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, August 30, 2026

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky (1724). Sts. Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the New (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Repose of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1533). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Daniel, Prince of Moscow (1652). St. Christopher of Palestine (6th c.). St. Fantinus of Calabria (9th c.). Synaxis of the Serbian Hierarchs: Ss. Savva I (1237), and all the other Serbian hierarchs with him.

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 before coming to Church.)

Saturday, August 29, Commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist (a day of strict fasting), 5:30 PM: Prayer Service to Saint John the Baptist, asking his intercessions for us before the Throne of God.

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

Sunday, August 30, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, September 2, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

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

Sunday, September 6, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Monday, September 7, Eve of the Feast of the Birth of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, 7:00 PM: Festal Great Vespers and Litya

Tuesday, September 8, Feast of the Birth of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 9, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Thursday, September 10, 12:00 NOON: Meeting of the CT Deanery Clergy at All Saints Church, Hartford, CT.

Saturday, September 12, 2:30 PM: Baptisms of Adelle and Noah K., and the receptions via Chrismation of their parents, Joelle and Adam K., into the fulness of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Saturday, September 12, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, September 13, Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Monday, September 14, 9:15 AM, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, beginning with Festal Hymns and a Formal Procession by which the Holy Cross is placed for veneration in the center of the Nave of the Church.

Monday evening, September 14, 6:30 PM: Our Parish Council will meet for their September 2026 monthly meeting of the Parish Council, via Zoom video teleconference, beginning at 6:30 PM, on Monday evening, September 14, 2026.

Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Saturday, September 19, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins), followed by our Parish's Monthly Rite of General Confession.

Sunday, September 20, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by the Parish Picnic.

PARISH PICNIC: Sunday, September 20, after the conclusion of Divine Liturgy: We will have a Parish Picnic on the grounds of the Church on Sunday, September 20, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, September 23, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Pastor on Vacation: *Fr. John H. will be away from Terryville from the morning of Saturday, September 26, until about midday on Saturday, October 3.*

Saturday, September 26, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins). Fr David K. will preside, in Fr. John's absence.

Sunday, September 27, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour. Fr. David K. will preside at Liturgy, in Fr. John's absence.

Wednesday, September 30: NO Matins

Saturday, October 3, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, October 4, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, October 7, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Saturday, October 10, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, October 11, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, October 14, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Saturday, October 17, in the afternoon: The Parish Sisterhood *Sip n' Swap* event.

Saturday, October 17, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, October 18, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our customary Coffee Social Hour.

Wednesday, October 21, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers).

Memorial Soul Saturday, October 24, 5:30 PM: General Memorial Service ("Panikhida") commemorating all the departed. (NOTE: The Saturday before the Feast Day of the Great Martyr Demetrius is one of the Church's periodical "Soul Saturdays" on which we especially commemorate all the departed. Soul Saturdays are designated days throughout the liturgical year when the faithful gather to pray for the souls of the departed, asking God to grant them forgiveness, rest, and eternal life. These commemorations express the Church's belief in the communion of saints and the enduring bond of love and prayer between the living and those who have died.)

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

Gardening (weeding!): If anyone wants to come and do some of the obvious pulling of weeds that is necessary around the Church Building and the Shed by the Parking Lot, please, feel free to stop by the Church grounds any time, and to do some of that necessary work.

Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour!: We always require Coffee Hour hosts going forward in the calendar. Please, consider hosting Coffee Hour. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

Fr. John H. will be away one more time going forward this year:

Fr. John will be away from Terryville from early in the morning on Saturday, September 26, until about midday on Saturday, October 3. Fr. David K. will preside at the services on Saturday evening, September 26, and Sunday morning, September 27.

NOTE: While Fr. John is on vacation, in the case of a true emergency requiring the ministry of an Orthodox priest, please contact Fr. David K. at 860-573-0013 (voice or text) or Fr. Phillip B. (Pastor of our neighboring parish in New Britain) at 727-277-3321 (voice or text).

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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

Marion—at request of Fr. David K.	d. 8/18/26
Mary—at the request of Elaine H.	d. 8/15/26
Timothy—Joan M.'s relative	d. 8/9/26
Christopher—a colleague of Lewis H.	d. 8/6/26
Russ—friend of Rich and Laura K.	d. 7/31/26

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Tillie Castiola	8/31/1981
Archpriest Nicholas Kiryluk	8/31/1988
Anna Slevinsky	9/1/1985
John J. Pawelchak	9/1/2003
His Eminence Archbishop NIKON	9/1/2019
Virgina—Elena W.'s' sister	9/1/2019
Gregory "Harry" Kablesh	9/3/1967
Lucy Brozinski	9/3/1989
Anna Glowa	9/4/1913
William Hasko	9/4/1992
Elizabeth Zadvorni	9/5/1947
Metro Panchok	9/5/1957

