

**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; Janet Cross; 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, Dorothy Tarasevich, 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.

**2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to take part in charting the direction of the life of our church for the next year. Reports/Budgets are due before for the Annual Meeting by Monday, January 18, 2021. If you might be interested to serve on the Parish Council, please let Fr. Alexey know for review of eligibility.

**REMINDER: 2021 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH!** If you cannot find your envelopes, please notify someone in the church office. 2021 calendars are also available in the vestibule of the church.

**THANK YOU!** Special thanks to ALL of the workers who dedicated their time at the baking and cooking workshops for our Christmas Bake Sale, and to all the people who participated in any way to make this another successful fundraiser. The income was around \$4,000.00 Thank you and God Bless you all!!!

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** - As is the Holy custom of our people during Theophany season, the houses of our parishioners will be blessed. If you would like Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm to come and bless your house in January & February, please fill out the enclosed form and return to the Church Office or contact Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm for a mutually convenient time.

**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)

**THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST** - In the center dome of many Orthodox churches you will find an icon of our Lord referred to as the Pantocrator. That icon, more than any other, seems to give us an overwhelming feeling that Christ is always with us as we worship and sing His praises. That is consolation above all consolations! The presence of Christ can be felt in every church, no matter how large or how small. Orthodox Christians, however, must realize that His Divine Presence in the world extends far beyond the walls of our various houses of worship. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told His Apostles: "LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGES." (Matthew 28:20) Our Savior has kept that promise to all of us. He is with us in sickness and suffering with His **HEALING PRESENCE**. He is with us when we battle the temptations of the devil with His **STRENGTHENING PRESENCE**. He is with us when death takes away a loved one with His **COMFORTING PRESENCE**. He is with us when we struggle with moral decisions in our lives with His **REASSURING PRESENCE**. Yes, God is always with us -- He is only a prayer away! Our Lord desires to be with those who desire to be with Him. In the words of the saintly Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic, "Christ is the Light that is ever present to the eyes of those who look for Him." He comes to meet us - do we go to meet Him?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Thank you to all who helped with the Sunday School Nativity Program & everyone who attended. A special "thank you" to all of the children and teachers who participated in the program. Great Job!

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS, PHONE # OR EMAIL CHANGES TO OUR MAILING LIST. THERE IS A FORM IN THE OFFICE AND ON THE STAND IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.\*\*\***



*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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