

## 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, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Marilee Driggs, Paul Farbanish, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kathy Gregory; Stella Holowatch, Daniel Karlgut, Alicia Laskowski, Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Rachelle Vitale, Bob Wartonik, Valentina Yelangy, Velma Fotorny & 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!** With faith in Christ and hope of Resurrection, we share news of the repose of our beloved parishioner Yuri Karlgut, who fell asleep in the Lord yesterday. The Deepest Sympathies of parishioners and friends are expressed to Yuri's wife Natalia, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, all the friends and loved ones, on falling asleep in the Lord of their beloved husband, father and friend. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose with the Saints, O Lord, to the soul of Thy newly-departed servant, the ever-to-be-remembered + Yuri, who has fallen asleep in the Lord, and make his Memory to be Eternal!

The transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by his apostles as "the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God," he told them that "he must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things ... and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16). The announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John "up to a high mountain"—by tradition Mount Tabor—and was "transfigured before them."

**UPCOMING FEAST OF DORMITION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS** – Will be celebrated on Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> w/ Great Vespers at 6 pm and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, at Dormition church on Baxter St, Binghamton. Archbishop Michael will be presiding and there will be a Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. All our parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. **NOTE:** there will be no services in Endicott on those days.

**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.



*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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