

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

A parish of the New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church in America

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Sun. Jan. 15, 2023 9:00am **Venerable Paul of Thebes**

TODAY'S READINGS: I Tim. 1:15-17 Luke 18:18-27

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today:	Coffee Hour
Tue. Jan. 17 5:30pm	Daily Vespers
6:45pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thu. Jan. 19 5:00pm	OCF Vespers, Lovett Room Battell Chapel
Sat. Jan. 21 4:30pm	Memorial Service
5:00pm	Great Vespers, confessions
Sun. Jan. 22 9:00am	Divine Liturgy: Synaxis of New Martyrs of Russia Sanctity of Life Sunday
	I Tim. 1:15-17 Luke 18:35-43
	Rom. 8:28-39 (New Martyrs) Luke 21:8-19

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations: **Mary** Hanna (Jan. 14), **Neely** Bruce (Jan. 21); **Susan** Papademetris, Chrismation anniversary (near 21st). Many Years!

Pray for: **Tatiana** Oji at Orange Care Center, and **Erin** Kelly preparing for surgery.

Newly Reposed: **Mitred Archbishop Sergius** Kuharsky **Olga** Hryb (Jan. 5th) Memory Eternal.

Men's Reading Group: A weekly **Men's Reading Group** is continuing on Tuesday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.

Stewardship Tray: In January we will be supporting **FORCC**, the Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in CT (FORCC), supporting Orthodoxy throughout the state of CT. Please be generous! To donate by check, simply put "stewardship tray" in the memo line.

Annual Meeting: In preparation for the 2023 annual parish meeting (Feb. 5), the names of the nominating and budget committee members are posted on the downstairs bulletin board and e-mailed. Please share your interest in serving on the parish council with nominating committee.

Church Council Meeting: If you would like to receive a link for the council meeting on Tuesday, please e-mail [Robin Milberg](mailto:Robin.Milberg), Council President.

Coffee Hour: To assist in preparations for coffee hour, here is the link to the [sign-up sheet](#).

Poinsettias: Please take one of these hearty plants with you to adorn your home!

Weather Announcements: Should we need to cancel services during these winter months, here are several means of ascertaining whether services have been canceled at Holy Transfiguration: 1) The **website** calendar on the front page is always updated if changes are made to the service calendar and would reflect cancellation as soon as that determination is made. 2) An **e-mail** will certainly be sent out sharing cancellation. 3) Watch your **television** (WTNH Channel 8), at the bottom of the screen, scrolling cancellations. Please exercise caution when determining your course of action during inclement weather, if services are not canceled.

"Sanctity of Life Sunday" (Jan. 22) will be remembered in parishes of the Orthodox Church in America near Friday, January 20th, the date of the Annual March for Life, marking the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States, in the US Capital, more recently repealed. As in past years, Orthodox Christians from across the country will gather to proclaim the sanctity of God's precious gift of life and to remember the millions of victims abortion has claimed over the past four decades." (From OCA website). This is one example of our church "walking the walk" with respect to upholding the sanctity of life.

Houseblessings: Those who would like their home blessed, a sign-up sheet is at the candle desk.

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the **Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia**, remembering Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. ... It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country, including countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God. Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31). (From OCA website)

Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- 9:00 Литургия - Преподобный Павел Фивейский
[Первое Послание к Тимофею 1:15-17 и от Луки 18:18-27]
Су 17:00 Великая Вечерня и Исповедь
Воск 9:00 Литургия – Святые Новомученики Российские
[Первое Послание к Тимофею 1:15-17 и от Луки 18:35-43]
[Послание к Римлянам 8:28-39 и от Луки 21:8-19]