

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, November 5, 2023

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.). Repose of St. Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod (1470). Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Gregory, Archbishop of Alexandria (9th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/11/05>

Services and Events, Upcoming

Remember: The Clocks "fall back" one hour overnight, from November 4 to November 5!

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)

IN THE SOUTHURY PARISH: Thursday morning, November 9, 9:15 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast Day of Saint Nectarios of Aegina, the patron saint of that parish. (Note: Fr. John H. and Fr. David K. are planning to participate in the Divine Liturgy that morning at Christ the Savior Church in Southbury. Let Fr. John know if you, also, are planning to attend that morning in Southbury.)

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.

Sunday, November 12, during the Coffee Social Hour after the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, the Nominations Committee will meet.

IN THE SOUTHURY PARISH: Sunday, November 12, 4:00 PM, The Annual Saint Nectarios Day Vespers, Procession, Anointing, and Reception in the Southbury Parish. See the announcement further on in the bulletin for details about this annual event.

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), followed by Church cleaning and changing of covers/paraments and liturgical glass, etc., from gold to red for Advent.

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.

Monday and Tuesday, November 20 and 21, Eve and Day of the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple – Exact schedule of services still to be determined and then announced. (We will probably have Vespers on Monday evening, and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday morning.)

Wednesday, November 22, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers), with special additional Thanksgiving Prayers in anticipation of the Feast of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day – NO BIBLE STUDY – Fr. John out of the office for the day.

Saturday, November 25, 6:00 PM: Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Matins Gospel)

NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday, November 26.

Sunday, November 26, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, November 29, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

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.

Reports for the Annual General Meeting

If you are a person who is responsible for providing a report for the Annual General Meeting, please, prepare that report and submit it to Fr. John H., *at your earliest convenience*. Thank you.

Meeting of the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee will meet during the Coffee Hour after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 12. Fr. John will be in touch this week to remind the members of the Nomination Committee about this meeting, and about the task they are asked to fulfill, which is to consider the slate of candidates for Church offices going forward in 2024.

Advent Confession Appointments: Make your appointment now!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is usual and customary for Orthodox Christians regularly to participate in the Sacrament of Confession. **I would suggest—in the strongest possible way—that we *all* make an appointment to participate in the Sacrament of Confession between now and the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord (Christmas, December 25).**

It is, of course, our usual custom to participate in the Sacrament of Confession during the Nativity Fast (Advent), the forty-day period leading up to Christmas. The Nativity Fast begins each year on November 15, and we are now already into the month of November, so the season of preparation is upon us.

So, please, contact me, at your earliest convenience, so that we can get an appointment for you into the calendar, and then prepare ourselves to participate in the essential and saving Sacrament of Confession.

In Christ, Fr. John H.

Priestmonk Benedict Churchill nominated to be Bishop of New England

On Saturday, October 28, [Priest Benedict Churchill was nominated to be Bishop of New England](#), our diocesan bishop. We anticipate, unless something quite unexpected happens, that Fr. Benedict will be formally elected to be our bishop by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). That vote will likely take place on Monday, November 6, 2023, when the Holy Synod gathers for their fall session.

Priest Benedict, in anticipation of his likely election as our bishop and in obedience to his nomination, took initial monastic vows this past week, and is now Priestmonk (also termed Hieromonk) Benedict. Bishops in the Orthodox Church traditionally take at least initial monastic vows as part of their path to being a bishop. (For more about Orthodox monasticism visit this [LINK](#).)

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) meets twice a year, in the fall and in the spring. (The word “synod” means official assembly.) Each session of the Holy Synod lasts about four or five days. In the Orthodox Church, bishops are elected by bishops. In the Orthodox Church in America the members of a given diocese have the privilege to nominate a candidate to be considered by the Holy Synod of Bishops for election. For full information about this matter, please see [Article VIII of the Statute](#) (official bylaws/constitution) of the Orthodox Church in America.

