

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, January 9, 2022 – Tone 4

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Martyr Polyeuktos of Melitēné in Armenia (259). Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1570). Prophet Shemaiah (Samaia, Semeias—3[4] Kings 12:22—10th c. B.C.). St. Peter, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (4th c.). St. Eustratius the Wonderworker (9th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/01/09>

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Tuesday evening, January 11, 7:00 PM:** The Terryville Parish Council will hold its January 2022 monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, January 11, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM. That meeting will be convened ONLINE, via “Zoom.”
- **Wednesday morning, January 12, 8:00 AM:** Our usual Wednesday morning in-person Matins service, here at Church.
- **Thursday evening, January 13, 7:00 PM:** ONLINE, via “Zoom,” we will have our usual 90-minute long weekly Bible Study session, continuing our reading of The Gospel According to Saint Matthew.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, January 15, 6:30 PM:** Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord’s Day Vigil Service.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, January 16, 9:15 AM:** Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Wednesday morning, January 19, 8:00 AM:** Our usual Wednesday morning in-person Matins service, here at Church.
- **Thursday evening, January 20, 7:00 PM:** ONLINE, via “Zoom,” we will have our usual 90-minute long weekly Bible Study session, continuing our reading of The Gospel According to Saint Matthew.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, January 22, 6:30 PM:** Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord’s Day Vigil Service.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, January 23, 9:15 AM:** Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. (NOTE: Fr. Sergius Halvorsen will be here in Terryville presiding on Sunday morning, January 23. Fr. John Hopko, our Pastor, will be fulfilling his duties as Dean of the CT Deanery by serving that morning at Holy Trinity Church, New Britain, CT, and then presiding at that Parish’s Annual General Meeting.)

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

Archpriest Igor Soroka—prominent priest and Church musician d. 12/18/21
Archpriest Michael Macura—priest at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Silver Lane, Stratford, CT d. 12/18/21
Barbara Welch—Tim and Melanie O.'s aunt d. 12/18/21
John—a relative (through marriage) of Fr. John H. d. 12/18/21
Michael—associated with Hartford Parish, a young man, victim of cancer d. 12/18/21
Eugenia "Jean" Mickewich, who was Arthur Charkowsky's sister d. 12/13/21
John A.—husband of Claudia A. of the W'bury Parish d. 12/8/21
Mat. Anne Pawlush—wife of past Pastor, Fr. George Pawlush d. 12/7/21
Sophie (Sonia) Ozerov—Fr. John's great aunt d. 12/2/21

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

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 Arburr 1/7/1970
Anna Szepele 1/8/2021
John Witik 1/9/1988
Nicholas Toropilo 1/10/1970
John Fill 1/10/1986
Maria Vanokhy 1/12/1932
Martha Hasko 1/12/1967
John Naymchik 1/13/1932
Alexander Skalaban 1/13/1960
Michael Sarachun 1/13/1967
Michael Nimchek 1/13/1972
Makari Kaplonetz 1/14/1939
Clement Tikhon 1/14/1945
Ignaty Kucirka 1/14/1958

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
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
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; very unwell
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 surgery
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

Archpriest David and Mat. Melanie K. – traveling this upcoming week
And all those who are traveling, soon to be traveling, or apart from us, especially in this holiday season

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

Marina Bharara 1/3
Donna Osuch 1/5
Richard Koski 1/11

David Crosby to be received into the fullness of the Orthodox Faith, Sunday, January 9: David Crosby will be received into the fullness of the Orthodox Faith by means of Prayers and Rites that will be said and performed on Sunday morning, January 9. David's Sponsor will be Protodeacon Paul Nimchek. Please, keep David, and his wife Lucy, in your prayers.

2022 Pledge Forms: Please, support our Parish in 2022



Dear Members and Friends of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church,
Terryville, CT:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

For those of you who are members of our Parish (or who have your sacramental and pastoral needs served primarily by our Parish, though, perhaps, you have allowed your formal membership to lapse), I want to make you aware that **the 2022 Annual Pledge Form is available on our Parish website at this [LINK](#)**. We will, also, be distributing the form, in its traditional, paper form, here at Church.

Submission of the Annual Pledge Form is the means by which you designate how you are planning to support the Parish financially during the coming year, with general giving, designated and intended to meet the day-to-day, routine costs of Parish life. Last year, 2021, 68 different individuals made general, unrestricted donations to our Terryville Parish totaling \$125,798.80 in freewill giving. In recent (and upcoming) times, our Parish has an annual expense budget of about \$140,000.00 (plus or minus about \$5000.00, depending on fluctuating needs in any given year), so these donations are vital to our continuing Parish life, on a practical basis. (Most vital, of course, is that we love God and neighbor, seeking salvation in and through Christ's Holy Church!)

If you are accessing the pledge form online, through the [LINK](#) provided, please, print it out, fill it out, and return it to:

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church
ATTN: Pledge Forms 2022
34 Fairview Avenue
Terryville, CT 06786-6329

Thanks for your serious and prayerful consideration.

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

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!)

POSTPONED! House Blessings: In January, after the Feast of Theophany, it is customary to perform the annual blessing of homes. However, due to the present prevalence of COVID-19, we will be postponing house blessings this year until a more favorable moment in time, when it is possible for Fr. John to make home visits with fewer restrictions and, one hopes and prays, fewer worries. Thank you for your understanding.

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2022 Pledge Forms: The Annual Pledge Forms for 2022, whereby we make our pledges to support the Parish financially during the 2022 Fiscal Year (1/1/22 to 12/31/22), are being distributed. Please, plan to maintain your generous financial support for our Parish. Thank you, very much. We depend on the freewill contributions of the faithful members and friends of our parish to meet the costs of parish life. NOTE: The Pledge Form can be downloaded at this link on the Parish website:

<https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/files/PledgeForm2022.pdf>.

2022 Contribution Envelopes: The Weekly Contribution Envelopes for 2022 are being distributed, and are available at Church presently. If you prefer that your contribution envelopes be mailed to you, please, contact Fr. John. (NOTE: If you choose this option, we respectfully ask that you reimburse the Parish the cost of the postage of mailing those envelopes to you by making a donation using the Initial Offering envelope contained within those boxes of envelopes. Thank you.)

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Sunday after the Feast of the Theophany, this year January 7

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 4:7-13)

Brothers and Sisters: Grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matt. 4:12-17)

At that time: When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."