

Prayer List

We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services. Also offer your prayers for those in need especially Helen Baburchak, Jessica Barton, Mat. Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Bill Dranchak, Marilee Driggs; Tony Fiacco, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch; Mat. Anastasia Karlgut, Natalia Karlgut; Sue Kocenko, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Tamara Sytnik, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Olga Warski, Bob Wartonik; Robert Wilkes, Valentina Yelangy, Frank Urban & all of our parishioners who are ill. To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know.

MEMORY ETERNAL - We want to express our condolences, love and prayers to Rita Kushner and all relatives and friends, on falling asleep of Rita's husband Robert Kushner. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose with the Saints, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy newly departed servant, the ever-to-be-remembered Robert, who has fallen asleep; and make her memory to be eternal!

MEMORY ETERNAL - We want to express our condolences, love and prayers to Julianna Fotiou and all relatives and friends, on falling asleep of Julianna's husband Thanos Fotiou. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose with the Saints, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy newly departed servant, the ever-to-be-remembered Thanos, who has fallen asleep; and make her memory to be eternal!

"YOU ARE THE MOTHER OF LIFE WHO HAS PASSED UNTO LIFE"

In the liturgical calendar of our Holy Orthodox Church, the first and the last feast day of our ecclesiastical year are dedicated to the Mother of God. On September 8, we joyfully celebrate her birth; on August 15, we solemnly commemorate her Dormition, or "*falling asleep*." Although the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God reminds us of the sadness of death, we find that the hymns for this day are filled with gladness. The Church rejoices today, for the Theotokos was taken, body and soul, from this earthly life to eternal glory with her Son.

A second century writing, referred to as "*The Sermon of St. John the Theologian on the Dormition of the Mother of God*" details the events dealing with the Virgin Mary's passing from this world. Three days before her death, she was visited by the Archangel Gabriel, who announced to her the time of her departure into eternity. In a miraculous manner, all of the Apostles except Thomas came back to Jerusalem. Honoring her request, the Theotokos was buried in the Garden of Gethsemane, where the Apostles kept vigil for three days. When Thomas finally arrived and requested one final opportunity to view the body of the Theotokos, the tomb was opened. To the Apostles' amazement, her body was not there! She had been taken to Heaven, where she remains a powerful intercessor and protectress for all mankind.

MEMORANDUM TO THE PARISH RECTORS, ACTING RECTORS, AND PRIESTS-IN-CHARGE OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ONLY

Very Reverend, Reverend and Dear Fathers,
Christ is in our midst!

At its most recent session, held on Friday, May 29, 2020, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America prayerfully discussed methods of distribution of the Holy Eucharist in this extraordinary time of the Coronavirus pandemic. After much deliberation, the Synod came to a unanimous consensus.

In consonance with the determination of the Holy Synod, these two options are blessed by the Diocesan hierarch for the distribution of the Holy Eucharist in the parishes, missions, and chapels of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, during the time of this pandemic:

1. One spoon used for the entire congregation
2. Multiple spoons used in rotation, then cleansed after each communicant or each group of family members

Furthermore, the following methods are not blessed in Diocesan parishes, missions, and chapels:

- One spoon for each person, or family group
- Bamboo or wooden spoons that are used once per person, and then disposed of It is further recommended that immediately after consuming the Holy Gifts, the faithful should blot their lips with paper towels or paper napkins, which are then disposed of appropriately, and not the regular Communion cloth.

As I have stated at all the Deanery meetings, it is our intention to utilize methods of distributing the Sacred Mysteries consonant with the decision of the Holy Synod. The two options blessed above are the only practices approved by me for the distribution of Holy Communion in the churches of the Diocese.

With love and prayers,

+ Archbishop Michael



to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.

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