

# Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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## Sunday, May 2, 2021

### Great and Holy Pascha

**HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.** [Beginning of the Pentecostarion]. St. Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria (373). Translation of the Relics of the Holy Passionbearers Boris and Gleb (in Baptism Roman and David—1072 and 1115). St. Athanasius of Lubensk, Patriarch of Constantinople (1654). Martyrs Hesperus, Zoë, and their sons, Cyriacus and Theodulus, at Attalia (2nd c.). St. Boris (in Baptism Michael), Prince of Bulgaria (906-907).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/05/02>

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

With great joy we greet you on the occasion of Holy Pascha. We pray that the Lord God will bless you and yours in this holy season and throughout the year to come. Thank you for all your love and support.

With love in the risen Christ,

Fr. John, Macrina, and Family

**Upcoming Services in the Church:** We will have Paschal Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday morning, May 3, at 9:15 AM. We will have Vigil on Bright Saturday evening, May 8, at 6:30 PM. We will have Divine Liturgy on Thomas Sunday morning, May 9, at 9:15 AM. Please, contact Fr. John to pre-register to attend any and all of these services, as required by our present health safety protocols. (Any additions to the calendar will be shared via the Parish email list.)

**NO Bible Study Sessions, until after Pascha:** Our Parish Bible Study is on hiatus. Please, watch this space in the bulletin for information about the return of Bible Study.

**Annual Blessing of the Terryville Parish Cemetery, May 16:** The Annual Blessing of the Graves in the Terryville Parish Cemetery will take place, weather permitting, on Sunday afternoon, May 16, beginning at 12:15 PM. (Usually, we schedule this blessing for Thomas Sunday, the Sunday after Pascha, which falls this year on May 9. However, Sunday, May 9, this year is Mother's Day, and, thus, we are doing the Cemetery blessing one week later than usual.)

**Annual Blessing of the Waterbury Parish Cemetery:** The Annual Blessing of the Graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery will also take place on a Sunday afternoon in May or June, with the exact date still to be determined. When that date has been finalized, we will share it with you.

**Paschal Flowers:** This year, as we always do, we have a lovely assortment of Paschal Flowers in the Church. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help meet the cost of these flowers, the Parish would be glad to receive that donation. (The next paragraph describes how best to make donations to the Parish. Thank you.)

**Donations to the Parish:** Please, continue to support our parish during this challenging time. Donations to the Parish may be submitted via checks made out to and mailed to Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, 34 Fairview Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786-6329. Also, a PayPal Donation "button" (<https://www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/donatenow>) is located on our parish website to make online donations possible. Our parish is registered as a charity with PayPal, so we have slightly lower fees connected to the use of that means of receiving donations. For us, PayPal's fees are 2.2%, plus \$0.30 per transaction. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)