

# Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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## Sunday, February 13, 2022 – Tone 1

### Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE — Tone 1. *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion.*** St. Seraphima (Sezhenovo, Russia—1877). Saints Martinian, Zoe, and Photina of Caesarea in Palestine (5th c.). Ven. Stephen (in monasticism Simeon), the Myrrhusher, Prince of Serbia (1199). St. Eulogius, Archbishop of Alexandria (607-608). Appearance of Christ to Saint Martin of Tours (316).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/02/13>

## Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Tuesday evening, February 15, 7:00 PM:** The Terryville Parish Council will hold its February 2022 monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, February 15, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM. That meeting will be convened ONLINE, via “Zoom.”
- **Wednesday morning, February 16, 8:00 AM:** Our usual Wednesday morning in-person Matins service, here at Church.
- **Thursday evening, February 17, 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.
- **A Baptism! Saturday afternoon, February 19, 1:00 PM:** On Saturday afternoon, February 19, 1:00 PM, we will celebrate the baptism of John and Nina Dubnansky’s granddaughter Julia, daughter of John and Nina’s daughter Rosie and her husband Mike. Melanie Osuch, our fellow parishioner, will serve as Julia’s Godmother. Many Years!
- **Saturday evening Vigil, February 19, 6:30 PM:** Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord’s Day Vigil Service.
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, February 20, 9:15 AM:** Our usual weekly Sunday morning Lord’s Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM. **Sunday of the Prodigal Son.**
- **Wednesday morning, February 23, 8:00 AM:** Our usual Wednesday morning in-person Matins service, here at Church.
- **Thursday evening, February 24, 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, February 26, 6:00 PM, General Memorial Service:** On Saturday evening, February 26, beginning at 6:00 PM, we will serve a General Memorial Service for all the Departed, with the occasion being the pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, February 26, 6:30 PM:** Our usual Saturday evening weekly Lord’s Day Vigil Service.

# 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***

Robert—an acquaintance of the Hansons	d. 1/30/22
Ben—a friend of Mike A.'s	d. 1/29/22
Joan Impressa—a friend of Marilou P.'s	d. 1/20/22
Dillon—a young man who died, leaving a young family—request of Jacob J.	d. 1/18/22
Robert Nethery—once associated with the Waterbury Parish	d. 1/16/22

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

Mary Rewak	2/13/1983
John Yuraschik	2/15/1979
John Muchka	2/15/1987
Maria Kaschak	2/15/2000
Theodore Shopay	2/16/1920
William Papach	2/17/1969
Matushka Pearl Markovich	2/17/1978
Adam Mihailoff	2/17/2001
Steven Suslenko	2/18/1960
Anna Wittick	2/19/1921
Vladimir Koltko	2/19/1961
Jacob Zarick	2/19/1970
Stephen Rosko	2/19/1986
Jeffrey Thomas Moore	2/19/2012

## **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  
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  
Christina—a woman battling cancer; acquaintance of Fr. John H.  
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently

### ***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—Tracey is G. and J. W.'s daughter-in-law  
Lucy and the child to be born of her—Lucy C. is our fellow parishioner  
Maura and the child to be born of her—Maura is Lucy and David C.'s friend  
Katherine and the child to be born of her—relative of the Hopkos

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

*All those who are traveling, soon to be traveling, or apart from us*  
Richard and Laura K. – away this weekend  
Mark and Karry O. – will be traveling soon

### ***Those from among us serving on active duty in the Armed Forces***

Fr. James P., Chaplain (MAJ)—now home from recent deployment  
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.; 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier  
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier

### ***Wedding Anniversaries***

David & Lucy Crosby 2/16

### ***Birthdays this coming week***

Melanie Osuch 2/16

## News and Notes

**Terryville Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 15, 7:00 PM:** The Terryville Parish Council will meet on Tuesday evening, February 15, beginning at 7:00 PM. This meeting will take place online, via video teleconference.

**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!)

## **The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, on which day we begin to use the *Lenten Triodion***

On the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Holy Pascha, we begin our annual journey to Holy Pascha. Thus, at Vespers on the eve of the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, we begin to use the liturgical texts from the *Lenten Triodion*, the liturgical book that contains the texts of the services used during the period of time from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee until Holy Pascha. (Note: Online versions of the *Lenten Triodion* can be found here <http://www.ocf.org/OrthodoxPage/prayers/triodion/triodion.html> and here <https://www.oca.org/lenten-triodion-texts>. It can be profitable during Great Lent to read these *Triodion* texts on the days during Lent when they are appointed to be prayed.)

On the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee the Gospel reading at the Divine Liturgy is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter, Verses 10-14, which is the parable Our Lord Jesus Christ tells about two men who went to the Temple to pray.

The first man was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

*(This article is reproduced here, in a lightly edited form, from material about [the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee](#) found on the website of the Orthodox Church in America, <https://oca.org/>.)*

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## **A Book to accompany us through Great Lent**

The late Fr. Steven Belonick wrote a book entitled *Pilgrimage to Pascha: A Daily Devotional for Great Lent*. This volume has now been published (in an updated posthumous edition prepared by Fr. Steven's wife, Mat. Deborah Belonick) by Ancient Faith Publishers (AFP), and is now available for purchase.

Please note that all royalties from this book will be placed in the "Father Steven Belonick Scholarship Fund" of our Diocese of New England, to help fund the education of seminarians.

For each of the 40 days of Great Lent, the book offers a Scripture reading, an excerpt from the writings of the saints with a reflection, an excerpt from a Lenten hymn, the life of a saint, and a short prayer.

Perhaps, we could purchase a copy of this book, and have it as a companion for our Lenten journey. (Great Lent begins on March 15, this year.) Here's the link to where this book can be purchased: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/pilgrimage-to-pascha-a-daily-devotional-for-great-lent/>.



# Readings from Holy Scripture

The Scripture Readings for each day of the year are available at this link on the Orthodox Church in America website: <https://www.oca.org/readings>

## *Scripture Readings for the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:10-15)**

My Son Timothy: You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 18:10-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## *Scripture Readings for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:12-20)**

Brothers and Sisters: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"--and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

### **The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke (Lk. 15:11-32)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"