

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, May 8, 2022

Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearing Women, with the Noble Joseph

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117). Myrrh-bearing Women. Ven. Arsenius the Great (449-450). Ven. Arseny the Lover-of-Labor (14th c.) and Pimen the Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—12th c.).

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May God bless everyone with a Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

We ask God's richest blessings on all our
Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers!
Many Years!

We pray for the repose of the souls of all our departed
Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers!
Memory Eternal!

Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Sunday, May 8, Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearing Women, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy. (This day is, also, Mother's Day! "Many Years" to all our mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers!)
- **Tuesday, May 10, Eve of the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 6:30 PM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy to mark the occasion of the Feast of our Patronal Saints
- **Wednesday, May 11, 8:00 AM, Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius:** Our weekly Wednesday Morning Matins Service, with additional elements added to mark the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius
- **Thursday, May 12, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our online Parish Bible Study returns from its Lenten hiatus
- **Friday, May 13:** Fr. John will be out of the office for most of the day, on personal business
- **Saturday, May 14, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
- **Sunday, May 15, Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy. (**NOTE:** Fr. John Jillions will preside in Terryville on May 15, as Fr. John Hopko, in his capacity as Administrator of the Hartford Parish, will be at All Saints Church, Hartford, presiding at that Parish's Annual General Meeting.)

Services and Events, Upcoming (Continued)

- **Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** The May 2022 monthly meeting of the Terryville Parish Council.
 - **Wednesday, May 18, 8:00 AM, Feast of the Mid-Feast of Pentecost:** Our weekly Wednesday Morning Matins Service, with additional elements added to mark the Mid-Feast of Pentecost.
 - **CANCELLED: Thursday, May 19, 7:00 PM (Via ZOOM teleconference):** Our weekly online Parish Bible Study gathering will **NOT** take place on May 19. Fr. John now has a Connecticut Deanery obligation in a neighboring Parish that evening.
 - **NEWLY ADDED: Saturday, May 21, in the morning:** On Saturday morning, May 21, Fr. John will be baptizing a child recently born to a family with connections to our Parish
 - **Saturday, May 21, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel, immediately followed by our monthly Terryville Parish Rite of General Confession
 - **Sunday, May 22, Sunday of the Lord's Encounter at the Well with the Samaritan Woman, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
 - **Monday, May 23 through to Saturday evening, May 28:** Fr. John will be away for the week, visiting with his mother, and spending time at the Monastery of the Holy Transfiguration, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
 - **Saturday, May 28, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
 - **Sunday, May 29, Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
 - **Monday, May 30, Memorial Day:** Fr. John will be away attending the annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania
 - **Wednesday, June 1:** We will **NOT** have our usual Wednesday morning Matins service. (See the next note to learn about the service we will have on June 1.)
 - **Wednesday, June 1, Leave-taking of Holy Pascha and Eve of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, 6:30 PM:** Vespers and Divine Liturgy (Vesperal Liturgy) to mark the occasion of these two feasts.
 - **Thursday, June 2, Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, 9:00 AM:** A Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving ("Moleben") to mark the occasion of the Feast.
 - **Saturday, June 4, 6:30 PM:** Great Vespers with the Reading of the Resurrectional Gospel
 - **Sunday, June 5, Sunday of the Holy Fathers, 9:15 AM:** The Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
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The Parish Rite of General Confession

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Christ is risen!

A practice that we have gotten away from during the last several years (due to the COVID-19 event) is the regular monthly convening of the faithful communicant members of the Parish for the Parish Rite of General Confession. Our custom had been (and will now be restored to be) to gather once a month, after the conclusion of the Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers) Service, to make a general confession of sins in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The form of this rite is that we offer some prayers, and then the presiding priest offers a meditation, in which he meditates upon the reality of sin and the good news that God, who is merciful and compassionate, forgives our sin. **This rite is not a replacement for, but, rather, is a supplement to what should be our regular participation in the full Sacrament of Confession.** Some have found participation in the Rite of General Confession to be helpful in learning how to participate in the full Sacrament of Confession. In any case, if we are regularly receiving Holy Communion, part of our preparation to receive Holy Communion must be to acknowledge and repent of our sins. We will next gather for the Rite of General Confession on Saturday evening, May 21, immediately after the conclusion of our usual Saturday evening Vespers service.

