



## 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 15, 2026

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus (ca. 109). Ven. Paphnúti (Paphnutius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Ven. Paphnutius and his daughter, Ven. Euphrosynē, of Alexandria (5th c.). Ven. Eusebius, Hermit, of Syria (5th c.).

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## Services and Events, Upcoming

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

**Sunday, February 15, Sunday of the Last Judgment (“Meat-fare”), 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord’s Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a bring-and-share, all-foods-permitted-and-encouraged, Meat-fare Brunch on the last day before we begin fasting from meat in preparation for the great effort we will make beginning a week later, when Great Lent begins. We will put out a collection basket at this Brunch, with all proceeds going to support the work of the Plymouth Community Food Pantry (<https://plymouthfoodpantry.org/>).

**Wednesday, February 18, 8:00 AM:** Matins (Morning Prayers)

**Saturday, February 21, Eve of Forgiveness Sunday, 6:00 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil.

**Sunday, February 22, Forgiveness Sunday, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord’s Day Divine Liturgy, followed by an abbreviated Coffee Social Hour, after which we will serve **Forgiveness Vespers with the Rite of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent.** *NOTE: Forgiveness Sunday is also called “Cheese-fare” Sunday, as it is the last day on which we eat dairy products until Holy Pascha.*

**Monday, February 23, First Day of Great Lent, 7:00 PM:** Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

**Tuesday, February 24, 3:00 PM:** Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete. (This service is scheduled earlier in the day than usual to allow those who cannot travel after dark to more easily attend.)

**Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a “Bring-and-Share” Lenten meal.

**Thursday, February 26, 7:00 PM:** Compline, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

**Friday, February 27, 7:00 PM:** General Memorial Service (“Panikhida”) for All Departed

**Saturday, February 28, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, March 1, First Sunday in Great Lent, The Sunday of Orthodoxy, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

**Sunday, March 1, Parish Sisterhood Meeting:** The Parish Sisterhood will meet for their monthly meeting during the Coffee Hour following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

**IN ORANGE, CT: Sunday, March 1, Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers in the afternoon or evening:** On Sunday evening, March 1, at the later than usual time of 6:00 PM, at Saint Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT, Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be celebrated. This will be a "pan-Orthodox" event, involving as many of the Orthodox Churches in Connecticut as possible.

**Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a "Bring-and-Share" Lenten meal.

**Thursday-Friday, March 5-6:** Fr. John will only be available to respond to true emergencies on these two days. He will be at home, but mostly unavailable for routine matters.

**Saturday, March 7, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday in Great Lent, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

**IN SOUTHBURY, CT: Sunday, March 8, Lenten Mission Vespers, 4:00 PM:** On Sunday afternoon, March 8, at 4:00 PM, Lenten Mission Vespers will be celebrated at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, 1070 Roxbury Road, Southbury, CT.

**Monday, March 9, Feast of the Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste, 9:00 AM:** On this morning we will celebrate a liturgical service commemorating the Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste.

**Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a "Bring-and-Share" Lenten meal.

**Friday, March 13, 10:30 AM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts. (This service is scheduled earlier in the day than usual to allow those who cannot travel after dark to more easily attend. It is scheduled for this specific Friday, because we can secure a Choir Director on this day and at this time.)

**Saturday, March 14, 6:00 PM:** Our weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), with Bringing out of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross for Veneration.

**Sunday, March 15, The Third Sunday in Great Lent, The Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour. After Liturgy, on this day, Fr. John will be discussing the Psalms, especially with those who are engaged in Psalm reading as a Lenten discipline.

**EASTON, CT: Sunday, March 15, Lenten Mission Vespers:** On Sunday afternoon, March 15, at 4:00 PM at St. Dmitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, 504 Sport Hill Road, Easton, CT, Lenten Mission Vespers will be celebrated at one of the Orthodox parishes in the Bridgeport, CT, area.

**Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper.

**Saturday, March 21, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, March 22, The Fourth Sunday in Great Lent, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

**IN CLINTON, CT: Sunday, March 22, The Fourth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM:** Connecticut Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers, at Saint Alexis Orthodox Church, 108 E. Main St., Clinton, CT.

**Tuesday, March 24, 9:00 AM:** Lenten Morning Prayers, with The Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete. *Note: In most years this service takes place on the Fourth Thursday of Great Lent, but, this year, because of the way that the Feast of Annunciation (March 25, annually) falls on the Fourth Wednesday of Great Lent, this service is chanted on the Fourth Tuesday of Great Lent.*

**Wednesday, March 25, The Feast of the Annunciation, 6:30 PM:** Vespers with Divine Liturgy to mark the Feast of the Annunciation.

**Friday, March 27, 7:00 PM:** The Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos

**Saturday, March 28, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, March 29, the Fifth Sunday in Great Lent, 9:15 AM:** Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by a Lenten Coffee Social Hour.

**IN ANSONIA: Sunday, March 29, the Fifth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM:** The annual Connecticut Deanery Holy Unction Service, Three Saints Orthodox Church, 26 Howard Ave., Ansonia, CT. His Grace Bishop Benedict, presiding.

**Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper

**Friday, April 3, 7:00 PM:** Vespers to conclude Great Lent and to mark the Eve of Lazarus Saturday.

**Saturday, Lazarus Saturday, April 4, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, Lazarus Saturday, commemorating the occasion when Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from among the dead.

**Saturday, April 4, Eve of Palm Sunday, 6:00 PM:** Great Vespers and Litya, commemorating Palm Sunday, Our Lord's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

**Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday, 9:15 AM:** Festal Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday, followed by a Coffee Social Hour.

**IN HARTFORD: Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday, 4:00 pm:** CT Deanery Bridegroom Matins to begin Holy Week, All Saints Orthodox Church, 206 Scarborough St., Hartford, CT.

**Great and Holy Monday, April 6, 7:00 PM:** Bridegroom Matins

**Great and Holy Tuesday, April 7, 3:00 PM:** Bridegroom Matins. (This service is scheduled earlier in the day than usual to allow those who cannot travel after dark to more easily attend.)

**Great and Holy Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 PM:** Matins of Great and Holy Thursday, commemorating Our Lord Jesus Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples

**Great and Holy Thursday, April 9, 10:00 AM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy, Great and Holy Thursday, commemorating Our Lord Jesus Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples

**Great and Holy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM:** Matins of Great and Holy Friday, with the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

**Great and Holy Friday, April 10, 3:00 PM:** Vespers commemorating the Death and Burial of Our Lord, with the Bringing out of the Winding Sheet (The "Plashchinitsa/Epitaphion")

**Great and Holy Friday, April 10, 7:00 PM:** Matins of Great and Holy Saturday, with the Lamentations over the Tomb, and the Procession

**Great and Holy Saturday, April 11, 10:00 AM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy over the Tomb of Christ, with the Many Old Testament Readings, the Changing of the Liturgical Colors from Dark to Bright, and the First Proclamation of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the Dead.

**Great and Holy Saturday, April 11, 11:30 PM, leading into the Sunday of Great and Holy Pascha, Sunday, April 20:** Pascha Midnight Services (Nocturns, Matins, and Divine Liturgy), with the Proclamation of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the Dead – Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

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### **SCHEDULING NOTE:**

**Bishop's Annual Visit, Sunday, May 11:** Our diocesan bishop, His Grace the Right Reverend Benedict, Bishop of Hartford and New England, will be visiting with us on Sunday morning, May 10, the day before the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius (our Parish's patron saints), which always falls each year on May 11.

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### **Year 2026 Terryville Parish Pledge Forms**

The Year 2026 Terryville Parish Pledge Form packets were recently distributed via email. If you need a hard copy of the Pledge Form packet, please see Fr. John.

We depend on the generous annual support of the members and friends of our Parish to maintain the financial stability and health of our Parish. We have an annual expense budget of about \$183,000.00. We have a goal of achieving pledge income this year of at least \$132,000.00. In fact, quite a bit more than that is required to meet the annual expenditure needs of the Parish. Please, be generous in your financial support of the Parish. Thank you and God bless you.

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### **Coffee Hour Hosts needed!**

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

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# PARISH PRAYER LIST

Again we pray for all victims of accident, 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*

Bishop Seraphim, retired Bishop of Sendai	d. 2/7/26
Archpriest John Pawelchak—Terryville native	d. 1/17/26
Frank (Fyodor) Guba—our fellow parishioner	d. 1/29/26
Lester—maternal grandfather of Frank G.'s daughters	d. 1/29/26
Elizabeth—friend of Helena G.	d. 1/26/26
David—an acquaintance of Helena G.	d. 1/21/26
Isaiah—16-yr-old nephew of Joan M. and Jeanne M.; car accident	d. 1/7/26

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

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 Moore	2/19/2012
Roman Zhyr	2/20/1946
Anna Rosko	2/20/2017
Andrew Letitia	2/21/1952
Akim Dubnansky	2/21/1968
Eva Pavelchak	2/21/1992
John Hriceniak	2/21/2010
Eva Mihailoff	2/21/2016

