

## 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 Bill and Janet Allard, 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 and Bill Herciga; Stella Holowatch, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Millie Sviatyla, Rachelle Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Bob Wartonik, Valentina Yelangy, & 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.

### Adult Bible Study

#### The Gospel of John

Speaking about the Gospel of John, St. John Chrysostom says it is, "...full of mysteries so great, and bringing with it goods so great, that if men were exactly and with ready mind to receive and keep them, they ... would dwell on earth just as if it were heaven" Everyone is welcome to come with a ready mind for a short (30 minute) study of this beloved gospel on Sundays after coffee hour in December.

**ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL VISIT – SATURDAY JANUARY, 8<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>.** During the Divine Liturgy on Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>, our Fr. Timm Holowatch will be awarded one of the highest Priestly Awards – Jeweled Cross, by Archbishop Michael, on behalf of The Holy Synod of Bishops of The Orthodox Church in America. A Festive Luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy. After Luncheon, our Sunday School Children will perform a Christmas Program – Yolka. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend as we honor FR. Timm! AXIOS, AXIOS, AXIOS! May God grant FR. Timm Many Blessed Years!

**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!

**Christmas 2021 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.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** – will be held on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. As usual, we encourage everyone to bring their holiday dish to share, come and enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ, and assist in clean-up after.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION** – During the month of December, we will be conducting non-perishable food collection for CHOW and Food Pantries to assist the most vulnerable in our communities and those especially affected by pandemic and economic suffering. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the church and leave them in a specially designated basket in the vestibule of the church, under coat rack, opposite church office.

**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)



*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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