

## 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, February 5, 2023

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernígov (1696). Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.** Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily (251). Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius (ca. 304). Icon of the Mother of God “Seeker of the Perishing”.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/02/05>

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## Services and Events, Upcoming

**Sunday, February 5, The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord’s Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

**Wednesday, February 8, 8:00 AM:** Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Matins service.

**Thursday, February 9:** NO Bible Study on February 9. Our usual Thursday evening online Bible Study session will not take place on Thursday, February 9. Fr. John is required to attend a meeting that evening of the clergy of the Connecticut Deanery, of which he is Immediate Past Dean.

**Saturday, February 11, 2:00 PM:** On Saturday afternoon, February 11, with the rites beginning at 2:00 PM, Lewis and Valbona H. and their sons, John and Isa, will be received into the fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Lewis will be received via Holy Chrismation, and Valbona, John and Isa will be received via Holy Baptism and Holy Chrismation. This event will be followed by a Cake and Coffee Reception, sponsored by the Parish. Please, keep Lewis, Valbona, John, and Isa in your prayers as they prepare for this significant event. Many Years!

**Saturday, February 11, 5:00 PM (an hour earlier than usual):** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, February 12, The Sunday of the Prodigal Son, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord’s Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

**Monday, February 13, 7:00 PM:** The February monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, February 13, beginning at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be convened via ZOOM teleconference.

**Wednesday, February 15, 8:00 AM:** Our usual and customary Wednesday morning Matins service.

**Thursday, February 16, 7:00 PM:** Our usual weekly online Thursday evening Bible Study session, via teleconference (ZOOM).

**Saturday, February 18, 5:30:** A General Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) for all the Departed. This Saturday, the Eve of The Sunday of the last Judgment, is one of a number of “Memorial Saturdays” through the year, when we commemorate those who have departed this life in the hope and expectation of Resurrection to eternal and blessed life.

**Saturday, February 18, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, February 19, The Sunday of the Last Judgement, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord’s Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour. (This is the last completely “fast-free” day until Holy Pascha!)

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## News and Notes

**Next Saturday, February 11, Holy Baptisms and Reception into the Fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith:** On Saturday afternoon, February 11, with the rites beginning at 2:00 PM, Lewis and Valbona H. and their sons, John and Isa, will be received into the fullness of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Lewis will be received via Holy Chrismation, and Valbona, John and Isa will be received via Holy Baptism and Holy Chrismation. Please, keep Lewis, Valbona, John, and Isa in your prayers as they prepare for this significant event. Many Years!

**An Error in the Saint Tikhon’s Monastery Wall Calendar:** We have distributed the 2023 Saint Tikhon’s Monastery Wall Calendar to all Parish households. There is an error that should be noted in the month of February: Sunday, February 19, “Meat-Fare” Sunday, is not a fasting day as indicated on the calendar. In fact, the 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day until Holy Pascha on which there is no fasting! It is a so-called “fast-free” day.

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

**2023 Pledge Forms:** If you have not yet completed and returned your annual Pledge Form for 2023, please do so. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please, see Fr. John. The pledge form can be accessed at this link:

<https://terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/files/PledgeForm2023.pdf>

# 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*

His Grace Bishop TIKHON, Retired Bishop of San Francisco d. 1/22/23  
 Mitred Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky—a prominent clergyman d. 1/5/23  
 Fr. Dimitrios Recachinas—a priest in Connecticut d. 1/22/23  
 Priest John Bernardi—formerly a priest of our diocese d. 1/25/23

### *Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!*

John Stashenko 2/5/1949  
 Julia Wazorko 2/5/1960  
 Nadejda Markovich 2/5/1965  
 Evheny Mattson 2/6/1952  
 Paul Preslopsky 2/6/1987  
 Francis Biscoe 2/8/1978  
 Mary Abbotts 2/8/1998  
 William Lyga 2/9/1985  
 Joseph Bystry 2/11/1975  
 Nicholas Koltko 2/11/1994

## 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)  
 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  
 Britney—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  
 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; still in need of prayers  
 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.  
 Jon—friend of Forrest and Elaine H., recovering from brain surgery  
 Jeffrey G.—John G.'s father; recovering from surgery  
 Mark—a man suffering with cancer; friend of Elaine and Forrest H.  
 Subdeacon Joseph B.—recovering from joint replacement surgery  
 John—the late Emery W.'s brother; suffering in illness

### *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  
 Roberta K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care  
 Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner

### *Mothers and the Children newly born of them*

Kristen and the son newly born of her

### *Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them*

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  
 And all the expectant mothers and their children

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

Richard and Laura K.  
 John (Jack) K.  
 Michael "Mike" A.—away until Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

### *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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> 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*

Dennis Kowaleski 2/5  
 Protodeacon Paul Nimchek 2/7  
 Lucy Crosby 2/8

**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](http://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!*