



Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, January 19, 2025

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390-391). Ven. Macarius of Alexandria (394-395). St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.). Ven. Makáry the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Makáry the Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Righteous Theodore of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ (1392). Opening of the Relics of Ven. Savva (Sabbas) of Storozhévsk and Zvenígorod (1652). Virgin Martyr Euphrasia of Nicomedia (303). St. Arsenius, Archbishop of Kerkyra (Corfu—8th c.).

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Services and Events, Upcoming

(This schedule is subject to change, please confirm the schedule at www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/schedule before coming to Church.)

Wednesday, January 22, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, January 23, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, via video teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, January 25, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

Sunday, January 26, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, January 26, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, January 29, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, January 30, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, via video teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, February 1, Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in Temple, 6:00 PM: Festal Great Vespers and Litya (the Intercessions with the Blessing of the Bread, Wheat, Wine, and Oil).

Sunday, February 2, Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 2, Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour. ***The February Monthly meeting of the Parish Sisterhood will take place on this day, during the Coffee Social Hour.***

Wednesday, February 5, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 6, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via video teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

Sunday, February 9, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 9, The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour.

Monday, February 10, 6:30 PM: The Terryville Parish Council will meet online for their February monthly meeting at 6:30 PM on this day. ***Please note the 6:30 PM start time!*** (The Council meetings are open to all members in good standing, however, only Parish Council members have voting privileges. If you wish to participate in a Parish Council meeting as an observer, please, contact Fr. John H.)

Wednesday, February 12, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 13, NO Bible Study: Fr. John will be out of the office on Thursday, February 13, attending the Pre-Lenten Retreat of the CT Deanery Clergy, so we shall NOT have Bible Study that evening.

Saturday, February 15, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

Sunday, February 16, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 16, The Sunday of the Prodigal Son, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, February 19, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 20, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via video teleconference (ZOOM).

Saturday, February 22, The Pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday, 5:30 PM, General Memorial Service: A General Memorial Service will be served in memory of all the Departed Faithful on this day, at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, February 22, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil.

Sunday, February 23, 8:00 AM: Ongoing Weekly Sunday morning Catechism Class for all those seeking further instruction in the fundamentals of the Orthodox Christian Faith--all are welcome!

Sunday, February 23, The Sunday of the Last Judgment ("Meat-Fare"), 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, February 26, 8:00 AM, Matins (Morning Prayers): Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Parish Matins (Morning Prayers) service.

Thursday, February 27, Online Bible Study, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM: We will convene our usual and customary Thursday night Bible Study on this Thursday evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via video teleconference (ZOOM).

LOOKING AHEAD further into 2025:

- Sunday, March 2, is Forgiveness Sunday.
- Monday, March 3, is the first day of Great Lent.
- Sunday afternoon/evening, March 30, our Terryville Parish will host the clergy and faithful of the CT Deanery for a Lenten Mission Vespers Service
- Saturday, April 12, is Lazarus Saturday.
- Sunday, April 13, is Palm Sunday.
- Friday, April 18, is Great and Holy (Good) Friday.
- Saturday, April 19, is Great and Holy Saturday.
- Sunday, April 20, is Holy Pascha.
- Sunday, May 11, is the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and His Grace, Bishop Benedict will be visiting and presiding.
- Saturday, May 31, is the 45th anniversary of Protodeacon Paul N.'s ordination to the holy diaconate, and the 45th anniversary of the formal Consecration of our Parish Temple.
- Sunday, June 29, is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, and the 25th Anniversary of Fr. John's Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. (Fr. John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate in May 1993.)
- Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18, Fr. John and Parish Lay Delegate Deb W. will be in Phoenix, Arizona, representing our Parish at the triennial (once-every-three-years) All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America.
- Friday, August 1, is the 25th anniversary of Fr. John's assignment as Pastor of our Terryville Parish.

Notes on Parish Life

Vacuuming the Church: We ask that volunteers vacuum the Narthex (entrance area), Nave (main worship space), and Kliros (Choir area) of our Church building each Sunday, *right after the conclusion of the Sunday morning services*. The doing of this uncomplicated, yet needful, task would be a great help. Please consider being this volunteer on at least some occasions. Thank you.

Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour! We need Coffee Hour hosts going forward in the calendar. Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour. Thank you!

Please, remember to fill out and submit your Pledge Form for 2025! Check your email inbox or see Fr. John for more details.

