

# 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, December 5, 2021 – Tone 7

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.** Ven. Savva the Sanctified (532). St. Gurias, Archbishop of Kazan' (1563). Martyr Anastasius. Ven. Karion (Cyrion) and his son, Ven. Zachariah, of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Nectarius of Mt. Athos (1406). Ven. Philotheus of Karyes (Mt. Athos—14<sup>th</sup> c.). Monastic Martyrs of Karyes (Mt. Athos). St. Crispina (304).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/12/05>

## Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Monday morning, December 6, Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, 9:00 AM, Prayer Service:** On Monday, December 6, the Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, at 9:00 AM, we will serve a Service of Prayer to Saint Nicholas. (Holy Father Nicholas, pray to God for us!)
- **Tuesday evening, December 7, 7:00 PM, ONLINE, Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council:** The Terryville Parish Council will hold their December monthly meeting at 7:00 PM, Tuesday evening, December 7, via video teleconference (ZOOM).
- **Wednesday morning Matins, December 8, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Wednesday evening Vespers, December 8, 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 9, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, December 9. (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 11, 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 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 9. (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.

## 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**

Maria Oraschewsky—our fellow parishioner	d. 11/1/21
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!***

Christina Banziruk	12/7/1968
Stella Redman	12/8/2007
Vladimir Shymansky	12/11/1921
John Vanoni	12/11/1930
Emelian Lazarko	12/11/1946
Dimitry Kucirka	12/11/1963
Sydney Isidore Brenner	12/11/1992
Vera Kisiel	12/11/2014

### **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 for whom prayers have been asked  
 John A.—husband of Claudia A., for whom prayers have been asked  
 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  
 Brittney—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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier  
 Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

#### **Birthdays this coming week**

Effie Saltourides	12/7
Thomas Wingate	12/11

# 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!)

**The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, Sunday, December 12, at 12:30 PM, via video teleconference:** The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, will take place, via ZOOM video teleconference, beginning at 12:30 PM, on Sunday, December 12.

**Annual General Meeting: Call for Reports:** If you are a holder of an office or a representative of a Parish organization that is required to submit a report for inclusion in the collection of reports being put together in preparation for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish, please, prepare that report and submit it to Fr. John, at your earliest convenience. The Annual General Meeting is taking place, via video teleconference, on Sunday, December 12. Thank you.

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**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:

- **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

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## Daily Confession of Sins

I confess to Thee, my Lord, God and Creator, to the One glorified and worshipped in Holy Trinity, to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all my sins which I have committed all the days of my life, at every hour, in the present and in the past, day and night, in thought, word and deed; by gluttony, drunkenness, lustfulness, secret eating, idle talking, despondency, indolence, contradiction, neglect, aggressiveness, self-love, hoarding, stealing, lying, dishonesty, excessive curiosity, jealousy, envy, anger, bitterness, resentment, remembering wrongs, hatred, and mercenariness [doing things only out of a love of money, rather than from conviction]; and, also, by all my senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch; and, also, all other sins, spiritual and bodily, through which I have angered Thee, my God and Creator, and caused injustice to my neighbors. Sorrowing for this, but determined to repent, I stand guilty before Thee, my God. Only help me, my Lord and God, I humbly pray Thee with tears. Forgive my past sins by Thy mercy, and absolve me from all I have confessed in Thy presence, for Thou art good and the Lover of men. Amen.

# Notes from Fr. John: Participate in the Sacrament of Confession

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. Unfortunately, for many of us, the ongoing COVID-19 event has disturbed our regular rhythm of participation in this essential and saving sacrament of the Church. I would suggest—in the strongest possible way—that we all make an appointment now 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.

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.

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## Readings from Holy Scripture

*Scripture Readings for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost, this year December 5*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 2:14-22)**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ Jesus is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 17:12-19)**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

