

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; Thanos Fotiou, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch; Mat. Anastasia Karlgut, Natalia Karlgut; Sue Kocenko, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Tatiana Lechtman, Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylpiciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Tamara Sytnik, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachele 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 Joseph and Debbie Darling and all relatives and friends, on falling asleep of Joe's mother, Janice Darling. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose with the Saints, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy newly departed servant, the ever-to-be-remembered Janice, who has fallen asleep; and make her memory to be eternal!

ARE YOU CONSUMED BY TECHNOLOGY?

The hi-tech world in which we live today would hardly be recognized by someone who lived a generation ago. Imagine our grandparents being transported to this fast-paced era - what would their reaction be? Computers, cell phones, hand-held video games and iPods ... the list of these products of our 21st century technology is endless. Inevitably, the questions come up: Is all of this modern technology GOOD or BAD? Are these products that have seemingly consumed our lives of real value to us, or are they simply "tools of the devil"?

The answer to these questions may surprise and perplex you, but the truth of the matter is this: technology is neither good nor bad - it is our USE or MISUSE of it that places it in the category of virtue or vice. The Church has long preached the message of MODERATION. There is absolutely nothing wrong with playing video games, surfing the internet or listening to a play list of our favorite songs. The fault lies in doing these things in excess, and it is the responsibility of parents to set the necessary limits on their children so that there is adequate time for families to interact in an Orthodox Christian way as well. While it is often a great challenge to have a proper balance in our lives of worldly desires and spiritual concerns, we must understand that it is not an insurmountable challenge! The world has been changing and evolving steadily since Christ's time. That, in itself, is perfectly fine, provided that our beliefs don't "change with the times." Remember: nothing that our Lord ever taught can be improved upon! The world can change all it wants - Christ will always remain changeless!

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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