

## 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, Dominic Card, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Bill Dranchak, Marilee Driggs, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kathy Gregory, Gail Hascha, Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch, Alicia Laskowski, Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Rachelle Vitale, 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.

**PIEROGI WORKSOPS - We are continuing our workshops this month in preparation for the Christmas bake sale to be held on Saturday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. The workshops will be on Tuesdays – November 8, 15, 29 and December 6<sup>th</sup>. Other dates will be added as needed. Potato scoopers start at 4:00 pm. Pinchers start at 4:30 pm. We usually are out by 7:00-7:30 pm, depending on cleanup. If you are unable to come help pinch, etc. – we can always use a hand cleaning up! Please contact Sue Watson @ 725-2727 or Marie/Dave Williams @ 607-754-8995 with any questions or to sign up.**

**Please Note: Our parish will be hosting the Diocesan Assembly on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy concelebrated by Archbishop Michael and Bishop Alexei, with Chancellors and Deans of the Diocese will begin at 8:45 am, on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Luncheon will be served after the Liturgy. We welcome our Archbishop Michael and Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska, and all Clergy, Lay Delegates and Observers to our SS. Peter and Paul Church for this 2022 Diocesan Assembly. All Reports are on [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org)**

## PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

How long is eternity? Pondering such a concept can, indeed, give us a headache! A simple dictionary definition of the word describes it as "infinite time" or "time without a beginning or ending." When we think of eternity in the framework of our faith, however, we focus in on two specific areas: eternal life in heaven or eternal damnation in hell. There is no question at all concerning where we WANT to spend eternity. The question is: How do we earn a spot in that wonderful place "where there is no longer sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting?"

Like everything else, the answer lies in the Scriptures. Christ frequently spoke of eternal life and He was quite specific as to how it can be attained. When a certain lawyer approached Him and questioned what he needed to do to inherit it, Christ told him that he must "... love the lord with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) On another occasion when questioned in a similar manner, the lord urged His interrogator to "keep the commandments" and to "sell what you own and give it to the poor." Still another time, He reminded Nicodemus that "... God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life." (John 3:15) To gain eternal life, Jesus also told His followers that they must "eat His Flesh" and "drink His Blood" - a clear reference to the reception of Holy Communion.

To sum all this up, we can confidently say that if we love God, if we follow His Divine laws, if we care for the needs of others and live a sacramental life, we, too, will be numbered among the saints in God's heavenly kingdom for all of eternity. Apostle Paul tells us "... eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

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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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