



## 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, March 16, 2025

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra.** Martyr Sabinas of Egypt (287). Martyr Papas of Lyconia (305-311). St. Serapion, Archbishop of Novgorod (1516). Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain (1st c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, Pope of Rome (119). Martyr Julian of Anazarbus (3rd c.). Hieromartyrs Trophimus and Thalys of Laodicea (ca. 300).

[Lives of the Saints - Orthodox Church in America](#)

## 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, March 16, 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.

**CLINTON, CT: Sunday, March 16, Lenten Mission Vespers, 4:00 PM:** On Sunday afternoon, March 16, at 4:00 PM, Lenten Mission Vespers will be celebrated at Saint Alexis Orthodox Church, Clinton, CT.

**RESCHEDULED TO THIS DATE: Monday, March 17, 6:30 PM:** Via Zoom, Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council

**Wednesday, March 19, 10:30 AM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts. (This service is being scheduled earlier in the day than usual so as to allow those who are not able to travel after dark to more easily attend.)

**Saturday, March 22, 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 23, 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.

**BRIDGEPORT, CT: Sunday, March 23, Lenten Mission Vespers, 4:00 PM:** On Sunday afternoon, March 23, at 4:00 PM, Lenten Mission Vespers will be celebrated at Holy Ghost (Spirit) Orthodox Church, Bridgeport, CT.

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

**Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper.

**Saturday, March 29, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, March 30, 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.

**HERE IN THE TERRYVILLE PARISH: Sunday, March 30, The Fourth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM:** Connecticut Deanery Lenten Mission Vespers, Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT.

**Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 AM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts. (This service is being scheduled earlier in the day than usual so as to allow those who are not able to travel after dark to more easily attend.)

**Thursday, April 3, 9:00 AM:** Lenten Morning Prayers, with the Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

**Friday, April 4, 7:00 PM:** The Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos

**Saturday, April 5, 6:00 PM:** Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

**Sunday, April 6, 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, April 6, the Fifth Sunday in Great Lent, 4:00 PM: The annual Connecticut Deanery Holy Unction Service, Three Saints Orthodox Church, Ansonia, CT. His Grace Bishop Benedict, presiding.*

**Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 PM:** Divine Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts, followed by a Bring-and-Share Lenten Supper

**Friday, April 11, 7:00 PM:** Vespers to conclude Great Lent and to mark the Eve of Lazarus Saturday.

**Saturday, Lazarus Saturday, April 12, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, Lazarus Saturday, commemorating the occasion when Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from among the dead.

**Saturday, April 12, Eve of Palm Sunday, 6:00 PM:** Great Vespers and Litya, commemorating Palm Sunday, Our Lord's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

**Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, 9:15 AM:** Festal Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday, followed by a Coffee Social Hour.

*IN HARTFORD: Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, 4:00 pm: CT Deanery Bridegroom Matins to begin Holy Week, All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, CT.*

**Great and Holy Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM:** Bridegroom Matins

**Great and Holy Tuesday, April 15, 3:00 PM:** Bridegroom Matins. (This service is being scheduled earlier in the day than usual to allow those who are not able to travel after dark to more easily attend.)

**Great and Holy Wednesday, April 16, 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 17, 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 17, 7:00 PM:** Matins of Great and Holy Friday, with the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

**Great and Holy Friday, April 18, 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 18, 7:00 PM:** Matins of Great and Holy Saturday, with the Lamentations over the Tomb, and the Procession

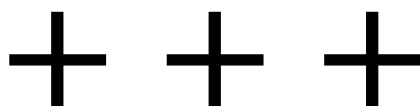
**Great and Holy Saturday, April 19, 10:00 AM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy over the Tomb of Christ, with the Many Old Testament Readings, the Changing of the Liturgical Colors from Dark to Bright, and the First Proclamation of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection from the Dead.

**Great and Holy Saturday, April 19, 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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**LOOKING AHEAD further into 2025:**

- Sunday afternoon/evening, March 30, our Terryville Parish will host the clergy and faithful of the CT Deanery for a Lenten Mission Vespers Service
- 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.



