

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, January 1, 2023

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (379). Sunday before Theophany. Martyr Basil of Ancyra (ca. 362).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/01/01>

Services and Events, Upcoming

Sunday, January 1, 2023, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy. Since January 1st is Civil New Year's Eve, we will add additional prayers, asking God to bless the New Year.

Monday, January 2, 2023, Civil New Year's Day, observed: Fr. John H. will be out of the office all day long on Monday, January 2.

Wednesday morning Matins, January 4, 8:00 AM: Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

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

Thursday evening, January 5: NO Terryville Parish Bible Study.

Thursday evening, January 5, 7:00 PM: Festal Vigil and the Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of Theophany.

Friday morning, January 6, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany

Saturday, January 7, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, January 8, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

News and Notes

Coffee Hour Hosts: Please, consider signing up to host one (or some) of our Sunday morning Coffee Social Hours. Thank you!

Contribution Envelopes: The 2023 Contribution Envelopes (which arrived late from the printer, which is why they have not already been given out), will be distributed on Sunday morning, January 1, at Church. Please, pick up your box of envelopes that morning. 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.

Christmas Appeals: Our Annual General Christmas Appeal and Flower Appeal were announced before Christmas. If you did not receive contribution envelopes for these appeals at home, you may pick them up at the Candle Desk in the Narthex at Church, if you still want to support either or both of these Appeals. (And, thanks to all those who have already contributed. Thank you!)

Pledge Forms: The Pledge Forms for 2023 will be distributed this coming week as well. Please, make a generous pledge of financial support to our Parish for 2023.

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.

2023 Orthodox Wall Calendars: The Annual Wall Calendars for 2023 are available for distribution in the Narthex at Church. As always, they are sponsored by Scott Funeral Home of Terryville. Please, take a 2023 wall calendar for your household. (One per household, please, until we know that every household has at least one. Thank you!)

Fr. John will be out of the office all day on Monday, January 2: Fr. John will be out of the office all day on Monday, January 2, which is New Year's Day Observed this year. He will be back in the office the rest of the week.

LOOKING AHEAD -- the Feast of Theophany, January 5 and 6: This coming week, we will celebrate the Feast of the Theophany--also sometimes called Epiphany, when we commemorate the Baptism of our Lord. (To learn more about Theophany click on this link: [Theophany](#).) We will celebrate the Vigil of the Feast with the Great Blessing of Water on Thursday evening, January 5, beginning at 7:00 PM, and we will celebrate the Festal Liturgy of the Feast on Friday morning, January 6, beginning at 9:15 AM.



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

Dolores Twombly, our fellow parishioner d. 11/25
Marina Bobrovsky—of the Pittsfield, MA, Parish; acquaintance of many d. 11/29

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

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
Maria Duke	1/7/1946
Joseph Arrbur	1/7/1970

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
Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); recent surgery, too
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 & 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.; ongoing health challenges
John B.—acquaintance of Jeanne M.; facing health challenges
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; underwent knee joint replacement surgery on 11/21
Johnathan—son of Alison and Mike A.; severely injured in tree trimming accident
Paul S.—underwent medical procedure on December 6
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
Andrea and Alexandra—mother & daughter who need prayers; req. of Helena G.
Daniel—a man for whom we have been asked to pray; req. of the Hopkos
Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., recovering from brain surgery

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

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Kristen and the child to be born of her
Katrina and the child to be born of her
Alexis and the child to be born of her
Rose and the child to be born of her

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

Mark and Karry O. – on way home from visiting family for Christmas
Jack (John) K. – will be traveling this upcoming week
And all those traveling in this holiday season

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.; 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

Birthdays

Marina Bharara	1/3
Donna Osuch	1/5

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:

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!