Please, pray for Priestmonk Benedict, for the Holy Synod of Bishops, and for our diocese, the Diocese of New England.

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
David L.—cousin of Marilou P. d. 10/21/23
Spiro—Elena W.'s cousin d. 10/19/23
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 Kirylyuk—son of Fr. Nicholas and Mat. Olga K. d. 10/5/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Ignati Tihansky 11/5/1938
Gabriel Vabriniak 11/6/1932
Agafia Shkarypski 11/6/1940
Sophie Johnston 11/6/1956
Harry Popko 11/6/1990
Anna Kurdeka 11/7/1997
Mary Susla 11/8/1971
Metro Maichack 11/8/2000
Tekla Dziamba 11/9/1940
Paul Duke 11/10/1949
Ekaterina Koltko 11/10/1967
John Kriniske 11/11/1999

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)
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
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
Timothy ("Tim") O.—suffering with some health issues
Bill ("Vasilios") L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers
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
Paul S.—recovering from recent medical procedure
Richard and Laura K.—recently unwell
Mark and Karry O.—recently unwell

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

Mother and Newly Born Child

Amber and the child to be born of her—Louine K.'s granddaughter-in-law

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
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.
Diana and the child to be born of her—Julie and Joel K.'s daughter-in-law
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
Deborah "Deb" W.—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

Wedding Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays

Michael N. – our Choir Director 11/8
Joshua – Fr. David and Melanie K.'s grandson 11/11

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.

Stewards of the OCA Sunday, Sunday, November 5 (This Sunday!)

Each year in November, we are invited to **support the work of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) by becoming (or renewing our membership as) a Steward of the OCA.**

The best way to do this is by means of a direct donation to the OCA, made via the donation portal on the OCA website (oca.org/donate). If you donate by that means, please, in the Comments box, specify that your donation is for the "Stewards of the OCA."

NOTE: For those who do not wish to make a donation via the oca.org/donate web portal, we will put out a special collection basket this Sunday morning, November 5, at Church, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Here are the details, as shared with us by the OCA:

"Stewards of the OCA, Sunday, November 5: Please support the work of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) by becoming a Steward of the OCA. Your support will help the work of the ministries and departments of the OCA that equip our church with important resources such as liturgical music, clergy support, mission planting grants, education material, and other special events. New projects are upcoming in 2024. You can financially support the work of the Church by contributing to the special collection at your parish or by making a donation at oca.org/donate."

Thank you for your support of the Orthodox Church in America.

Support the Plymouth Community Food Pantry at Thanksgiving! Donations of money are most useful!

The very best way to support [The Plymouth Community Food Pantry](#) is with a monetary donation. (As you surely know, the Food Pantry is housed in our Parish Community Center building, at the far end of the Parish Parking lot from the Church building.)

Yes, in-kind donations of non-perishable food items are useful, but the fact of the matter is that the Food Pantry can purchase food at prices not available to the general public. Also, they can purchase exactly what they need to distribute, when they need it. **So, please, in this holiday season, consider a financial gift to the Plymouth Community Food Pantry.** Click on this [LINK](#) to be taken directly to the donate now page on the Plymouth Community Food Pantry website.

If you prefer to send a check, make that check out to *The Plymouth Community Food Pantry*, and send that check to *The Plymouth Community Food Pantry, 20 Dewey Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786.*

[The Plymouth Community Food Pantry](#) presently serves more than 150 households each month, and anticipates this year distributing the full makings of a traditional Thanksgiving meal (a turkey, and all the customary sides and condiments!) to at least 170 households.

Remember a household can be a single person or a large family. The average household size in our town is between 2 and 3 persons. So, 170 households likely represents about 425 people.

If you do want to provide in-kind donations of non-perishable foods, **canned cranberry sauce, jarred gravy, and boxed stuffing mix** are the most useful donations.