With love in Christ, *Fr. John H.*

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!*

We pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19. We pray for all those who have perished in Ukraine, due to the war going on there. Lord have mercy.

Newly Departed

Archbishop Paul of Chicago—reposed on Holy Pascha d. 4/24/22
Kevin—son of a Hartford parishioner; victim of cancer d. 4/13/22

Anniversaries of Repose – *Memory Eternal!*

Theodore Duke	5/8/1948
Eva Leba	5/8/1966
Anna Senetcen	5/8/2005
Sophroni Bayd	5/9/1933
Metro Bilycia	5/9/1954
Mary Shotack	5/9/1980
Michael Gorsky	5/10/1960
Mary Markovich	5/10/1970
Julius Cassius	5/11/1972
Nicholas Demonosow	5/11/1972
Andrew Glowa	5/12/1915
Maria Sysedko	5/12/1919
David Duke	5/12/1945
Madeline Tkach	5/12/1954
Michael Lyga	5/13/1969
Rupert Twombly, Sr.	5/13/1975
Irene Kopcha	5/13/1976
William J. Susla	5/13/1991
Rose Barna	5/13/2002
John Slevinsky	5/14/1959
Paul Christophy	5/14/1976
Anna Twombly	5/14/1992

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. We pray for all those suffering presently in Ukraine, due to the war going on there.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Priest Ceraphim—a Diocesan priest; suffered a heart attack this week
Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
Archpriest Nicholas—surgery this coming week, to repair knee injury
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 now widowed
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
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
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.
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; 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
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—surgery for cancer on March 14; acquaintance of Fr. John H.
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently
Marisa—a 13-yr-old girl, acquaintance of the Nimcheks, who is quite unwell
Stephen—facing health challenges; at request of Marilou P.
Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; a person facing serious illness, courageously
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; hospitalized, apparent stroke
Mike—battling some health challenges
Robert J.—dealing with some health issues
Jeanne M.—healthy, but dealing with other challenges at this time

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

Mother and Newly born child

Yuliia and her newly born child Milana—Milana was born on May 6 in Kyiv after only 29 weeks of pregnancy. Milana weighs two pounds at birth, and is in neonatal intensive care. Yuliia is Maryna B.'s sister-in-law.

Expectant Mothers

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

Macrina H.—visiting family in England

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

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.; 82nd Airborne Division U.S. Army soldier
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier
Ruben—acquaintance of the Hopkos, deployed U.S. Marines Corps pilot

Wedding Anniversaries

NONE THIS WEEK

Birthdays this coming week

Lily Orelup

5/12

Bible Study Resumes after Lenten Hiatus:

Thursday evening, May 12, our Parish's Online Bible Study, convened via ZOOM, returns from its Lenten hiatus. We will gather, online, Thursday, May 12, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, and continue our reading of the Gospel of Saint Matthew. The necessary ZOOM link will be sent out on Thursday, close to the time of the event.

Additional Prayers Requested

Prayers Requested: Maryna B., friend of our Terryville Parish, and a native of Kharkiv, Ukraine, asks prayers for the health and salvation of her family and friends in Ukraine, including, specifically, her grandmother **Larissa**, her brother **Dmytro**, her sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and their prematurely born newborn daughter, **Milana** (see next note), and, also, for **Alexander** and **Aleksey**. Maryna's grandmother, Larissa, and other family and friends, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people are suffering greatly at this time, due to ongoing attacks by the military of the country of Russia. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayers Requested: *Related to the request made above:* Maryna Bharara's sister-in-law, Yuliia, for whom we have been praying, went into premature labor on May 6, at 29 weeks of pregnancy. Yuliia delivered a baby girl, Milana, who only weighs 2 pounds. Milana is presently in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in Kyiv, Ukraine, where Yuliia has been living. Yuliia had received permission from the United States government to come to the United States soon (as soon as this coming week) to join family resident here, but now, of course, circumstances are different. Please, pray for Yuliia, her husband Dmytro, and their newly born child, Milana.

Prayers Requested: Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for the health and salvation of family members in Ukraine, including, specifically, her second cousin **Ludmilla**, Ludmilla's daughter **Nadia**, Nadia's husband **Alexei**, and their children **Sofia** and **Anna**. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the Third Sunday of Pascha, called the Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (Acts 6:1-7)

At that time, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark (Mk. 15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back--it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.