

## 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, May 12, 2019

### Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers

*The Third Sunday of Pascha – Tone 2*

Also, May 12, annually, is the date of the Commemoration of, among others, St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

### ***Schedule of Services***

**5/12 Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

**5/15 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

**5/18 Saturday**  
5:30 PM – Memorial Service:  
“40<sup>th</sup> Day” Memorial Service for Carol Johnson;  
7<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of repose of Carol’s  
husband, Roy Johnson; and 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary  
of repose of Steven Panasuk  
6:00 PM – Vigil

**5/19 Sunday of the Paralytic**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

**5/20 Monday**  
6:00 PM – Monthly Meeting of the  
**Waterbury** Parish Council  
(in the Waterbury Community Center)

**5/21 Tuesday**  
***Eve of the Midfeast of Pentecost***  
7:00 PM – Great Vespers

**5/22 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

**5/25 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil  
Followed by the Monthly  
Rite of General Confession

**5/26 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy  
12:15 PM – Blessing of the Graves  
in the Terryville Parish Cemetery

**5/29 Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

**6/1 Saturday**  
6:00 PM – Vigil

**6/2 Sunday of the Blind Man**  
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy

## Happy Mother’s Day!

This weekend we offer our prayerful gratitude to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers—to all those exercising motherly ministry on our behalf in any way. Thank you and God bless you!

### **A Prayer of a Child for His or Her Parents**

O merciful Lord God, You have commanded and instructed me to honor my father and mother, and Your Yourself have shown, even to the point of death, humble obedience to Your Father.

From the depths of my soul, I fervently ask and beseech You, O gracious Jesus Christ, my God, hear my prayer: Have mercy upon my parents, who have given birth to me and are bringing me up in Your grace and Your love.

Protect my parents, O Compassionate Lord, from all evil, harm or sickness. Grant them health, and mercifully pour forth Your bountiful blessings upon them. Bless their efforts and deeds, and have mercy on them according to Your great mercy, so that, as they faithfully serve You, through them I may also worthily praise and serve You. Amen.

# 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***

Neonilla (Nilca)—a former, short-time, member of Terryville parish d. 5/5/2019  
Raymond—Ashley Paden's father-in-law d. 5/4/2019  
Sheila—friend of Donna Osuch d. 4/28/2019  
Donald—Chezelle Serev's uncle d. 4/20/2019  
Carol Johnson—our fellow parishioner d. 4/8/2019  
Betty—Fr. John Eissman's mother d. 4/6/2019  
Richard Westerberg—Fr. Michael's brother d. 4/3/2019

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

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 Stevinsky 5/14/1959  
Paul Christophy 5/14/1976  
Anna Twombly 5/14/1992  
John Ratushne 5/15/1973  
Mary Maichak 5/15/1980  
Roy Johnson—Carol's husband 5/18/2012  
Steven Panasuk 5/18/2018

## **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***

His Eminence Archbishop Nikon—recent health issues  
Archpriest Steven Belonick—C. Belonick's brother; suffering in serious 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 ["Yaht-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 Sovyryda's niece; kidney disease  
Dayrl—Ann Sovyryda'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  
Irene Vassos—member of Diocesan Council; injured in fall  
Nina Gorbachev—very unwell  
Anna Szepel—recently unwell; Waterbury parishioner  
Yelena Massicotte—facing some health challenges at this time  
Tanya Beach—recovering from brain hemorrhage; laboring in rehabilitation  
Mat. Cindy Voytovich—facing some health challenges at the present time  
Barbara—friend of Jack Kriniske; hip replacement surgery followed by complications

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

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods, Bristol  
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother  
Mary Fomenko—serious health situation earlier this week; now seemingly stabilized  
Robert (Bob)—Patty Nimchek's brother

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

Protodeacon Paul and Patty—who will be traveling this coming week

### ***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***

Lillian Kay Orelup 5/12  
Eva Kopcha 5/17  
Abigail Orelup 5/17

## **Youth Rally 2019 Cancelled**

The first priority at our Annual Diocesan Youth Rally is to keep the children safe and sound. To accomplish that first priority, it is necessary to assemble a staff of competent, appropriate, Orthodox Christian, adult staff members.

This year, we set a deadline of the first weekend in May to accomplish that task—the task of putting together a sufficient staff, in whom we might have confidence and trust, for Youth Rally. We failed in accomplishing that task of putting together a strong staff, and so, necessarily, Youth Rally has been cancelled.

