

## 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 20, 2022

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Forefeast of the Entry Into the Temple of the Most-holy Theotokos.** Ven. Gregory the Decapolite (816). St. Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446-447). Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuregórsk (1633). Martyr Dasius of Dorostorum (3<sup>rd</sup> c.). Martyrs Eustace, Thespesius, and Anatolius of Nicea (312). Hieromartyrs Nerses and Joseph; John, Saverius, Isaac, and Hypatius, Bishops of Persia; Martyrs Azades the Eunuch, Savonius, Thecla, Anna, and many other men and women who suffered in Persia (343).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/11/20>

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## Services and Events, Upcoming

**Monday, November 21, 9:15 AM:** Festal Divine Liturgy to mark the Feast of the Entrance of the Most-Holy Theotokos in the Temple at Jerusalem

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022, 8:00 AM:** Our usual Wednesday morning Matins (Morning Prayers) Service

**Thursday, November 24, 2022, Thanksgiving Day:** Due to it being Thanksgiving Day, we will NOT have Bible Study in the Terryville Parish on Thursday evening, November 24

**Saturday, November 26, 2022, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins)

**Sunday, November 27, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 8:00 AM:** Our usual Wednesday morning Matins (Morning Prayers) Service

**Thursday, December 1, 2022, 7:00 PM:** Our usual weekly online Thursday evening Bible Study session, via teleconference (ZOOM)

**Saturday, December 3, 2022, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins)

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

**Tuesday, December 6, Feast of Saint Nicholas, 8:00 AM:** Prayer Service to Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, on the occasion of his annual feast day

**Wednesday morning Matins, December 7, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

**Thursday evening, December 8:** NO Terryville Parish Bible Study (Fr. John must attend a CT Deanery Meeting this evening, instead of leading Bible Study.)

**Saturday, December 10, 2022, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins)

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

**Tuesday, December 13, Feast of Saint Herman, 9:00 AM:** Prayer Service to Saint Herman of Alaska, on the occasion of his annual feast day

**Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM:** Terryville Parish Council Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be convened by video-teleconference, via Zoom.

**Wednesday morning Matins, December 14, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

**Thursday, December 15, 2022, 7:00 PM:** Our usual weekly online Thursday evening Bible Study session, via teleconference (ZOOM)

**Friday, December 16:** Fr. John will be out of the office and away from Terryville all day long.

**Saturday, December 17, 2022, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins)

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

**Wednesday morning Matins, December 21, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

**Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 PM:** Pre-Feast Vespers, with the singing of pre-festal hymns.

**Thursday evening, December 22:** NO Terryville Parish Bible Study

**Friday, December 23, 7:00 PM:** Small Compline with the Reading of the entire Infancy Narratives from the Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke.

**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM:** Christmas Vigil.

**Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, 9:15 AM:** Festal Divine Liturgy.

# News and Notes

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Please, consider signing up to host one (or some) of our Sunday morning Coffee

## **Special Collections, this Sunday, and some future Sundays:**

**On Sunday, November 20, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, our Parish will have a special collection at the end of the Divine Liturgy to benefit International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), the official charitable organization of Orthodox Christians in the United States.** For further information about IOCC, please visit [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org). On the IOCC website this description is given of the organization: “Working with and through the Orthodox Church—as well as ecumenical partners and international agencies such as the United Nations and coalitions of nongovernmental organizations—IOCC strives to meet humanitarian needs in an appropriate, responsible, and effective way. Private donations give us the flexibility to respond quickly, build our programming, and demonstrate expertise when we apply for institutional funding. IOCC is a top-rated charity and a recipient of Charity Navigator’s Platinum Seal of Transparency.”

**On Sunday, December 4, our Parish will have a special collection at the end of the Divine Liturgy to benefit Stewards of the OCA (Orthodox Church in America).** To learn more about Stewards of the OCA please visit <https://www.oca.org/become-a-steward>. On the official website of the Orthodox Church in America, Stewards of the OCA is described in this way: “When you give to the Stewards of the OCA you support the expansion of the mission by providing much needed funding for the various ministries of the OCA like: Mission and Evangelism and the Mission Planting Grant Program, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Christian Education and the Department of Music and Translations each of which provide excellent resources for our parish choirs and education programs just to name a few.” Please consider becoming a Steward of the OCA.

**On Sunday, December 18, our Parish will have a special collection at the end of the Divine Liturgy to benefit our Orthodox Church in America (OCA) Seminaries.** The OCA has three seminaries: [Saint Tikhon’s Seminary](#) in Pennsylvania, [Saint Vladimir’s Seminary](#) in New York, and [Saint Herman’s Seminary](#) in Alaska. The first two are general Orthodox Christian seminaries, serving the needs of the whole Church. Saint Herman’s Seminary in Alaska serves the particular and specific needs of the OCA Diocese of Alaska. Please, support Orthodox theological education in North America. Thank you.