# 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*

Zachary Lyga d. 3/9/25  
Nicholas Bobrovsky—a lay man who did much in our Diocese d. 3/4/25  
Cheryl—a Food Pantry volunteer d. 3/4/25  
Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; a victim of cancer d. 2/29/25  
Michael—friend of Helena G. d. 2/10/25

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

Vasili Gerasimchik 3/16/1944  
Susan Skovran 3/17/1954  
Mary Wrettick 3/17/1958  
Konstantin Pohlod 3/18/1965  
Stephen Andrash 3/18/1988  
Wasyli Ivanovich Szepel 3/18/2000  
Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko 3/18/2015 (Fr. John's father)  
Anna Longo 3/19/1986  
Irene Bobinsky 3/20/1953  
Eva Muchka 3/20/1958  
William "Bill" Pohlod 3/20/2009  
Mildred Glowa 3/21/1997

## 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 Alexander of the Diocese of the South  
Archpriest Vladimir A.—serious illness  
Subdeacon John Paul—ongoing health problems  
Mother Karitina—nun, an acquaintance of Fr. John H.; battling cancer  
Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.  
Bill ("Vasilios") L.—relative of the Soyvrda Family; more unwell, please pray fervently  
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); at home  
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  
Michael "Mike" A.—battling health challenges  
Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues  
Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.  
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  
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  
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  
George—Fr. George Z.'s son; seriously ill  
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  
Irina—Ksenia's mother; battling cancer  
Alex—Ksenia's husband; recent illness  
Tatyana—Ksenia's mother-in-law; recent health issues leading to job loss  
Jacob—family member of Lynn H.; some health issues  
Faith—David C.'s cousin; facing health challenges due to a chronic illness  
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 been asked to pray for general well-being  
Amy—a woman for whom we have been 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  
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.—recently unwell; our fellow parishioner  
Fernando—Matthew A.'s grandfather; declining health  
Audrey—A.J.'s mother; unwell and in need of prayers  
child Matthias—an infant who has not endure two open heart surgeries  
child Noelle—Bob M.'s granddaughter; recently unwell with some chronic issues  
child Nicholas—at request of Dennis K.; suffering with illness  
child Rafael—child born at 26 weeks of gestation; at request of friends of Hopkos  
Christine—at request of Elaine H.; blindness cause by aneurysms  
Jill—friend of Elaine H.; recovering from surgery  
Timothy—relative of Joan M.; surgery  
Nancy B.—our fellow parishioner; recovery from yet another surgery  
Mary V.—acquaintance of Lucy C. and Peter H.; suffering in illness  
Barbara—Cynthia B.'s cousin; mourning loss of stepson  
Andrea—friend of Helena G.; mourning loss of her daughter  
Joanne—acquaintance of Helena G.; mourning passing of her husband  
Ramon—parishioner Lewis H.'s grandfather; seriously ill  
Lewis—parishioner Lewis H.'s father; unwell, but improving

### *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  
Claudia B.—Macrina H.'s mother  
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 Child*

Alexis and the daughter newly born of her

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

Emilia and the child to be born of her  
Bianca and the child to be born of her—family member of Lynn H.'s  
Katherine and the child to be born of her—relative of Fr. John and family  
Jenna and child to be born of her—friend of Lucy C.

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

None this week

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

Ksenia—traveling abroad to see her mother  
John (Jack) K. – away in Florida

### *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*

Carolyn P. 3/18  
Cynthia B. 3/21

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## **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!

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### **Lenten Confessions! Make your appointment now, if you have not already done so!**

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 11.

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.

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### **Lenten Mission Vespers, Sunday afternoon, March 30:**

Looking ahead, we will be hosting the Deanery for a Vespers service on Sunday March 30th. The Parish Sisterhood will organize a soup, bread, and dessert Lenten meal for those who attend. A sign up for that is now available.

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### **Scripture Readings, etc.**

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:

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*The End! Glory be to God!*

