

**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, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachele Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Bob Wartonik, Valentina Yelany & 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.

## Sunday Adult Study Classes for Advent

Please join us on Sunday after Coffee Hour for short (30 minute) classes in preparation for the Nativity of Christ. This is the class schedule:

Nov. 29: Christ has "broken down the dividing wall" (Eph. 2:14)

Dec. 6: "Christ comes to raise up the image that fell of old" (Trop. Forefeast of the Nativity)

Dec. 13: Movie: "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (only 25 minutes).

Dec. 20: "Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all" (Trop. Forefeast of the Nativity)

All are welcome. Come when you can.

### Christmas 2020 Donations for "Beautifying" our Church and "Remembering" our loved ones.

Donations will be used toward the following Nativity and Theophany items: Flowers, Candles, and Altar Supplies. Please complete the form included in your December mailing and return to the church office.

Additional forms are available in the church office.

"Brethren, we behold now a great and wondrous mystery. Shepherds with cries of joy come forth as messengers to the sons of mankind, not on their hilly pastures with their flocks conversing and not in the field with their sheep frolicking, but rather in the city of David Bethlehem spiritual songs exclaiming. In the highest sing Angels, proclaiming hymns Archangelic; the heavenly Cherubim and Seraphim sing out praises to the glory of God: "Holy, Holy, Holy..." Together all do celebrate this joyous feast, beholding God upon the earth, and mankind of earth amidst the heavens.

By Divine providence the far distant are uplifted to the highest, and the highest, through the love of God for mankind, have bent down to the far distant, wherefore the Most High, through His humility, "is exalted through humility." On this day of great festivity Bethlehem hath become like unto heaven, taking place amidst the glittering stars are Angels singing glory, and taking the place of the visible sun—is the indefinable and immeasurable Sun of Truth, having made all things that do exist. But who would dare investigate so great a mystery? "Wherein God doth wish it, therein the order of nature is overturned", and laws cannot impede. And so, of that which was impossible for mankind to undertake, God did aspire and did descend, making for the salvation of mankind, since in the will of God this is life for all mankind." Saint Gregory Thaumaturgos, Bishop of Neo-Caesarea.

**STEWARDSHIP REMINDER!!-** Now that we are coming to the end of our fiscal year during difficult time of pandemic, we ask that all of our parishioners review their stewardship contributions to the church and if they have fallen behind, please take this opportunity to catch up. Your church depends on you! Our parish is assessed \$145 per adult member by the Diocese and the National Church (or 10% of our annual non-designated regular revenue) and this constitutes a minimal financial obligation per our by-laws to be considered a member of the parish. None of this \$145 assessment remains in the parish to support the work and ministries and outreach of our parish family. If you need a total of your contributions to date, please contact us at [sspeterandpauloffice@gmail.com](mailto:sspeterandpauloffice@gmail.com) or see Fr. Alexey. Thank you for your generosity!



*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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