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

Matushka Suzanne Senyo—acquaintance of Fr. John and Fr. David d. 1/18/25
Helen Nethery – of the Waterbury Parish d. 1/14/25
Matushka Eugenia Nehrebecki – acquaintance of Fr. John and Fr. David d. 1/2/25
Dorothy Foell—a member of the Waterbury Parish d. 12/25/24
Bob—an acquaintance of Elaine and Forrest H. d. 12/17/24

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
Isodore Kablesh 1/22/1960
Joseph Duke 1/23/1935
Mary Duke 1/23/1985
Julia Biscoe 1/24/1944
Fotia Veshman 1/24/1939
Michael Susla 1/24/1963
Steven “Steve” Thomas Eazarsky 1/24/2020
William Glowa 1/25/1987
Olga Wrettick 1/25/2008
Dorothy Gryguch 1/26/1988

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

H.B. Archbishop Anastasios of Albania
H.E. Archbishop Alexander of the Diocese of the South
Archpriest Vladimir A—serious illness
Subdeacon John Paul—recent acute health problems
Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
Bill (“Vasilios”) L.—relative of the Soyvrda Family; more unwell of late, please pray fervently
Aaron H. – Fr. Steven H.’s son; recurring and ongoing health issues
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); hospitalized again
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
Katie and Aubrey—a mother & daughter for whom we have been asked to pray
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 serious and worrisome 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
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
Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; facing serious illness, courageously
Michael “Mike” A.—battling health challenges
Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues
Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.
Rosemary—member in the New Britain Parish; long-term health challenges
Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., suffering in illness
Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.
Sonya K.—former W’bury parishioner, health issues
Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Patrick—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer

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
Daniel—son of a friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; struggling
Joan—grief and chronic illness; req. of Helena G.
Paul S.—health issues
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.
Larissa—daughter of Fr. Michael and Nadia K.; we have been asked to pray for her
Elizabeth S.—mother of an acquaintance of Fr. John’s; battling cancer
Alan—at the request of Cynthia B.; unwell and in need of prayers
George Z.—Fr. George Z.’s son; seriously ill
Timothy—Olena’s husband; now undergoing treatment for a serious illness
Michael—at the request of Nina and John D.; unwell and in need of prayers
Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness
Irina—Ksenia’s mother; battling cancer
Jacob—family member of Lynn H.; some health issues
Faith—David C.’s cousin; facing health challenges
Daniel—Cynthia B.’s nephew; facing health challenges
Bob B.—friend of Melanie O.; battling cancer
Nolan—friend of Corey F.; unwell and in need of prayers
Jacqueline—a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
Amy—a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
Michael N.—facing health challenges; our devoted and beloved Choir Director
John—Cynthia B.’s uncle—unwell and in need of prayers
Leo M.—Parishioner Lynn H.’s father; unwell and in need of prayers
Claudia—Macrina H.’s mother; fell this week and broke her hip, surgery needed
Ingrid—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Terry—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Louine K.—recently unwell; our fellow parishioner
Fernando—Matthew A.’s grandfather; declining health
Audrey—A.J.’s mother; unwell and in need of prayers
Bob P.—Louine K.’s son-in-law; recovering from an injury suffered in a fall
Susan—Claudia S. and Melanie K.’s sister—ongoing health issues
Matthew A—seriously injured fingers which required surgical care
child Matthias—an infant who is unwell that we have been asked to pray for
child Noelle—Bob M.’s granddaughter; recently unwell with some chronic issues
Christine—at request of Elaine H.; blindness cause by aneurysms
Jill—friend of Elaine H.; recovering from surgery
Timothy—relative of Joan M.; surgery
Nika D.—John and Nina D.’s daughter; some recent health challenges
Cheryl—a Food Pantry volunteer who is battling a serious illness
Nancy B.—our fellow parishioner; preparing to undergo another surgery
Lubomir—Leo K.’s grandfather; upcoming surgery
Sarah—friend of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness

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

Tanya B.—suffering long-term and lingering effects of brain hemorrhage
Claudia A.—Waterbury parishioner; health challenges and now widowed
Dolores M.—Bob M.’s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
Roberta K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care
Forrest H.—our fellow parishioner, now living in residential care

Mother and Newly Born Children

Valbona and the daughter born of her—our fellow parishioner
Lucy and the daughter born of her—our fellow parishioner
Therese and the daughter born of her—a friend of the Parish

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Alexis and the child to be born of her—Hopko Family member

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

Ksenia—traveling abroad to see her mother

Those from among us serving in the Armed Forces

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman (“medic”)
Ian—Fr. David and Melanie’s son-in-law; U.S. Army reservist called up for training
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
John S.—Fr. John’s nephew; a U.S. Navy ROTC midshipman

Birthdays

Maria L.—Jim L.’s wife 1/19
Emilia S.—Peter and Chezelle’s daughter 1/20
Nika D.—John and Nina’s daughter 1/20
Yuri—Paul and Claudia S.’s grandson 1/25

Please, 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!

