

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, December 12, 2021 – Tone 8

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Sunday of the Forefathers. St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (ca. 348). Ven. Ferapónt (Therapont), Abbot of Monza (16th c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Jerusalem (251). Martyr Syndesis (Razumnik) of Rome (270-275).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/12/11>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, December 12, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Sunday, December 12, 12:30 PM, via ZOOM, The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish:** The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, will take place, via ZOOM video teleconference, beginning at 12:30 PM, on Sunday, December 12.
- **Monday morning, December 13, Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska, 9:00 AM, Prayer Service:** On Monday, December 13, the Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska, at 9:00 AM, we will serve a Service of Prayer to Saint Herman. (Holy Father Herman, pray to God for us!)
- **Wednesday morning Matins, December 15, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Wednesday evening Vespers, December 15, 7:00 PM:** As is our Parish custom, we will serve Vespers on Wednesday evenings in December, leading up to the Feast of Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will include pre-feast hymns during those Vespers services to help us prepare for Christmas.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, December 16, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, December 16. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, December 18, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, December 19, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Wednesday morning Matins, December 22, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

- **Wednesday, December 22, 7:00 PM:** Pre-Feast Vespers, with the singing of pre-festal hymns.
- **Thursday, December 23, 7:00 PM:** Small Compline with the Reading of the entire Infancy Narratives from the Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke.
- **Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM:** Christmas Vigil.
- **Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, 9:15 AM:** Festal Divine Liturgy.
- **Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil, with Christmas elements included in the service.
- **Sunday, December 26, Synaxis of the Most-Holy Theotokos, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, with Christmas elements included in the service.

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!*

First of all, we pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19.

Newly Departed

John A.—husband of Claudia A. of the W'bury Parish	d. 12/8/12
Sophie (Sonia) Ozerov—Fr. John's great aunt	d. 12/2/21
Marian Klatt Markovich McIvin—spouse of former parishioner	d. 11/3/21
Lorraine Lucien—former parishioner in Waterbury Parish	d. 11/19/21

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

Anna Gamernik-Samdetski	12/12/1914
Maria Belitsa	12/12/1942
Alexander Oleshko	12/13/1965
Joseph Kovaleski	12/13/2006
Anna Kyschersky	12/15/1938
Anastasia Kyschersky	12/15/1938
Justina Stashenko	12/15/1964
Fotina Alemoni	12/15/1998
John Tikhansky	12/16/1918
Olga Grischuk	12/16/1927
Mark Mattson	12/17/1993
Anastasia Aleverides	12/18/1941

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.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
 Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
 Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
 Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
 Dolores T.—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
 child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
 Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
 Donna—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
 Dayrl—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
 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 recently widowed
 Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer
 Barbara—friend of Patty N.; unwell and in need of prayerful support
 Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery

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
 Richard—a man struggling with cancer, for whom we have been asked to pray
 George Kla.—our fellow parishioner; facing a variety of health challenges
 Lorraine—friend of Joan M.; cancerous blood disease
 Joseph—friend of Jeanne M.; in need of prayers
 Joan—dear and close friend of Carolyn P.; recovering from serious back surgery
 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
 James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently
 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
 Brittny—facing possibly severe health issues; at the request of Kathy M.
 Jeanne M.—recovering from joint replacement surgery (doing well)
 Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing
 Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges
 Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; recent 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
 Barbara S.—W'bury parishioner; recovering from recent surgery
 Richard—acquaintance of Fr. John's; hip replacement surgery on November 4
 Rosemary—friend of Jack K.; recovering from recent stroke
 Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers
 Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia
 child Zoe—appendicitis; at request of Deb. W.

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

Alex—John D.'s brother; suffering permanent effects of stroke
 Dolores—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare

Expectant Mothers

Tracey and the child to be born of her—Geo. and Jenn. W.'s daughter-in-law

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

John K. – away visiting family

And all those who are traveling, soon to be traveling, or apart from us

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

Fr. James P., Chaplain (MAJ)—deployed to Africa with the CT ARNG
 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 and helicopter pilot
 Alexander—relative of Carolyn P.; 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier
 Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

Birthdays this coming week

NONE THIS WEEK

News and Notes

Prayers Requested: One of our parishioners who is a teacher has asked prayers for one of her students. This student is battling a very serious illness. Please, keep this child and their loved ones in your prayers. Thank you. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

More Prayers Requested: A number of people recently diagnosed with COVID-19 have asked our prayers, specifically. Please, remember all those suffering with COVID-19, and all those working to alleviate their suffering. Thank you. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Looking Ahead: The Schedule of Services for Christmas: During the week leading up to Christmas, and for Christmas Day, and for the day after Christmas, this will be the schedule of services at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT:

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Help Fr. John Edit the Prayer List

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

With the beginning of the New Year upcoming, please, help me to edit the Prayer List. We would like to review the Prayer List and, perhaps, choose to remove some of the names of persons who have been on the list for months and months, whose conditions may have now stabilized to the point where they can be prayed for under the all-inclusive heading of “and all those who are in need of prayers,” rather than still being listed, specifically and individually, by name on the list.

If you are the person who has asked for a name to be included on the Prayer List, and you know that the person in question is now stable, please, do consider asking Fr. John to remove that person’s name from the prayer list.

The section of the Prayer List designated “for those who are sick and suffering” should be reserved for those who are acutely ill, facing significant difficulties, right now, in the present moment. Please, let’s all work together to edit the Prayer List in a good and responsible way. Thank you!

In Christ,

Fr. John H.