



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, September 1, 2024

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Church New Year (Indiction). St. Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) and his mother, Ven. Martha (ca. 428). Martyr Aithalas of Persia (380). Holy Forty Women Martyrs and Martyr Ammon the Deacon, their teacher, at Heraclea in Thrace (4th c.). Martyrs Callista and her brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes, at Nicomedia (309). Righteous Joshua the Son of Nun (16th c. B.C.). Synaxis of the Mother of God in the Miasenga Monastery (commemorating the finding of her Icon there—864). “Chernigov-Gethsemane” Icon of the Mother of God (1869).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/09/01>

Services and Events, Upcoming

(This schedule is subject to change, please confirm the schedule at www.terryvilleorthodoxchurch.org/schedule before coming to Church.)

CHANGE TO SCHEDULE: Wednesday, September 4, 8:00 AM: **NO Matins** (*Road work on Fairview Avenue is shutting down the road this week from Tuesday through Friday. Parking will not be allowed and access will be limited, so we will not have Church on Wednesday morning, September 4.*)

Saturday, September 7, Eve of the Feast of the Nativity (the Birth) of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, 6:00 PM: Great Vespers and Litya for the Eve of the Feast

Sunday morning, September 8, Feast of the Nativity (the Birth) of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Monday, September 9, 7:00 PM, via ZOOM: Our monthly Terryville Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday, September 11 (Memory Eternal!), 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Friday, September 13, Eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Holy Cross, 6:30 PM: Vespers with Divine Liturgy (what is often termed “Vesperal Divine Liturgy”) for the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Saturday, September 14, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, September 15, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, September 21, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil, followed by the Parish's monthly rite of general Confession

Sunday morning, September 22, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Wednesday, September 25, 8:00 AM: Matins (Morning Prayers)

Saturday, September 28, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, September 29, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

Tuesday morning, October 1, Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, 9:00 AM: Service of Supplication to the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

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

Saturday, October 5, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, October 6, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour, followed by the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Sisterhood

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

Saturday, October 12, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, October 13, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour

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

Saturday, October 19, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil (Fr. John H. will be away attending the 60th Anniversary celebration at Saint Gregory Church, Wappingers Falls, NY, where his father, the late Protopresbyter Thomas, was pastor from 1968 to 1978. So, a substitute priest will be here in our Parish presiding on Fr. John's behalf.)

Sunday morning, October 20, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour (Fr. John will be away in New York City on this Sunday concelebrating in the afternoon at the wedding of two Diocesan Youth Rally "alums," who are getting married that day at the Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection, located in lower Manhattan.)

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

Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26: Fr. John, Deacon Paul, and our duly elected lay delegate will be representing our Parish at the Annual Diocesan Assembly on these two days. This year the annual Assembly is taking place in Cumberland, RI, hosted by Dormition of the Holy Virgin Mary Church, located in that town.

Saturday, October 26, 6:00 PM: Saturday evening Vigil

Sunday morning, October 27, 9:15 AM: Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour



Are you the person? Represent our Parish as a Lay Delegate to the annual Diocesan Assembly and/or to the Orthodox Church in America's triennial Council.

Dear Members of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We have two opportunities, upcoming in October 2024 and then again in July 2025, for a person (or persons) to represent our Parish as a lay delegate. A person can represent us on both occasions, OR one person can represent us in October 2024, and then a second, different person can represent us in July 2025.

First, the Year 2024 Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England will take place in Cumberland, Rhode Island, on Friday-Saturday, October 25-26, 2024. Fr. John H. and Deacon Paul N. are scheduled to attend that Assembly in their official capacities. However, we also require a lay delegate to represent our Parish, as we enjoy the privilege of electing and sending a lay delegate to the Assembly.

Second, the next triennial All-American Council (AAC) of the [Orthodox Church in America \(OCA\)](https://www.oca.org/) is scheduled to take place next summer from Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona. Details about the OCA AAC can be accessed at this hyperlink: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/one-year-to-the-21st-all-american-council>. Our Parish is instructed by [The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America](#) to send our Pastor, together with a duly elected Lay Delegate, to represent us at the OCA AAC.

Are you the lay member of our Parish who is ready and able to serve as a lay delegate to one or both of these gatherings? Costs (travel, accommodations, food, etc.) will, of course, be paid by the Parish. If you are interested in serving in one or the other (or, even, both) of these capacities, or need more information about what service as a lay delegate involves, please, contact me (Fr. John H.) Also, you can speak with parishioners Jack K. and Deb W., who have both served our Parish as lay delegates to these gatherings in the past. Deb and Jack can tell you about the experience from a lay person's perspective.