## 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.E. Archbishop Benjamin of the Diocese of the West (Retired)  
H.E. Archbishop Alexander of the Diocese of the South  
Archpriest Seraphim G.—former Terryville pastor, injured in fall (ribs/collarbone)  
Archpriest Vladimir A.—serious, chronic illness  
Archpriest Vladimir H.—unwell  
Archpriest David K.—recovering after knee joint replacement surgery  
Archpriest Patrick B.—recovering after knee joint replacement surgery  
Priest Moses—recent surgery  
Subdeacon John Paul—ongoing health problems  
Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.  
Bill (“Vasilios”) L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell, please pray fervently  
Michael N.—recipient of a kidney transplant; our devoted, beloved Choir Director  
Nancy B.—our fellow parishioner; dealing with very difficult chronic illness  
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer  
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer  
Michael “Mike” L.—ongoing health issues  
Paula—friend of Jim L.; struggling with cancer  
Dimitri—brother of Carolyn P.; health issues  
Margaret—sister-in-law of Carolyn P.; health issues  
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  
Nicholas—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  
Michael “Mike” A.—battling many, many health challenges  
Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues  
Diane—daughter of friends of Forrest and Elaine H., suffering in illness  
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  
Jesse—John G.'s brother; injured in accident  
Nila—John G.'s aunt; facing challenges  
Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer  
Joan—grief and chronic illness; req. of Helena G.  
Candace—mourning the loss of her newly departed husband David; req. of Helena G.  
Timothy—Olena's husband; undergoing treatment for a serious illness  
Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness  
Ksenia—our fellow parishioner; recent surgery and further issues thereafter  
Alex—Ksenia's husband; recent illness  
Tatyana—Ksenia's mother-in-law; recent health issues leading to job loss  
Faith—David C.'s cousin; facing health challenges due to a chronic illness  
Nolan—friend of Corey F.; unwell and in need of prayers  
Jacqueline—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray for general well-being  
Amy—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray for general well-being  
Leo M.—Parishioner Lynn H.'s father; unwell and in need of prayers  
Ingrid—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.  
Terry—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.  
Victor—family member of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness  
Alex—family member of Nina and John D.; suffering in illness  
Louine K.—various health challenges; our fellow parishioner  
Heather—at the request of Louine K.; facing challenges  
Audrey—A.J.'s mother; unwell and in need of prayers, in residential care  
Christine—at request of Elaine H.; blindness cause by aneurysms  
Jill—friend of Elaine H.; recovering from surgery  
Timothy—relative of Joan M.; surgery  
Andrea—friend of Helena G.; mourning loss of her daughter  
Joanne—acquaintance of Helena G.; mourning passing of her husband  
Nikola—friend of Jacob J.; very unwell and in need of prayers  
Gregory—Bob M.'s son; underwent surgery on 7/22, follow-up therapies  
Chitra—Melanie B.'s mother; surgery on 7/22, followed by complications  
Alexandra—Fr. John's sister; suffers Neurofibromatosis type II, a chronic disease  
Boris—a participant in our Parish Bible Study; battling illness  
Raymond—Fr. John's brother-in-law; some health issues  
Tabitha H.—recovering from knee surgery, which took place on 2/11  
Samuel F.—recently unwell  
John—undergoing cancer treatment; relative of Lenna M.  
Iris—at request of Hopkos; for joy, peace, and tranquility  
Barbara—friend of Jack K.; unwell and in need of prayers  
Lynn H.—our fellow parishioner; underwent shoulder joint surgery, 1/13  
Jeanne M.—our fellow parishioner; hip joint replacement surgery on 2/10  
Srdjan—a man we have been asked to pray for; recovering from stroke  
Donna—Dennis K.'s sister; in rehabilitation following joint surgery after a fall  
Barbara K.—our fellow parishioner; suffered a broken pelvis in fall on 2/12  
Petra Joy—at request of Barbara K.; Petra is suffering a recurrence of cancer  
James—husband of Barbara K., unwell and in need of prayers  
David—Paul S.'s brother, unwell and in need of prayers

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

Tanya B.—suffering long-term effects of brain hemorrhage  
Claudia A.—Waterbury parishioner; health challenges  
Claudia B.—Macrina H.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare  
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; resident in long-term eldercare  
John—Cynthia B.'s uncle

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

Kate and the child to be born of her—Lynn H.'s daughter-in-law  
Kelly and the children (twins) to be born of her—Lenna M.'s niece

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

Lucy and the child Phoebe—traveling to Alabama to attend a baptism  
John (Jack) K., away from us during the winter months

### *Those from among us serving in the Armed Forces*

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman (“medic”); Mark and Karry O.'s son  
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier  
Weston—son of a friend of Lenna M.; National Guardsman, deployed abroad  
Ruben—acquaintance of the Hopkos, U.S. Marines Corps tiltrotor pilot  
Zachary W.—Fr. Zachary W.'s son; U.S. Air Force fighter pilot  
John S.—Fr. John H.'s nephew; newly commissioned Ensign, U.S. Navy

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

David & Lucy C.	2/16
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### *Birthdays this coming week*

Melanie O.	2/16
Mark O.	2/20

## **Parish Sisterhood News**

**Winter Clothing Drive Complete:** The Brian's Angels (<https://briansangels.org/>) winter clothing drive is now complete. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and to Barbara K. who faithfully brought the donations to Brian's Angels each week. Glory be to God for all things!

**Psalm Reading:** A Psalm Reading Group will begin on February 23, the first day of Great Lent. This is organized by the Parish Sisterhood, but is open to everyone in the Parish. Each individual will read a section of the Psalms at home each day, such that each person will have read the entire Psalter twice during the Forty Days of Great Lent. And, if we have 20 people reading a different section of the psalms daily, the entire Psalter will be read by the group each day! Each daily "kathisma" (section) takes about 10-15 minutes to read. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the Activities Sign-up Area in Parish Basement Social Hall.

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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, for all things!