges; our fellow parishioner
Heather—at the request of Louine K.; facing challenges
Andrea—friend of Helena G.; mourning loss of her daughter
Tracy—acquaintance of Helena G.; breast cancer surgery
Nikola—friend of Jacob J,; very unwell and in need of prayers
Gregory—Bob M.'s son
Alexandra—Fr. John's sister; suffers Neurofibromatosis type II, a chronic disease
Boris—a participant in our Parish's former Bible Study; battling illness
Raymond—Fr. John's brother-in-law; some health issues
Lynn—has requested our prayers while experiencing a transition
John—undergoing cancer treatment; relative of Lenna M.
Cameron—a person for whom we are asked to pray; challenging diagnosis
Iris—at request of Hopkos; for joy, peace, and tranquility
Barbara—friend of Jack K.; unwell and in need of prayers
Kauwela—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray
John—relative of Carolyn P.; battling ill health
child Zeke—a request of the Nimcheks
Shelley—suffers in illness, widow of Russ; friend of Rich and Laura K.
Eran—a friend of Nancy B; dreadfully injured in motorcycle accident
Peter—a man suffering with a chronic disease; at request of Elaine H.
Vera W.—our fellow parishioner; recovering from fall
Steven—a man for whom we have been asked to pray

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities

Tanya B.—suffering long-term effects of brain hemorrhage
Claudia A.—Waterbury parishioner; health challenges
Claudia B.—Macrina H.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
Dolores M.—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
Roberta K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care
Forrest H.—our fellow parishioner; resident in long-term eldercare
Edward—Ryan K.'s father

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Shelby and the child to be born of her—Karry and Mark O.'s daughter-in-law
Anya and the child to be born of her—Fr. John H.'s niece
Katie and the child to be born of her—Leo K.'s wife
Joelle and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
Jessica and the child to be born of her—at the request of Cynthia B.
Marina and the child to be born of her—Fr. John H.'s niece

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

Fr. John and Macrina H. --traveling
John K. – soon to be traveling

Those from among us serving in or training to serve in the Armed Forces

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic"); Mark and Karry O.'s son
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier
Weston—son of a friend of Lenna M; National Guardsman, deployed abroad
Ian—Fr. David and Melanie K.'s so-in-law, Army reservist called up for active duty
Ruben—acquaintance of the Hopkos, U.S. Marines Corps tiltrotor pilot
Zachary W.—Fr. Zachary W.'s son; U.S. Air Force fighter pilot
John S.—Fr. John H.'s nephew; Ensign, U.S. Navy, now in pilot training
Matthew S.—Fr. John's nephew (John S.'s brother); ROTC cadet, U.S. Army

Preparing for Ordination

Robert—husband of a niece of Fr. John's; will be ordained deacon on 9/27
Daniel B.—Cynthia B.'s nephew/Godson; will be ordained deacon on 10/25

Anniversaries of Marriage

Parker & Julianna B.	10/03
Forrest and Elaine Hanson	10/9
Timothy & Donna Osuch	10/10

Birthdays this coming week

Larissa—Deb W.'s daughter	9/29
Thomas H.—Fr. John and Macrina's son	9/29
Luke K.—Julie and Joel K.'s son	10/1
Jared—Jayne G.'s son	10/8
Zachary—Jennifer and George son	10/9

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Some further Notes, as regards the *Sip n' Swap* event:

- There is a sign-up sheet posted in Parish Basement Social Hall for those who wish to attend—friends and family are welcome! The deadline for signing up is October 4, as the Sisterhood members need to begin planning the food for the event, and other aspects of the event, as well.
- Also downstairs, also posted in Parish Basement Social Hall, are two more sign-up sheets as regards the *Sip n' Swap* event. The first is for helpers to come during the week before the event to help set up and sort donations, and the second regards signing up to donate food.
- Also, beginning next week, the participants are reminded that they can now begin bringing the planned donations of jewelry, books and puzzles to Church so that those items may be organized in advance of the event.

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Learn more about the Orthodox Faith

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