Youth Rally took place in the Diocese for 32 consecutive years, from its inception in 1987, until last year, 2018. For 16 of those years, since 2003, Fr. John Hopko has been part of Youth Rally Staff, and, since 2004, he has been the Rector and Director of Youth Rally. In any case, Fr. John had announced previously that this was his last year as Director of Youth Ministry in the Diocese, and, also, he had announced that this was his last year as Director and Rector of the Diocesan Youth Rally. So, he will be officially leaving those positions on a date no later than August 31, 2019.

Now, in the Diocese, we will be looking at the entirety of our youth ministry efforts and will be seeking to identify ways in which this part of our Church life can be better organized and accomplished.

If you have any questions or concerns, or anything to contribute, about this matter, please see Fr. John. Thank you.

# News and Notes

**Monday, May 20 – May Meeting of the Waterbury Parish Council:** The May Meeting of the Waterbury Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, May 20, beginning at 6:00 PM. That meeting will take place in the Council Room in the Parish Center in Waterbury.

**Sunday, May 26 – Blessing of the Terryville Parish Cemetery:** Weather permitting, the blessing of the Graves in the Terryville Parish Cemetery will take place on Sunday, May 26, beginning with a Memorial Service on the Grounds of the Cemetery starting at 12:15 PM. We were unable to bless the Cemetery on the originally scheduled date, Saint Thomas Sunday, because of the heavy, soaking, rain that fell that date. (NOTE: The Blessing of the Graves in the Waterbury Parish Cemetery, will take place on Sunday, June 23. Details about that occasion will be shared as we get closed to that date.)

**Sunday, June 2 – Full Parish Meeting in the Waterbury Parish:** On Sunday, June 2, we will have a full meeting of the entire Waterbury Parish Membership. That meeting will begin at 12:00 NOON, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Waterbury Parish Chapel, located within the Parish Center at 3125 N. Main St., Waterbury. The agenda of the meeting is to discuss concerns regarding the Waterbury Parish House (the Rectory), and to discuss concerns regarding the ongoing matter of the Waterbury Parish Temple. We will NOT be celebrating Divine Liturgy that morning in the Waterbury Chapel. Fr. John will be presiding at the Divine Liturgy being celebrated that morning at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Terryville, and then will be traveling over to Waterbury for the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please, contact Fr. John Hopko, Pastoral Administrator of the Waterbury Parish. Fr. John may be reached at 860-582-3631 (his office landline), or at [terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com](mailto:terryvilleorthodoxchurch@gmail.com).

**Online Donations to the Parish:** A PayPal Donation “button” 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% + \$0.30 per transaction and no monthly fee. (So, for example, a donation of \$100.00 given via PayPal will realize us actual income of \$97.50.)

**Graduates:** If you or a member of your family is graduating this spring, please let us know, so that we might share the news with our Parish Family, and offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

**Congratulations, New Graduates!** Thomas Hopko, son of Fr. John and Macrina, is graduating this Sunday, May 12, with his bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut (UConn). Thomas’s wife, Alexis, is graduating from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine this Monday, May 13, with her M.D. (Doctor Medicine). We congratulate them on their accomplishments, and offer prayers for their future God-pleasing labors in their chosen professions. May God grant them many years! Many Years!

**A Wedding on June 30, in our Parish:** Ron Kramer and Tatiana Zolotarevych will be married in our Church on Sunday afternoon, June 30, with the service beginning at 2:00 PM. Choir Members are asked to let Fr. John know whether they will be able to be present on that occasion to help sing the responses at the wedding. As they prepare for their wedding, please keep Ron and Tatiana in your prayers. Many Years!

**News from a Neighboring Parish:** Archpriest Vladimir Aleandro, Pastor of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Southbury, CT, has announced his retirement from active ministry. His last Sunday as Rector in the Southbury Parish will be Sunday, June 30. Please, keep Fr. Vladimir, and his wife, Mat. Suzanne, in your prayers, as they prepare for this significant transition in their lives. Fr. Vladimir and Suzanne and their family were members here in the Terryville Parish before serving as the founding family of what is now Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, and before Fr. Vladimir entered ordained ministry. We hope, following Fr. Vladimir’s retirement, that Fr. Vladimir and Mat. Suzanne will be frequent visitors here with us in the Terryville Parish. Many Years!

# 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 Joses 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.