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 Benjamin of the Diocese of the West (Retired)
H.E. Archbishop Alexander of Toledo
Archpriest Vladimir A.—serious, chronic illness
Archpriest Vladimir H.—unwell
Matushka Mary S.—one of Fr. John's four sisters; recently unwell
Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
Nancy B.—our fellow parishioner; dealing with difficult chronic illness
Mary Lynn G.—friend of Donna O.; breast cancer—hopefully now in remission
Michael "Mike" L.—ongoing health issues
Paula—friend of Jim L.; struggling with cancer
Dianna—Jennifer W.'s mother; suffering serious and worrisome health problems
Yvonne K.—a person we have been asked to pray for; multiple myeloma
Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; health issues
Natonya L.—Mike and Jim L.'s family member; health issues
Lois—Mike and Jim L.'s family member; health issues
Michael "Mike" A.—battling many, many health challenges
Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues
Diane—daughter of friends of Forrest and Elaine H., suffering in illness
Sonya K.—former W'bury parishioner, health issues
Jeffrey—at request of John G.; unwell and in need of prayers
Nila—John G.'s aunt; facing challenges
Brittany—relative of Pdn. Paul; young woman facing cancer
Joan—grief and chronic illness; req. of Helena G.
Candace—mourning the loss of her husband David; req. of Helena G.
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
Alex—Ksenia's husband; recent illness
Tatyana—Ksenia's mother-in-law; recent health issues leading to job loss
Nolan—friend of Corey F.; unwell and in need of prayers
Jacqueline—a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
Corey (Phocas) F.—our fellow parishioner' facing some challenges
Amy—a woman for whom we have be asked to pray for general well-being
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.—various health challenges; our fellow parishioner
Heather—at the request of Louine K.; facing challenges
Andrea—friend of Helena G.; mourning loss of her daughter
Tracy—acquaintance of Helena G.; breast cancer surgery
Nikola—friend of Jacob J,; very unwell and in need of prayers
Gregory—Bob M.'s son
Chitra—Melanie B.'s mother
Alexandra—Fr. John's sister; suffers Neurofibromatosis type II, a chronic disease
Boris—a participant in our Parish Bible Study; battling illness
Raymond—Fr. John's brother-in-law; some health issues
John—undergoing cancer treatment; relative of Lenna M.
Cameron—a person for whom we are asked to pray; challenging diagnosis
Iris—at request of Hopkos; for joy, peace, and tranquility
Barbara—friend of Jack K.; unwell and in need of prayers
Lynn H.—our fellow parishioner; asking for our prayers
Barbara K.—our fellow parishioner; recovering from fractured pelvis
Petra Joy—at request of Barbara K.; Petra is suffering a recurrence of cancer
Susan—Nancy B.'s sister; unwell and in need of prayers
Rosemary—a faithful Orthodox Christian for whom we have been asked to pray
Kauwela—a woman for whom we have been asked to pray
John—relative of Carolyn P.; battling ill health
child Emerson—at request of Valbona H.; an infant with hearing difficulties
child Zeke—a request of the Nimcheks
Shelley—suffers in illness, widow of Russ; friend of Rich and Laura K.
Christine—a friend of the Hopkos; Christine is now in hospice care
Eran—a friend of Nancy B; dreadfully injured in motorcycle accident
Vera W.—our fellow parishioner; recovering from fall
Steven—a man we have been asked to prayer for

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

Tanya B.—suffering long-term effects of brain hemorrhage
Claudia A.—Waterbury parishioner; health challenges
Claudia B.—Macrina H.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
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; resident in long-term eldercare
John—Cynthia B.'s uncle

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Shelby and the child to be born of her—Karry and Mark O.'s daughter-in-law
Anya and the child to be born of her—Fr. John H.'s niece
Katie and the child to be born of her—Leo K.'s wife
Joelle and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
Jessica and the child to be born of her—at the request of Cynthia B.

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

Emily and Nicholas O.—moving from Florida to California, driving across USA
All those travelling during these summer months

Those from among us serving or training to serve in the Armed Forces

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic"); Mark and Karry O.'s son
Derek—relative of Carolyn P.; U.S. Army soldier
Weston—son of a friend of Lenna M; National Guardsman, deployed abroad
Ian—Fr. David and Melanie K.'s so-in-law, Army reservist called up for active duty
Ruben—acquaintance of the Hopkos, U.S. Marines Corps tiltrotor pilot
Zachary W.—Fr. Zachary W.'s son; U.S. Air Force fighter pilot
John S.—Fr. John H.'s nephew; Ensign, U.S. Navy, now in pilot training
Matthew S.—Fr. John's nephew (John S.'s brother); ROTC cadet, U.S. Army

Preparing for Ordination

Daniel B.—Cynthia B.'s nephew/Godson, who will be ordained deacon on 10/25
Robert—husband of a niece of Fr. John's; will be ordained deacon this fall

Wedding Anniversaries

Richard & Laura K.	8/31

Birthdays this coming week

Kristen—Paul and Claudia S.'s daughter	9/2

Please pray for all those who perished and all those who are suffering due to the recent devastating flash floods in Nepal. Lord, have mercy. + + +

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