

## Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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# Sunday, October 15, 2023

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2.** Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos (889). Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch (312). St. John, Bishop of Suzdal' (14<sup>th</sup> c.). Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—1243). Martyrs Sarbelius and Bebaia (Barbea) of Edessa (2<sup>nd</sup> c.). St. Sabinus, Bishop of Catania (760).

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## Services and Events, Upcoming

**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 22, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM:** Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

**Sunday, October 22, 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

**Saturday morning, November 4, 11:00 AM:** Baptism of Hanna C., granddaughter of John and Nina D.

**Saturday, November 4, 6:00 PM:** Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

**Sunday morning, November 5, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM:** Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

**Sunday, November 5, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour.

**Wednesday, November 8, Feast of the Holy Archangels, 8:00 AM:** Matins (Morning Prayers)

**Thursday, November 9, 7:00 PM, On-line:** Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

**Saturday, November 11, 6:00 PM:** Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

**Sunday morning, November 12, 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM:** Parish Education in the Parish Basement Social Hall

**Sunday, November 12, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour.

**Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** The Terryville Parish Council meeting will convene online, via ZOOM video teleconference, for their November 2023 monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, November 14, beginning at 7:00 PM.

**Wednesday, November 15, 8:00 AM (FIRST DAY OF ADVENT/THE NATIVITY FAST):** Matins (Morning Prayers)

**Thursday, November 16, 7:00 PM, On-line:** Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

**Saturday, November 18, 6:00 PM:** Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

**NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday, November 19.**

**Sunday, November 19, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, followed by a bring-and-share Lenten (Advent) Luncheon, and then followed by the Year 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish.

**Sunday, November 19, after Divine Liturgy:** The Year 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, convening in the nave of the Church.

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## **Some notes from Fr. John, in the present moment...**

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

This week I spent time informing myself, from many different sources, about the Israel-Hamas War that began on Saturday, October 7. I read and listened to commentary and analysis representing many positions and opinions.

Whatever else my still-forming thoughts and feelings are about this issue, about one point I am quite sure: As long as any difficulty or disagreement is seen as necessarily having “winners” and “losers,” and as long as any difficulty or disagreement insists on continuing to be about past grievances, there is no path forward other than the obliteration of one’s enemies. If, in order for me to win, you must lose, or, worse, in order for me to live, you must die, there is no path forward to peace and joy for all.

There is a better way. At the core of human thriving is self-emptying forgiveness. There is no way forward to lasting peace and joy until I say to you and yours, and you say to me and mine: “You are forgiven. I let go of the past. I no longer demand vengeance and retribution. Rather, I demand nothing of you except mutual commitment to a better future for each and every person, no matter what that commitment costs me, even if it costs me everything, even if it costs me my life!”

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in His perfect love for us, and in His not-to-be-denied desire to secure a future for us where there is “no sickness, no sorrow, and no sighing,” chose voluntary death. On His part, His self-sacrificial, self-emptying death was perfectly non-violent. At the same time, His crucifixion was an act of state terror on the part of those who crucified Him.

Terrorism has at its core the targeted violation, brutalization, and slaughter of innocents as a means to seek to influence and control the behavior of those who witness that fearful violence. Terrorists attack innocents in an effort to coerce survivors and observers to behave differently. In these circumstances, the more obvious it is that those being attacked are innocents, the more obvious it is that the attackers are terrorists.

Can terror ever be justified by the justice of the cause it serves? No! Terrorism is an unacceptable and, in the end, futile means to accomplish change. For terror feeds bitterness and resentment, and, in turn, bitterness and resentment feeds the insatiable beast that is cyclical, retributive, vengeful violence.

I hurt you and yours. You hurt me and mine. And we never, ever break the cycle. Misery persists.

Nevertheless, Our Lord Jesus Christ, by his death on His Cross, wondrously has “trampled down death by death.” He has transformed defeat into victory. He has overcome terror, not by vengeance or retribution, but by self-emptying love. May we seek to imitate and follow Him on His path, the Way leading to reconciliation, joy, and peace!

