

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, Tamara Sytnik, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle 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.

MEMORY ETERNAL – We offer our condolences, love and prayers to the family, friends and our parishioners, on falling asleep in the Lord of Olga Warski. May our merciful Lord grant his newly departed and ever-to-be remembered handmaiden Olga rest with the Saints in Heavenly Kingdom, Eternal Life and make her Memory to be Eternal!

MEMORY ETERNAL – We offer our condolences, love and prayers to the family, friends and our parishioners, on falling asleep in the Lord of Sue Kocenko. May our merciful Lord grant his newly departed and ever-to-be remembered handmaiden Sue rest with the Saints in Heavenly Kingdom, Eternal Life and make her Memory to be Eternal!

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY YEARS! – We offer our congratulations to Nicole Watson and Paul Bartlett on their Marriage, as well as their parents, grandparents and families! Grant O Lord health, salvation, furtherance in all good things to thy servants Nicole and Paul, united in Sacrament of Marriage, and preserve them for Many Blessed Years!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Sundays in October after Coffee Hour for a short (30 minutes) bible study. We are currently studying St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Modern day Americans have many of the same problems and challenges that Paul addresses in this letter to the Corinthians. He offers wonderful counsel and encouragement.

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL VISIT – Dear parishioners and friends, please come and join in welcoming our Archbishop Michael who will be with us on Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st. His Eminence will celebrate Great Vespers on Saturday at 5 pm and the Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 am. Reception and Fellowship will be held after the Divine Liturgy.

HOW TO BE A FAITHFUL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARD

In recent years, the term "stewardship" has finally become a part of our Orthodox Christian terminology. The word "steward" is derived from the Greek word OIKONOMOS, which simply means "manager." Stewardship describes how we use our time, talents and possessions to further the cause of assisting the Church in her efforts to effectively spread the Gospel. Most of us would rather not speak of money and the Church in the same conversation. We are aware of the Old Testament directive to give a portion of our earnings back to God. Sadly, we find ourselves looking for loopholes in that command as we seek to justify our falling short of giving a percentage of what we possess, forgetting that "every good and every perfect gift comes from above."

God has given so much to us. Aside from our material possessions, He has blessed us with health, abilities and life itself. He has also offered intangible blessings to all of us - forgiveness, strength, courage and, ultimately, eternal life just to name a few. Therefore, it is certainly a "given" that we should give back to God in return.

In what spirit should our gifts be offered? First, we should give proportionately. Perhaps the greatest example of stewardship can be found in the story of the poor widow, who came into the Temple one day and gave "all that she had." It amounted to next to nothing, but as Christ was quick to point out, she did not give out of her abundance, but rather out of her poverty, making her sacrifice that much greater. We must give gladly. In reality, a gift given grudgingly, or out of a sense of obligation to do so is not a gift at all. The Apostle Paul certainly says as much when he writes: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one of you give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:6-7)

Finally, we must give humbly. Our Lord Himself told us that "when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." (Matthew 6:3) We must not seek glory for our giving. God knows our good deeds and will reward us accordingly. May we all be the faithful steward that Christ expects us to be!

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER!!- Now that we are in the 3rd quarter of our fiscal year, 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 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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