

### ***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, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Janet Cross; Bill Dranchak, Marilee Driggs, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch, Nancy Kulikowsky, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Rachelle Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Bob Wartonik, Valentina Yelangy, George Zur & 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.

**UPCOMING PARISH PICNIC** – Dear Parishioners and Friends, our annual parish picnic scheduled for Sunday July 25th at HICKORY PARK is **CANCELED** and will be rescheduled. Cancellation is due to inclement weather, very high and fast flowing river, and muddy grounds in a park, that makes it very slippery. This cancellation is being done out of overabundance of caution and our concern for the wellbeing of parishioners and friends, both young and elderly. Fr. Alexey and Picnic Committee.

### **ADULT STUDY GROUP...NEW SERIES CONTINUING AUGUST 2021 GENESIS AND CREATION**

Our children and grandchildren are taught evolutionary philosophy in high school and college. Is this teaching compatible with Orthodox Christianity? Can we learn a few principles to help us address this complex issue with clarity? Join us for this new series of short (30 minute) adult study classes on Sundays after coffee hour.

**Invitation to Support Diocesan Ministries!** You are invited to join the ever-growing list of Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors who joyfully support the on-going work of our diocese. Their support allows us to provide assistance to new mission parishes, scholarships to seminarians, and much-needed encouragement to older struggling parishes. How about you – can you help? Archbishop MICHAEL encourages all parishioners, organizations & parishes to take part in this vital Diocesan Ministry that benefits all of our missions, parishes and people. For information, visit the Diocesan website at [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org)

### **"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.

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*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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