



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Leavetaking of the Nativity. Sunday after Nativity. “Unfading Flower” Icon of the Mother of God at Ardatov. Ven. Melania the Younger of Rome (439). Ven. Chiriacos (Kyriakis) of Bisericani (Romanian—160). Ven. Chiriacos (Kyriakis) of Tazlau (Romanian—1660).

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May God bless each and all in the coming Year of Our Lord 2024! Many Years!

Services and Events, Upcoming

NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday morning, December 31.

Sunday morning, December 31, Civil New Year's Eve, 9:15 AM: Divine Liturgy, with prayers for the New Year, followed by our usual Sunday morning Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday morning, January 3, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, January 4, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

NOTE: Friday, January 5, is a strict Fast Day in preparation for the Feast of Theophany.

Friday evening, January 5, 7:00 PM: Festal Vigil for the Feast of Theophany.

Saturday morning, January 6, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany, with the Great Blessing of Water, as is customary on the Feast Day.

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

NO PARISH EDUCATION on Sunday morning, January 7.

Sunday, January 7, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour. We will have formal prayers to install the 2024 Parish Council on this Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Tuesday evening, January 9, 7:00 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Council meeting, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Wednesday morning, January 10, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, January 11, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday evening, January 13, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, January 14, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, January 14, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, January 17, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday evening, January 20, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), followed immediately by our Parish's monthly Rite of General Confession.

Sunday, January 21, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, January 21, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, January 24, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Thursday, January 25, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, On-line: Terryville Parish Bible Study, on-line, via Zoom video teleconference

Saturday evening, January 27, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, January 28, 8:15 AM: Parish Education, in the Parish Basement Social Hall, from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

Sunday, January 28, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday morning, January 31, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

NO BIBLE Study on Thursday evening, February 1.

Thursday evening, February 1, Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, 7:00 PM: Great Vespers with Litya (the blessing of the loaves, wheat, wine, and oil) for the Eve of the Feast

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

Archpriest Michael Oleksa—prominent priest in Alaska	d. 11/29/23
Priest Anthony Gori—diocesan priest	d. 11/13/23
Protodeacon Nicholas Jannakos—acquaintance of Fr. David K.	d. 11/18/23
Claudia—an acquaintance of John G.	d. 12/23/23
Igor—a relative (through marriage) of Fr. John H.	d. 12/20/23
Alex D.—brother of parishioner John D.	d. 12/10/23
Dimitry S.—father of parishioner Nina D.	d. 12/11/23
Matushka Elisabeth B.—Fr. Sergei B.'s spouse	d. 11/25/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Harry Leba, Sr.	12/31/1999
Afton Andrash	1/1/1937
Peter Duke	1/1/1956
Peter Markovich	1/2/2009
Walter Sobestanovich	1/3/1993
Vassily (Charles) Cartona	1/4/1988
John Skovran	1/4/2003
Neda Brenner	1/4/2004
Sonya Petroff	1/4/2019
Lewis Plasko	1/5/1991
Nikolai Jakimenko	1/5/1997
Cyril Goidich	1/6/1937
Malakai Motylvk	1/6/1941
Anne Toropilo Rossini	1/6/2009

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; unwell
 Archpriest Vasily G.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
 Archpriest Vladimir A.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
 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 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
 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
 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
 Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.
 Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, unwell
 Nyla and Don—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Jesse—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Ninoos—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Harry—at request of Joan M.; joint replacement surgery
 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)
 Bill (“Vasilios”) L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers
 Joan and Robert—mother and son coping with chronic illness—req. of Helena G.
 Marilou P.—our fellow parishioner; still recovering from surgical repair of broken leg
 Paul S.—recovering from recent medical procedure
 Holly—an acquaintance of Peter H.; unwell and in need of prayers
 Laura—friend of Lenna M.; battling brain cancer
 Amber—Louine K.'s granddaughter-in-law.
 Ferda (“fair-dah”)—acquaintance of Mark and Karry O.; battling a serious illness
 Matthew—someone for whom we have been asked to pray

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

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
 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
 Diana and the child to be born of her—Julie and Joel K.'s daughter-in-law
 Meredith and the child to be born of her—Fr. John's nephew's wife
 Courtney and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.'s daughter
 Valbona (Catherine) and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
 And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

John (Jack) K. – away in Florida
 Christyn O. – away on study fellowship
 Patricia B. – Mark O.'s aunt, traveling abroad until January 17.
 Mark and Karry O. –away this weekend
 And all those who are or will be traveling during this holiday season

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

Marina Bh.	1/3
Donna O.	1/5

News and Notes

Pledge Forms: The Pledge Forms for 2024 are being distributed this coming week as well. Please, make a generous pledge of financial support to our Parish for 2024.

Contribution Envelopes: The 2024 Contribution Envelopes are being distributed at Church. If you have not already done so, please, pick up your box of envelopes. We have prepared boxes of envelopes for all those who usually use them, and for those who have joined our parish recently. If there isn't a box with your name on it, and you desire a box of envelopes, please, see Fr. John H.

House Blessings: This January, for those who so desire, I (Fr. John) will again be doing home visits after the Feast of the Theophany to accomplish the traditional blessing of homes that takes place after Theophany. Please, see me (Fr. John) for details. Thank you.

2024 Orthodox Wall Calendars: The Annual Wall Calendars for 2024 are still available for distribution in the Narthex at Church. As always, they are sponsored by Scott Funeral Home of Terryville. Please, take a 2024 wall calendar for your household. (One per household, please, until we know that every household has at least one. Thank you!)

Pray for Peace!

Please pray for all those throughout the world, known and unknown to us by name, who have died and who are suffering due to armed conflict.

Presently there is significant warfare, causing tens of thousands of deaths and incredible suffering, ongoing in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar, in the Maghreb, in Ethiopia, and in Sudan. There are lesser conflicts going on in many other places, as well, costing thousands more deaths. To give but one example, the ongoing drug war in Mexico has cost thousands of lives.

Please, pray for peace. Pray for those who have died. Pray for those who yet still live, but who have been victimized. Pray for all those who have suffered loss. Lord, hear our prayer!

Scripture Readings, etc.

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The End! Glory be to God!

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