

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, December 18, 2022

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Sunday before the Nativity. Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions: Martyrs Nicostratus, Zoë, Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius, Symphorian, Victorinus, Tiburtius, and Castulus (ca. 287). Ven. Sebastian, Abbot of Pshekhónsk Monastery (Vologdá—ca. 150). Righteous Simeon, Wonderworker of Verkhotúr'ye (1694). St. Modestus, Archbishop of Jerusalem (633-634). St. Florus, Bishop of Amisus (7th c.). St. Michael the Confessor at Constantinople (ca. 845).

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/12/18>

Services and Events, Upcoming

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

Wednesday morning Matins, December 21, 8:00 AM: Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 PM: Pre-Feast Vespers, with the singing of pre-festal hymns.

Thursday evening, December 22: NO Terryville Parish Bible Study.

Friday, December 23, 7:00 PM: Small Compline with the Reading of the entire Infancy Narratives from the Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke.

Saturday, December 24, is a strict Fast Day in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ (Christmas).

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:00 PM: Christmas Vigil, followed by our usual Parish Holy Supper.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy.

FR. JOHN OUT OF OFFICE: Monday, December 26, the Day after Christmas: Fr. John will be out of the office all day long.

Wednesday morning Matins, December 28, 8:00 AM: Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

Thursday evening, December 29: NO Terryville Parish Bible Study.

Saturday, December 31, 2022, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins). Since December 31st is Civil New Year's Eve, we will add additional prayers, asking God to bless the New Year.

Sunday, January 1, 2023, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour. Since January 1st is Civil New Year's Eve, we will add additional prayers, asking God to bless the New Year.

Wednesday morning Matins, January 4, 8:00 AM: Morning Prayers Service (a simplified order of Matins), beginning at 8:00 AM, on Wednesday.

Thursday, January 5, is a strict Fast Day in preparation for the Feast of Theophany.

Thursday evening, January 5: NO Terryville Parish Bible Study.

Thursday evening, January 5, 7:00 PM: Festal Vigil and the Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of Theophany.

Friday morning, January 6, 9:15 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany

Saturday, January 7, 6:00 PM: Our usual weekly Saturday evening Vigil Service (Great Vespers with elements of Resurrectional Matins).

Sunday, January 8, 9:15 AM: Our usual Sunday morning celebration of the Lord's Day Divine Liturgy, followed by our usual Coffee Social Hour.

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Parish Holy Supper: Christmas Eve, after Vigil

Immediately following the conclusion of the Vigil of Christmas on Christmas Eve, there will be a "bring-and-share" Holy Supper in the Church Basement Social Hall. While many families have household events then, others are pleased to gather at the Church at that time for this traditional meal. **If you are planning to participate in the Parish Holy Supper, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Church Basement indicating what you will be bringing so that we might then ensure that all needs are met for the Holy Supper.** Suggestions are included on the sign-up sheet as to foods and other items that are needed for the Supper. If you have any questions about this, please see Fr. John.

News and Notes

Coffee Hour Hosts: Please, consider signing up to host one (or some) of our Sunday morning Coffee Social Hours. Thank you!

2023 Orthodox Wall Calendars: The Annual Wall Calendars for 2023 are available for distribution in the Narthex. As always, they are sponsored by Scott Funeral Home of Terryville. Please, take a 2023 wall calendar for your household. (One per household, please, until we know that every household has at least one. Thank you!)

Special Collections:

On Sunday, December 18, our Parish will have a special collection at the end of the Divine Liturgy to benefit our Orthodox Church in America (OCA) Seminaries. The OCA has three seminaries: [Saint Tikhon's Seminary](#) in Pennsylvania, [Saint Vladimir's Seminary](#) in New York, and [Saint Herman's Seminary](#) in Alaska. The first two are general Orthodox Christian seminaries, serving the needs of the whole Church. Saint Herman's Seminary in Alaska serves the particular and specific needs of the OCA Diocese of Alaska. Please, support Orthodox theological education in North America. Thank you.

