

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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Schedule of Services

- 3/2 Saturday**
Pre-Lenten Memorial Saturday
 5:30 PM – General Memorial Service in Commemoration of All the Departed Faithful
 6:00 PM – Vigil
 Followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 3/3 Sunday**
Sunday of the Last Judgement
 9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
- 3/4 Monday**
 7:00 PM – Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council
- 3/6 Wednesday**
 8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)
- 3/9 Saturday**
 6:00 PM – Vigil
 Followed by Choir Rehearsal
- 3/10 Sunday (*Daylight Savings Time Begins!*)**
Forgiveness Sunday
Cheese-fare Sunday
 9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
 11:45 AM – Forgiveness Sunday Vespers, with Rite of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent
- 3/11 Monday—*First Day of Great Lent***
 7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 3/12 Tuesday—*Second Day of Great Lent***
 7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 3/13 Wednesday—*Third Day of Great Lent***
 6:15 PM – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, followed by a Lenten “Bring-and-Share” Supper
- 3/14 Thursday—*Fourth Day of Great Lent***
 7:00 PM – Compline with the Reading of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- 3/15 Friday—*Fifth Day of Great Lent***
 7:00 PM – Lenten Vespers with Memorial Prayers for the Faithful Departed
- 3/16 Saturday**
 6:00 PM – Vigil
 Followed by Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 3, 2019

40th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7

Sunday of the Last Judgment

Meatfare Sunday

March 3, annually, is the commemoration of the Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus (4th century)

Saint Isaac the Syrian – On Stumbling (Falling into Sin) and the Contrition that Ought to Follow

“Do not fall into despair because of stumbling. I do not mean that you should not feel contrition for them [your sins], but that you should not think them incurable. For it is more expedient to be bruised than dead. There is, indeed, a Healer for the man who has stumbled, even He Who on the Cross asked that mercy be shown to His crucifiers; He Who pardoned His murders while He hung on the Cross. ‘All manner of sin,’ He said, ‘and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men,’ that is, through repentance.”

Source: *The Ascetical Homilies of St. Isaac the Syrian, Homily 64, “On Prayer, Prostrations, Tears, Reading, Silence, and Hymnody”*

Reminder: The clocks “spring ahead” on Sunday, March 10, as Daylight Savings Time begins!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all victims of disaster, difficulty and senseless violence throughout the world.

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

Newly Departed

Tessie Felburt—Waterbury parishioner d. 2/12/19
Thomas Shakun—Matushka Cindy Voytovich's father d. 2/9/19
Janice Olear—Waterbury parishioner, daughter of Peter Olear d. 2/9/19

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Anton Honcharuk 3/3/1974
Donna Marie Kriniske 3/3/2014
Emery Michael Wegh 3/3/2015
Helen Kowaleski 3/4/1997
Andrew Tczap 3/6/1946
Mary Oleshko 3/6/1984
Amelia Hriceniak 3/6/1998
Louis Senetcen 3/8/1990
Mary Hitchcock 3/8/2011
Maria Braga 3/9/1927
Julia Glowa 3/9/1952
Stephen Kowal 3/9/1968

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 Steven Belonick—C. Belonick's brother; suffering in perilous illness
Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
Karen—Mary Fomenko's niece; unwell and in need of prayers
child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer

Jadwiga ["Yahd-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Darlyne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease
Virginia ("Gina")—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers
Vera—Waterbury parishioner; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Eleanor—Rdr. Joseph Boruch's mother; chronic health challenges
Maria Oraschewsky—now requires dialysis three times a week
Charlotte—Chezelle Serev's mother; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Mark—friend of Frank Guba; battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Michael—friend of Frank Guba; rehabbing after bilateral lung transplant
Carol Johnson—still in need of our prayerful support
Irene Vassos—member of Diocesan Council; injured in fall
Nina Gorbachev—has now suffered a stroke; very unwell
Tanya Beach—suffered a brain hemorrhage on February 13

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods, Bristol
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut
Mary Fomenko—shut-in at home
Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother

Expectant Mothers

Breanna and the child to be born of her – The Serevs' niece and her baby

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

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy, hospital corpsman ("medic")
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps
Joshua Pcsolyar—fiancé of a niece of Fr. John's; U.S. Army pilot, now in Afghanistan

Birthdays

Macrina Hopko 3/4
James Watras 3/7
Stefan Koski 3/7

NEWS AND NOTES

THIS WEEKEND! Sunday, March 3: Brief, Special, One-Issue Parish Meeting: Immediately after the conclusion of the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, March 3, there will be a very brief, special, one-issue meeting of the Terryville Parish. The purpose of that meeting will be to elect Melanie Osuch, formally and officially, as the Parish's Financial Secretary to finish out the term of Tim Osuch who, unfortunately, recently had to give up that office. Presently, by decision of the Parish Council, Melanie is our Parish's Acting Financial Secretary.

THIS WEEKEND! Meat-Fare Sunday Charitable Brunch, March 3: On Sunday, March 3, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will have a Meat-fare Sunday Charitable Brunch, hosted by Paul Senetcen and Friends. All proceeds from that event will benefit the Plymouth Community Food Pantry.

