

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, November 28, 2021 – Tone 6

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Monastic Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (767). Martyr Irenarchus and Seven Women Martyrs at Sebaste (303). St. Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov (1394). Martyrs Timothy and Theodore—Bishops; Peter, John, Sergius, Theodore, and Nikēphóros—Presbyters; Basil and Thomas—Deacons; Hierotheus, David, Chariton, Socrates, Comasius, and Eusebius—Monks; and Etymasius, at Tiberiopolis (8th c.). Hieromartyr Metropolitan Seraphim of Chichagov (20th c.)

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Services and Events, Upcoming

- **Wednesday morning Matins, December 1, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, December 2, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, December 2. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.
- **Saturday evening Vigil, December 4, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil (Great Vespers, with the Reading of the Matins Gospel), beginning at 6:30 PM. (Fr. David Koles will preside at this service. Fr. John Hopko will be serving in New Britain on Saturday afternoon/evening, December 4.)
- **Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, December 5, 9:15 AM:** The weekly Sunday morning Lord's Day celebration of the Divine Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 AM.
- **Monday morning, December 6, Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, 9:00 AM, Prayer Service:** On Monday, December 6, the Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, at 9:00 AM, we will serve a Service of Prayer to Saint Nicholas. (Holy Father Nicholas, pray to God for us!)
- **Tuesday evening, December 7, 7:00 PM, ONLINE, Monthly Meeting of the Terryville Parish Council:** The Terryville Parish Council will hold their December monthly meeting at 7:00 PM, Tuesday evening, December 7, via video teleconference (ZOOM).
- **Wednesday morning Matins, December 8, 8:00 AM:** Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.
- **Wednesday evening Vespers, December 8, 7:00 PM:** As is our Parish custom, we will serve Vespers on Wednesday evenings in December, leading up to the Feast of Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will include pre-feast hymns during those Vespers services to help us prepare for Christmas.
- **Bible Study, Thursday evening, December 9, 7:00 PM, ONLINE:** We will have Bible Study, online, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday evening, December 9. (Watch for the ZOOM invite in your email inbox.) Presently, we are reading and discussing the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Please, consider joining us for Bible Study.

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!*

First of all, we pray for all the thousands of victims of COVID-19.

Newly Departed

Maria Oraschewsky—our fellow parishioner d. 11/1/21
Marian Klatt Markovich McIvin—spouse of former parishioner d. 11/3/21
Lorraine Lucien—former parishioner in Waterbury Parish d. 11/19/21

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Anna Delendik 11/28/1929
Panteleimon Dziamba 11/28/1931
Olga Wrettick 11/29/1966
Stephen Kablesch 11/29/1992
Procop Chervoniak 11/30/1956
(Matushka) Olga Kiryluk 12/1/2003
Mary Kostyk 12/2/1984
Dan Vasiliu 12/2/2010
Eleanor Plasko 12/3/1966
Tito Zadvorny 12/3/1962
Mary Waite 12/3/2009
Joseph Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's father 12/3/2015
Katherine "Kay" Rewak Kopcha 12/3/2016
Gabriel Hasko 12/4/1963

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.

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Priest John M.—a young priest, suffering with a vexing illness
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
Darylne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
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 for whom prayers have been asked
John A.—husband of Claudia A., for whom prayers have been asked
Mary Lynn—friend of Donna O.; battling breast cancer
Barbara—friend of Patty N.; unwell and in need of prayerful support
Dorothy F.—Waterbury parishioner; still recovering from a serious surgery

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
Richard—a man struggling with cancer, for whom we have been asked to pray
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
Joan—dear and close friend of Carolyn P.; recovering from serious back surgery
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
James B.—husband of a Waterbury parishioner; very unwell recently
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.
Jeanne M.—recovering from joint replacement surgery (doing well)
Albert ("Al")—in need of prayers for healing
Kathy S.—Waterbury parishioner; facing health challenges
Earlene L.—Mike and Jim L.'s mother; recent 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 recent surgery
Richard—acquaintance of Fr. John's; hip replacement surgery on November 4
Rosemary—friend of Jack K.; recovering from recent stroke
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers
Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia
child Zoe—appendicitis; at request of Deb. W.

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

Expectant Mothers

Tracey and the child to be born of her—Geo. and Jenn. W.'s daughter-in-law

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

John K. —will be traveling this upcoming week and weekend
And all those who are traveling, soon to be traveling, or apart from us

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

Fr. James P., Chaplain (MAJ)—deployed to Africa with the CT ARNG
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

Birthdays this coming week

NONE THIS WEEK

News and Notes

Prayers Requested: One of our parishioners who is a teacher has asked prayers for one of her students. This student is battling a very serious illness. Please, keep this child and their loved ones in your prayers. Thank you.

The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, Sunday, December 12, at 12:30 PM, via video teleconference: The Annual General Meeting of the Terryville Parish, will take place, via ZOOM video teleconference, beginning at 12:30 PM, on Sunday, December 12. Further information will be made available to you about the meeting, as the date draws near.

More News and Notes

Annual General Meeting: Call for Reports: If you are a holder of an office or a representative of a Parish organization that is required to submit a report for inclusion in the collection of reports being put together in preparation for the Annual General Meeting of the Parish, please, prepare that report and submit it to Fr. John, at your earliest convenience. The Annual General Meeting is taking place, via video teleconference, on Sunday, December 12. Thank you.

Looking Ahead: The Schedule of Services for Christmas: During the week leading up to Christmas, and for Christmas Day, and for the day after Christmas, this will be the schedule of services at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church, Terryville, CT:

- **Wednesday, December 22, 7:00 PM:** Pre-Feast Vespers, with the singing of pre-festal hymns
 - **Thursday, December 23, 7:00 PM:** Small Compline with the Reading of the entire Infancy Narratives from the Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke
 - **Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM:** Christmas Vigil
 - **Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, 9:15 AM:** Festal Divine Liturgy
 - **Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, 6:30 PM:** Saturday evening Vigil, with Christmas elements included in the service
 - **Sunday, December 26, Synaxis of the Most-Holy Theotokos, 9:15 AM:** Divine Liturgy, with Christmas elements included in the service
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Notes from Fr. John: Participate in the Sacrament of Confession

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is usual and customary for Orthodox Christians regularly to participate in the Sacrament of Confession. Unfortunately, for many of us, the ongoing COVID-19 event has disturbed our regular rhythm of participation in this essential and saving sacrament of the Church. I would suggest—in the strongest possible way—that we all make an appointment now to participate in the Sacrament of Confession between now and the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord (Christmas, December 25).

It is, of course, our usual custom to participate in the Sacrament of Confession during the Nativity Fast (Advent), the forty-day period leading up to Christmas. The Nativity Fast begins each year on November 15.

So, please, contact me, at your earliest convenience, so that we can get an appointment for you into the calendar, and then prepare ourselves to participate in the essential and saving Sacrament of Confession.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, this year November 28

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 2:4-10)

Brothers and Sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 13:10-17)

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Scripture Readings for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost, this year December 5

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 2:14-22)

Brothers and Sisters: Christ Jesus is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (Luke 17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."