House Blessings in the New Year

This coming January, for those who so desire, Fr. John will again be doing home visits after the Feast of the Theophany to accomplish the traditional blessing of homes that takes place after Theophany. Please, see Fr. John for details. Thank you.

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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

Dolores Twombly, our fellow parishioner d. 11/25
Marina Bobrovsky—of the Pittsfield, MA, Parish; acquaintance of many d. 11/29

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

His Eminence, Archbishop JOB
Anastasia Aleverides 12/18/1941
Johanna Slawnyj 12/19/2009
Dorella Panasuk 12/20/2007
Anna Mislecheff 12/21/1922
John Virovoy 12/21/1961
Tamara Oraschewsky 12/22/2015
Eve Stashenko 12/23/2015

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

Matushka Anne Hosking—chronic illness; in need of our prayers
Matushka Ann S.—chronic health challenges
Fyodor (Frank) G.—suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS); recent surgery, too
Donna—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann S.'s niece, Deb W.'s cousin; kidney disease-awaiting transplant
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 & 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
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.
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
Rick—Deacon Paul and Patty's nephew; Rick is unwell and in need of prayers
Peter—Deacon Paul and Patty's acquaintance; battling leukemia
Marisa—a young 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; unwell and in need of our prayers
Michael "Mike" A.—battling some health challenges
Robert J.—dealing with some health issues
Geraldine—acquaintance of Helena G.; battling lung cancer
Forrest H.—husband of Elaine H.; ongoing health challenges
John B.—acquaintance of Jeanne M.; facing health challenges
Elizabeth—suffered acute and chronic health issues; friend of Helena G.
Rosemary—dedicated member in the New Britain Parish; health challenges
Olga—John K.'s sister-in-law; unwell and in need of our prayers
Kirk—nephew of Joan M. and Jeanne M., recovering from cardiac surgery
Infant Thomas—grandnephew of Elena W., born prematurely
Thomas and Ada—the infant Thomas's parents, in need of our prayerful support
Elena W.—our fellow parishioner; underwent knee joint replacement surgery on 11/21
Johnathan—son of Alison and Mike A.; severely injured in tree trimming accident
Paul S.—underwent medical procedure on December 6
Mary—relative of David C.; recently unwell
Cameron—relative of David C.; in need of prayerful support
Joshua—relative of Carolyn P.; recently diagnosed with a vexing illness
Andrea and Alexandra—mother & daughter who need prayers; req. of Helena G.
Daniel—a man for who we have been asked to pray; req. of the Hopkos

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

Alex—John D.'s brother; suffering permanent effects of stroke
Dolores M.—Bob M.'s mother; resident in long-term eldercare

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Kristen and the child to be born of her
Katrina and the child to be born of her
Alexis and the child to be born of her
Rose and the child to be born of her

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

Mark and Karry O.
David C.
And all those traveling in this holiday season

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
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, U.S. Marines Corps pilot

Birthdays

Joel Kowaleski 12/22

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**. Larissa, and others dear and known to Maryna, are still in Kharkiv, a city whose people have been suffering greatly, due to attacks by the military of the country of Russia. (Lord, hear us and have mercy!)

Prayers Requested: Lenna M., our fellow parishioner, also asks prayers for the health and salvation of family members in and from 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!)

Prayers requested: For Maryna B.'s brother **Dmytro**, sister-in-law **Yuliia**, and their child **Milana** (born May 6, 2022). (Lord, Jesus Christ, King of Peace, hear our prayers! Lord, have mercy.)

Prayers Requested, related to the troubles created by the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine: Elena Watras asks prayers for her Goddaughter **Vera** and her family members **Pavel, Timothy, Nina, Anya, Mitya, Petya, and all their extended family**.

Scripture Readings, etc.

For decades, it has been our custom to share Scripture Readings the Parish Bulletin. However, it seems better now to provide links to the Daily Scripture Readings and other resources located on the official website of the Orthodox Church in America, www.oca.org:

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>

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The End! Glory be to God!