With love in Christ, Fr. John H.

# 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**

Protopresbyter Arthur Liolin—the late Bp. Nikon's brother d. 9/29/23  
Geraldine—at request of Helena G. d. 9/16/23  
Kelly—Fr. Steven Hosking's sister d. 9/27/23  
Ramon "Ray" R.—Lewis H.'s uncle d. 9/20/23  
Mark Kiryluk—son of Fr. Nicholas and Mat. Olga K. d. 10/5/23

## **Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!**

John Ketero 10/15/1934  
John Kowalchuk 10/15/1972  
Philip Kisiel 10/15/1980  
Adam Habrukowich 10/17/1984  
Alexander Kucirka 10/17/1993  
Tatjana Jakimenko 10/17/2002  
Metro Skrupsky 10/18/2002  
Elizabeth (Bunker) Sweatt 10/19/1999  
Margaret Gabor 10/20/1981  
Sadie Witik 10/20/1991  
Agafia Papkov 10/21/1938

## **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**

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 (Katherine) 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; 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—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  
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.  
Marilou P.—our fellow parishioner; rehab after surgery to treat broken hip and leg

### **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  
Rich and Laura K.—will be traveling to Italy, 10/21 to 10/29  
Deborah "Deb" W.—will be traveling, 10/17 to 10/24

### **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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Paul & Claudia S. 10/21

### **Birthdays**

Jennifer W. 10/15

**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**, **Anyia**, **Mitya**, **Petya**, and all their extended family.

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## **Update about Marilou P., following recent surgery, and time now spent in rehabilitation:**

Our fellow parishioner Marilou P. is still in rehabilitation at Ingraham Manor, 400 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010. She will be there for some more time—likely at least another several weeks. Marilou is, as previously announced, recovering from the surgery she required to repair her hip and leg after suffering a fall at home some weeks ago.

**Unfortunately, there is communicable illness now among the staff and residents of Ingraham Manor, so call ahead, and check first, before visiting.**

The main phone number at Ingraham Manor is 860-584-3400, and if you call that number you can ask to be connected to Marilou's room. She will be pleased to receive phone calls from us, her fellow parishioners of the Terryville Parish.

Ingraham Manor has visiting hours throughout most of the day, but the best time to visit Marilou is between 3:00 and 4:30 PM, and also, perhaps, between 6:30 and 8:00 PM. Marilou will be happy to receive visitors from her fellow Terryville parishioners.

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## **About the Annual General Meeting, Sunday, November 19**

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

**All agenda items to be discussed at the Year 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish on Sunday, November 19, 2023, are to be submitted in advance of the meeting.**

Again, by decision of the Parish Council, based on the availability of key participants, including certain Church officers, the Year 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish will take place on Sunday, November 19, 2023. After the conclusion of the Lord's Day (Sunday morning) Divine Liturgy that morning, we will have a bring-and-share Lenten (Advent) Luncheon, and then hold our meeting in the Nave of the Church.

Again, we do not accept any items of business (especially new business) from the floor during our Parish's Annual General Meetings. This practical, common-sense rule is a long standing (20+ years!) rule of order at our Parish's Annual General Meetings.

The reason for this rule is so that we can ask meeting participants to prepare themselves, *in advance of the meeting*, to discuss all agenda items. This rule creates conditions that allow for productive, effective, and efficient discussions, rather than having participants surprised by a topic that they may not be prepared to discuss.

Please, understand that the Official Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of our Parish is established by the Parish Council. So, if you have any agenda items that you would like to see added to the Official Agenda of the Year 2023 Terryville (CT) Parish Annual General Meeting, please, contact me by replying to this email. If you have any other concerns, please, contact me by replying to this email.

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

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## Scripture Readings, etc.

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*The End! Glory be to God!*

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