

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 15, 2023

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller”—5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/01/15>

Pastoral Coverage in Fr. John Hopko’s Absence: Fr. John will be away and out-of-state on January 14 and 15. In the case of a true emergency requiring the ministry of an Orthodox Priest, please contact Fr. Phillip Beiner, Pastor of our sister parish in New Britain, CT. Fr. Phillip can be best reached, by voice or text, at 727-277-3321.

Services and Events, Upcoming

Saturday, January 14, 6:00 PM: Vespers, with Protodeacon Paul N., our Parish Deacon, presiding in Fr. John’s absence.

Sunday, January 15, 9:15: In Fr. John’s absence, Protodeacon Paul N., our Parish Deacon, will preside at a non-Eucharistic Sunday morning Prayer Service in Fr. John’s absence.

NOTE: Fr. John will be away for the weekend of January 14 and 15.

Wednesday, January 18, 8:00 AM: Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Matins service.

Thursday, January 19: NO Bible Study Session this week.

Saturday, January 21, 6:00 PM: Parish Vigil (Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel), followed by our Monthly Rite of General Confession

Sunday, January 22, 9:15 AM: The Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by the usual and customary Coffee Social Hour.

News and Notes

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

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I will be away this weekend, January 14-15. Together with other members of my family, I will be in upstate New York participating in the baptism of former parishioner Shelby Giokas' new baby daughter, Aline.

No substitute priests are available for this weekend (Fr. David Koles is also away), so Protodeacon Paul Nimchek, our Parish Deacon, will be presiding here in Terryville at Vespers on Saturday evening, January 14, beginning at 6:00 PM. Deacon Paul will also be presiding at a non-Eucharistic prayer service ("Pro-Liturgy/Deacon's Service/*Obednitsa*") on Sunday morning, January 15, beginning at 9:15 AM.

During my absence, in the case of a true emergency requiring the ministry of an Orthodox Priest, please contact Fr. Phillip Beiner, Pastor of our sister parish in New Britain, CT. Fr. Phillip can be best reached at 727-277-3321. Please, pray for our safe travels. We look forward to seeing you all when we return.

Respectfully, in Christ,

Fr. John H.

Archpriest John Hopko, Pastor

More 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 are being distributed at Church. 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.

Pledge Forms: The Pledge Forms for 2023 are being distributed, too. Please, make a generous pledge of financial support to our Parish for 2023.

NO Terryville Bible Study, this week: As it is house blessing season (a highly scheduled time of the year for a parish priest), we will NOT have Bible Study on Thursday evening, January 19. Hopefully, we will get back to our regular Thursday evening Bible Study sessions thereafter. Thank you for your understanding.

House Blessings: This January, for those who so desire, I (Fr. John) I am again doing home visits to accomplish the traditional blessing of homes that takes place after the Feast of 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!)



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

Mitred Archbishop Sergius Kuharasky—a prominent clergyman d. 1/5/23

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Joseph Tkach	1/19/1922
John Liba	1/19/1922
Michael Glowa	1/19/1933
Mary Cleveland	1/20/1972
Afton Tkachuk	1/21/1958
Natalie Witik	1/21/1988
Anna Stanko	1/21/1990
Julia Maichack	1/21/2012

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
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 who we have been asked to pray; req. of the Hopkos
Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., recovering from brain surgery
Courtney—Louine K.'s brother; suffering in illness
Jeffrey—a man for who we have been asked to pray.

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
Robert K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care

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

John (Jack) K.
Fr. John and Macrina H.
David, Lucy, and Cecilia C.

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

Larisa Kowaleski	1/15
Emery Andrew Wegh	1/16
Maria Liverman	1/19
Nika Dubnansky	1/20

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.

Prayer Request Announcement

We are grateful to report that the infant child Thomas, Elena W.'s grand-nephew, for whom we have been praying, is doing so well that his name can be removed from our Prayer List. Little Thomas was born very prematurely, but is now healthy and at home. We are grateful for everyone's prayers and for this happy outcome.

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!