Please be informed, that in order to be elected and then serve as a lay delegate from our Parish, you must be a full, voting member in good standing of our Parish, and be such a member for at least the last 12 consecutive months* before the start date of the event in question. You must, therefore, be a parishioner who regularly attends Church and regularly participates in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion.

Please, prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Thank you.

With love and gratitude,

In Christ,

Fr. John H.

** There is some question about this length of time: It may be 36, rather 12, months that is required. Fr. John is presently seeking clarification about this from the Diocese of New England authorities.*

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!

September 6 and 7: Myrrh-Streaming Icon to again visit our Area

On Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7, 2024, the Wonder-working Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God (“Kardiotissa”) from Saint George Orthodox Church, Taylor, PA, will be visiting St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, CT. The icon last came to our area a few years ago. At that time, many of us made the effort to go and pray before and venerate that holy icon, and to be anointed by the myrrh it exudes, and were deeply edified and moved by that experience.

This icon is known as “Kardiotissa”, which means “Tender Heart”. The icon has this title because it depicts the Virgin Mary holding the Child Jesus in a tender-hearted fashion. This icon has been streaming “myrrh,” which is a sweet-smelling oil, since October 13, 2011. Some members of our parish have been privileged to venerate this icon, and to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from it.

The icon will arrive at Saint Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain at 6:00 PM on Friday evening, September 6. At that time a talk about the icon will be given, a prayer service will be served before it, and all present will have the opportunity to be anointed with the myrrh that streams from the icon. Again, on Saturday morning, September 7, beginning at 9:00 AM, the same schedule of events (talk, prayer service, and anointing) will take place.

The Kardiotissa icon has been associated with a number of miraculous occurrences, including the healing of seemingly incurable illnesses, as well as the repentance and conversion of those previously strongly opposed to Christ and His Church.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that it is strictly forbidden to take pictures or video of the icon or events associated with the icon. Every effort is made to maintain pious and sober Orthodox Christian decorum in the presence of the icon, and to avoid any tone or atmosphere of the “sensational.” Although unusual, myrrh-streaming icons do occur from time to time in the life of the Church. Usually, when such an event happens it is understood to be an occurrence for the interior life of the Church, a consolation for the faithful. As such, we Orthodox tend NOT to share too much with those “outside” when an icon begins to stream myrrh. We do not invite in the public, and especially not the media. Rather, we gather in prayer and gratitude, thanking and praising God for His unending love and care for us.

Help construct the Memorial Garden! Saturday morning, September 7, beginning at 8:00 AM.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We will be gathering on September 7, 2024, beginning at 8:00 AM, at our Terryville Parish Cemetery, 23 East Plymouth Road, Terryville, to build the low stone wall around *The Children’s Memorial Garden* now being created in the Parish Cemetery.

We will build the garden with Nicolock manufactured wall block/stones. Attached is a rough drawing of the design of the wall.

I (Fr. John H.) and parishioner Lewis H. are heading up this workday. If you are able to join us for this workday, please, let me (Fr. John H.) know. Thank you.

If you wish to make a donation to support this project, we will have exact figures about the cost of materials soon, and will share those with you when we have them in hand. Mario Chiovitti of CLI Services LLC will be doing work to prepare the ground, obtaining and delivering building materials, and giving instruction on the day as to proper construction techniques.

Again, if you are able to join us for this workday on Saturday, September 7, please, let me (Fr. John H.) know. Thank you.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Again we pray for all victims of 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

Francis—Marilou P.'s brother-in-law d. 8/23/24
Katherine "Kathy" Smick—our fellow parishioner d. 8/15/24
Robert—request of Helena G. d. 7/19/24

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

His Eminence Archbishop NIKON 9/1/2019
Virgina "Gina" Lity 9/1/2019
Anna Slevinsky 9/1/1985
John J. Pawelchak 9/1/2003
Gregory (Harry) Kablesch 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
Anastasia Lyga 9/6/1962
Anna Kablesch 9/6/1966