Thanks for your support. May our merciful and compassionate Lord inspire you and bless you in all your charitable endeavors.

Young Men's Group

We are planning to establish a Young Men's Group in our Parish, to give young men the opportunity to gather and to discuss matters of mutual concern. An organizational meeting for this purpose will take place on Sunday, November 5, during the Coffee Social Hour that takes place after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy that morning.

NOTE: For the purposes of this group, we are primarily thinking of men aged 18 to 39. However, if someone older than 39 years of age wishes to participate, that will be happily permitted, as long as all participants understand that the purpose of this group is primarily to discuss matters of significant concern to men in the first two decades of adulthood.

A "Thank you" from our fellow parishioner Deb W., for help recently received from fellow parishioners

Here is a thank you note from our fellow parishioner, Deb Wegh.

Many of us, fellow parishioners of Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, gathered over the recent holiday weekend (October 6-9) to help Deb with necessary work at her home in the aftermath of her husband Greg's recent, sudden passing from this life to eternal life. (Memory Eternal!)

Deb is very grateful for all the help.

From Deb Wegh:

I wish to thank everyone who helped with the dumpster filling activities on the holiday weekend, October 6 through 9. Much progress was made; we filled the dumpster and half a "[College Hunks](#)" truck. I can now see the floor of the garage, and await the next step--an estimate by a friend who manages estate sales.

Your support turned what would have been a sad, depressing activity into a bittersweet adventure as we discovered so many artifacts of a life fully lived. My children are especially appreciative; they live so far away that coming for this activity was not possible for them. They are comforted to see that I can rely on my church family as needed.

Your love and concern during this very challenging time has been very much appreciated, and has given me the strength to move forward into my new reality. God bless each of you!

With love and gratitude in Christ, Deb W.

Thanks to each and every one of you who spent time helping Deb. I, in my role as pastor, am gratified by the fine, generous, hard-working response from our parishioners here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church.

Thanks from Jack K., for our support of his initiative to fight ovarian cancer in memory of his late wife, Donna. Memory Eternal!

Every year, in September and October, 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, our fellow parishioner Donna, succumbed to ovarian cancer on March 3, 2014, after a long and brave fight against the disease. Memory Eternal!

Here is Jack's "thank you" note following his recent fundraising efforts:

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Fund Raiser 2023:

I am truly humbled by the support given to help raise awareness for Ovarian Cancer research in honor and memory of my wife Donna who waged a courageous struggle to overcome this most devastating affliction.

As we well know, again, this year has been anything but normal and no formal activities were planned. Instead, our online fundraising effort during the months of September and October via "Team Donna" raised \$1660.00. In the ten years we have been doing the fundraising effort "Team Donna" has raised a total of \$20,220.00. *(Continued on next page)*

I would like to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who participated in this year's NOCC Fundraiser to help Break the Silence of Ovarian Cancer. "Team Donna" has been blessed to have so many caring and loving people who joined us in making monetary donations locally and from around the country.

With much love,
John (Jack) Kriniske

Thanks, everyone for helping Jack with his efforts this year!

Saint Nectarios Day Vespers at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT

Every year, on a Sunday afternoon close to the feast day of [Saint Nectarios of Aegina](#), Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT, hosts a pilgrimage in his honor.

This pilgrimage includes the opportunity to take part in a Vespers Service, a liturgical procession with the Relics of Saint Nectarios, which are also available for veneration, and the privilege to be anointed with blessed oil with prayers for healing. Usually, many Orthodox Christian clergy and faithful gather for this event.

This year this event will take place at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, beginning at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, November 12. It will be followed by a fellowship reception.

Thank you to those who helped!

We had a three-hour-long gardens and grounds session on Saturday morning, November 4, in which six of us participated. Thanks are extended to those who came to the Church grounds this morning and worked on the gardens and grounds. Your efforts are appreciated.

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 has been there now for quite a while and will likely be there for some time to come. Marilou is still 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 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.

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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