

**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 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 Marie and Dave Williams and all relatives and friends, on falling asleep of Olga Kulasza. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose with the Saints, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy newly departed servant, the ever-to-be-remembered Olga, who has fallen asleep; and make his memory to be eternal!

**MEMORY ETERNAL** - We want to express our condolences, love and prayers on falling asleep of Connie Devine. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose with the Saints, O Lord, unto the soul of Thy newly departed servant, the ever-to-be-remembered Connie, who has fallen asleep; and make his memory to be eternal!

All in-person parish events and activities outside of the prescribed liturgical services, including coffee hour, Church School, Parish Council and ministry meetings and the rest, remain cancelled until further notice. These Guidelines will be reviewed again in middle of May, unless circumstances dictate earlier changes. Archbishop Michael's recommendations of this past weekend also include the following sections: 7) Confessions may be heard by appointment, with the distribution of the Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament if desired. 8) Of course, the Priest may bring Communion to one's home. Clergy are reminded that they have the primary responsibility of visiting the sick, but should take as much care as possible not to expose themselves, the faithful or others to the virus.

***FEELING DOWN? START LOOKING UP!***

*A church noted for its clever messages on its outdoor sign recently carried this catchy phrase: "FEELING DOWN? START LOOKING UP!"*

*The message, of course, is quite clear: when we are troubled and depressed, we should turn to the Lord and seek His divine help. Ironically, when we read the account of Christ's Ascension into heaven in the Book of Acts, we find the Apostles doing just the opposite: they were LOOKING UP, but FEELING DOWN! Christ had literally been caught up in the clouds, disappearing from their sight. Now they were alone -- the Master they had served and followed for 3 years was gone. We can certainly appreciate the less - than - joyful demeanor that each of them must have exhibited immediately after the Ascension.*

*Quickly, however, the Apostles were brought back to reality by the appearance of two angels. Their message to them was this: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the heavens? This same Jesus Who was taken up into heaven will, one day, return in like manner." (Acts 1:11)*

*If we look upon an icon of the Ascension, we see Christ represented in such a manner that it is difficult to determine whether He is ascending or descending. This is to remind us that we are already living under Christ's reign -- we are merely waiting for Him to return and establish His Kingdom in its fullness. We should not be standing by idly like the Apostles as we await His return, but rather we should be preparing for it by living righteous lives, bringing others to Christ by our example and through our labors.*



*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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