All Invited! The March Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council, Monday, March 4: On Monday, March 4, the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council will be one of those periodic meetings where we lay aside the usual, routine, business, and, instead, discuss one topic in depth. We are planning to discuss this topic: ***Parish Membership Today: Living Out Our Parish Membership in Contemporary Times.*** Historically, parish membership has been measured by the fulfillment of certain minimum requirements. Clearly times have changed. Should we be changing, too? Is there a different and better way to define what we mean by the word "parishioner?" We invite all members of the Parish to participate in this meeting and to contribute to our discussion of this topic.

Lenten Confessions – Make your appointment now! Great Lent begins on Monday, March 11. Each and every Christian should participate in the saving Sacrament of Holy Confession during the Lenten season, as part of his or her own "Lenten journey." Please contact Fr. John now to make your Confession appointment, even if you want your appointment to take place later on during Lent. Please make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, that is, by Friday, April 19. By the time we reach Holy Week and Pascha, every member of the Parish should (must!) have participated in the Sacrament of Confession in the Lenten season.

2019 Terryville/Plymouth Lenten Luncheons on Tuesdays at Noon during Great Lent: This year the Clergy Association of Terryville/Plymouth is again sponsoring a series of “Lenten Luncheons.” The Luncheons will take place at 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays over the course of the weeks of Great Lent. The suggested donation for the Luncheons is \$5.00 apiece and participants are also encouraged to bring donations for the Plymouth Community Food Pantry. At each Luncheon, the host community will provide a short informational or devotional program. The schedule of Luncheons is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 12: Saint Paul Lutheran Church
- Tuesday, March 19: Terryville Congregational Church
- Tuesday, March 26: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Tuesday, April 2: Saint Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Parish (at the Lyceum)
- Tuesday, April 9: Plymouth Congregational Church

CT Deanery Lenten Mission Services: During Great Lent this year we will again have Sunday afternoon/evening Lenten Mission services here in the Connecticut Deanery of the Diocese of New England. The schedule is:

- Sunday, March 17, the Sunday of Orthodoxy: Vespers, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Bridgeport, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- **Sunday, March 24, the Second Sunday of Great Lent: Vespers, Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, CT, at 4:00 PM.**
- Sunday, March 31, the Third Sunday of Lent: Vespers, Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- Sunday, April 7, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Vespers, Saints Peter and Paul Church, Meriden, CT, at 4:00 PM.
- Sunday, April 14, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Unction Service, Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia, CT, at 4:00 PM
- Sunday, April 21, Palm Sunday: Bridegroom Matins, All Saints Church, Hartford, CT, at 4:00 PM.

Lenten Mission Vespers, Sunday, March 24, 4:00 PM – We are the hosts! On Sunday, March 24, the Second Sunday evening in Great Lent, and the Eve of the Feast of the Holy Annunciation, our parish is taking its turn to host one of the Lenten Mission Services in the Connecticut Deanery. Clergy and Faithful from other Orthodox parishes in our area will be joining us that afternoon beginning at 4:00 PM for Vespers in the Church, followed by Christian fellowship at a Lenten “Soup, Bread and Desserts” Reception in our Church Basement Social Hall. There is a sign-up list posted in the Social Hall now, asking for contributions to that event. We are also looking for a volunteer (or, maybe a pair of volunteers) to work together to coordinate that Reception (Set-up, Clean-up, etc.). Thank you, in advance, for your help with and participation in this event.

Parish Spring Cleaning, Saturday morning, April 6: We will have a Church Spring Cleaning Session on Saturday morning, April 6, beginning at 9:00 AM. Please note this occasion in your calendar and plan to participate. Many hands make the work quick and easy! Let’s work together to beautify our Church for Holy Pascha! Thank you!

Weather Related Cancellations: If we need to cancel parish services and/or other events due to bad weather, those announcements will appear on NBC Connecticut Television and on the NBC Connecticut Internet web-site. We will, also, send out an email to the Parish email group and post an announcement on the Parish website. Finally, you can always call the Parish House (860-582-3631) for further information. *(NOTE: If you need to have your email address added to the Parish email group, please contact Fr. John.)*

Annual ONE Stewards Appeal

ONE (Orthodox New England) Stewards is a group within the Diocese of New England who contribute money to the Diocese for the purpose of supporting outreach (and “in-reach”) ministries in the Diocese beyond what the annual budget of the Diocese is able to support.

These ministries include charitable grants, scholarships and youth programs. One of the specific programs supported is our annual Diocesan Youth Rally, of which our own Fr. John Hopko is presently the Director.

Historically, our parish membership has a wonderful record of ONE Stewards membership. Many members of our parish have been annual supporting members of ONE Stewards for many consecutive years.

Every year at about this time ONE Stewards conducts its annual membership appeal. Please consider supporting this program. Donations may be made by writing a check made out to “ONE Stewards—Diocese of New England” and then sending it to ONE Stewards, PO BOX 1182, Torrington, CT 06790-1182. Alternatively, you may simply give your ONE Stewards donation directly to our own Deacon Paul Nimchek, who coordinates ONE Stewards on behalf of the Diocese.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Sunday of the Last Judgment, also called Meat-fare Sunday

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 8:8-9:2)

Brothers and Sisters: Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Mt. 25:31-46)

The Lord said to his disciples: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Scripture Readings for the Sunday of Forgiveness, also called Cheese-fare Sunday

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (Rom. 13:11-14:4)

Brothers and Sisters: Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (Mt. 6:14-21)

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."