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

Archpriest David K.—our Parish's attached priest; joint replacement surgery on 9/10
Archpriest Andrew T. — unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
Archpriest Vasily G.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
Archpriest Vladimir A.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
Archpriest Vladimir H.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
Priest Ceraphim M.—unwell and in need of prayers; a diocesan priest
Subdeacon John Paul—chronic, debilitating back pain
Matushka Ann Sh.—at request of Lynn H.
Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); now back home
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
Katie and Aubrey—a mother & 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
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
Kathy (Katherine) S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing serious health challenges
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
Stephen—facing long-term health challenges; at request of Marilou P.
Emily—acquaintance of the Nimcheks; facing serious illness, courageously
Michael "Mike" A.—battling health challenges
Robert Jos.—dealing with health issues
Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.
Rosemary—member in the New Britain Parish; long-term health challenges
Andrea—mourning loss of loved one; req. 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
Juliana—Fr. John's sister; recovering from serious spinal surgery
Reader Matthew—friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; in need of prayers
Oleg—friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; very worrying diagnosis of health issue
Daniel—son of a friend of Subdeacon John Paul S.; struggling
Bill ("Vasilios") L.—relative of the Sovyrda Family; unwell and in need of prayers
Joan—grief and chronic illness; req. of Helena G.
Marilou P.—our fellow parishioner
Paul S.—health issues
Holly—an acquaintance of Peter H.; unwell and in need of prayers
Laura—friend of Lenna M.; battling brain cancer
Amber—Louine K.'s granddaughter-in-law.
Ferda ("fair-dah")—acquaintance of Mark and Karry O.; battling a serious illness
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
Alan—at the request of Cynthia B.; unwell and in need of prayers
George Z.—Fr. George Z.'s son; seriously ill
Timothy—Olena's husband; recent surgery to address serious illness
Michael—at the request of Nina and John D.; unwell and in need of prayers
Lisa—friend of Helena G.; suffering in illness
Irina—Ksenia's mother; battling cancer
Jacob—family member of Lynn H.; some health issues
Faith—David C.'s cousin; facing health challenges
Daniel—Cynthia B.'s nephew; facing health challenges
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 be asked to pray for general well-being
Amy a woman for whom we have be 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
Tamara B.—recovering from surgical procedure; our fellow parishioner
Claudia—Macrina H.'s mother; various health issues following recent surgery
Ingrid—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Terry—battling cancer; friend of Nina and John D.
Louine K.—recently unwell; our fellow parishioner
Fernando—Matthew A.'s grandfather; declining health
Audrey—A.J.'s mother; increasingly unwell and in need of prayers
Bob P.—Louine K.'s son-in-law; recovering from an injury suffered in a fall
Susan—Claudia S. and Melanie K.'s sister—surgery to repair broken upper femur

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

Dolores M.—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare
Vera M.—now at Anthology in Farmington
Roberta K.—a Waterbury parishioner living in long-term care
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner
Matushka Ann S.—our fellow parishioner; now living in residential care
Forrest H.—our fellow parishioner, now living in residential care

New Mother and Child Newly Born of Her

Maura and the son newly born of her

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Valbona and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
Lucy and the child to be born of her—our fellow parishioner
Shelby and the child to be born of her—Mark and Karry O.'s daughter-in-law, Joel's wife
Katy and the child to be born of her—friend of Peter H.
Any and the child to be born of her—Fr. John's niece
Therese and the child to be born of her—a friend of the Parish
Teodora and the child to be born of her—Teodora J. and husband Jacob J. in Serbia

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

Matthew A.—will be travelling, 8/21 to 9/4
And all traveling this Holiday Weekend

Those from among us serving on duty in the Armed Forces

Joel O.—U.S. Navy; hospital corpsman ("medic")
Shelby—Joel O.'s wife; also a U.S. Navy medic
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
David—at request of Fr. David K.; U.S. Army medic
John S.—Fr. John's nephew; a U.S. Navy midshipman

Birthdays

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

Please, Pray for Peace!

Please pray for all those throughout the world, known and unknown to us by name, who have died and who are suffering due to armed conflict.

Presently there is significant warfare, causing tens of thousands of deaths and incredible suffering, ongoing in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar, in the Maghreb, in Ethiopia, and in Sudan. There are lesser conflicts going on in many other places, as well, costing thousands more deaths. To give but one example, the ongoing drug war in Mexico has cost thousands of lives.

Please, pray for peace. Pray for those who have died. Pray for those who yet still live, but who have been victimized. Pray for all those who have suffered loss. Lord, hear our prayer!

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:

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy>

The End! Glory be to God!