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# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**We pray for all victims of disease, disaster, difficulty, and senseless violence throughout the world.**

**+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!***

*We pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19. We pray for all those who have perished in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. Lord have mercy.*

## **Newly Departed**

Albert R. "Al" Well—d. 10/6; friend of our Waterbury and Terryville Parishes

Police Lt. Dustin DeMonte—d. 10/12; victim of shooting in Bristol

Police Sgt. Alex Hamzy—d. 10/12; victim of shooting in Bristol

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

Maxim Vavriniak 11/22/1945

Mary Wandzilak 11/22/1960

Joseph Kowaleski 11/23/1987

Philip Kowsher 11/25/1949

William Kablesch 11/25/1984

Vasily Senetcen 11/26/1926

Christine Homsevich 11/26/1931

Elena Homsevich 11/26/1931

Iosephat Dziamba 11/26/1960

## **THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP**

*First of all, we pray for all those suffering due to COVID-19, and those working to alleviate their suffering. We pray for all those suffering presently in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones.*

## **Persons captive and suffering for the Faith**

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

## **Those who are sick and suffering**

Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers

Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges

Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); presently unwell

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

MaryEllen—Louine K.'s daughter-in-law; suffering with Huntington's Disease

Yelena "Lenna" M.—overcoming, by God's grace, serious health challenges

Katie and Aubrey—a mother and 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

child George—young son of a Kenyan Orthodox priest; quite unwell

Bill M.—struggling with health issues, please keep in prayer

Paula—friend of Jim L.; struggling with cancer

Dimitri—brother of Carolyn P.; health issues

Maryna B.—dealing with some health issues

Thomas—Patty N.'s nephew; battling cancer

Wayne—Donna O.'s father

George Kla.—our fellow parishioner; facing a variety of health challenges

Joseph—friend of Jeanne M.; in need of prayers

Dianna—Jennifer W.'s mother; suffering some health problems

Thomas—fighting cancer; father of a friend of the Parish (S.H.)

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

Brittney—facing possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.

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; heart surgery

Bach-Loan—a neighbor of Jeanne M.'s; recent serious health challenges

Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers

Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia

Marisa—a young girl, acquaintance of the Nimcheks, who is quite unwell

Stephen—facing health challenges; at request of Marilou P.

Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; a person facing serious illness, courageously

Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of our prayers

Michael "Mike" A.—battling some health challenges

Robert J.—dealing with some health issues

Geraldine—acquaintance of Helena G.; battling lung cancer

Forrest H.—husband of Elaine H.; recently unwell

John B.—acquaintance of Jeanne M.; facing health challenges

Andrei—young man with serious health challenges; grandson of Fr. John's uncle

Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.

Rosemary—dedicated member in the New Britain Parish; 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

Infant Thomas—grandnephew of Elena W., born prematurely

Thomas and Ada—the infant Thomas's parents, in need of our prayerful support

Elena W.—our fellow parishioner; upcoming knee joint replacement surgery on 11/21

Catherine—Fr. John's sister; recovering from knee joint replacement surgery

Johnathan—son of Alison and Mike A.; severely injured in tree trimming accident

Police Officer Alec Iurato—injured in shooting in Bristol on October 12

child Xander—son of some friends of Mike A; undergoing surgery on October 16

Paul S.—recently unwell

Mary—relative of David C.; recently unwell

Cameron—relative of David C.; in need of prayerful support

Joshua—relative of Carolyn P.; recently diagnosed with a vexing illness

## **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

Dolores T.—a former member of our parish

## **Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of Them**

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

Peter H.

## **Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces**

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")

Joseph B.—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps

Joshua P.—husband of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army officer

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

## **Birthdays**

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11/22

**Prayers Requested:** Maryna B., friend of our Terryville Parish, and a native of Kharkiv, Ukraine, asks prayers for the health and salvation of her family and friends in Ukraine, including, specifically, her grandmother **Larissa**. Larissa, and others dear and known to Maryna, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people have been suffering greatly, due to attacks by the military of the country of Russia. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

**Prayers Requested:** Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for the health and salvation of family members in and from Ukraine, including, specifically, her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**, and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

**Prayers requested:** For Maryna B.'s brother **Dmytro**, sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and their child **Milana** (born May 6, 2022). (Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Peace, hear our prayers! Lord, have mercy.)

**Prayers Requested, related to the troubles created by the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine:** Elena Watras asks prayers for her Goddaughter **Vera** and her family members **Pavel, Timothy, Nina, Anya, Mitya, Petya, and all their extended family**.

## **Scripture Readings, etc.**

For decades, it has been our custom to share Scripture Readings the Parish Bulletin. However, it seems better now to provide links to the Daily Scripture Readings and other resources located on the official website of the Orthodox Church in America, [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org):

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>

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*The End! Glory be to God!*