

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, Elaine Costello, Marilee Driggs, Paul Farbanish, Liz (Farbanish) Quackenbush, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kathy Gregory; Stella Holowatch, Daniel Karlgut, John Koch, Alicia Laskowski, George Murphy, Alexander Newsom, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Jane 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS – ON SUNDAY JUNE 23rd SPECIAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD, WITH QUORUM ESTABLISHED AND PRESENT, TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND VOTE ON OUR CAPITAL PROJECT OF REPAINTING ALL OF OUR CHURCH DOMES AND BASES. HAVING REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED 3 PROPOSALS AND UPON UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL, JEFF'S PAINTING WASHING AND REMODELING COMPANY OF BRACKNEY PA, WAS SELECTED. THE WORK BEGAN ON AUGUST 12th AND WAS COMPLETED IN 5 DAYS. AS MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN, WHAT AN INCREDIBLE DIFFERENCE! OUR DOMES LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, FIBERGLASS IS PROTECTED, FOR MANY YEARS TO COME! WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO DICK SURA, DAVE AND MARIE WILLIAMS, JOE AND DEB GARLING AND ALL WHO ASSISTED IN SUPERVISING THIS CAPITAL PROJECT! WE THANK ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR SPECIAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND AND ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROCITY! MAY GOD BLESS AND PROSPER ALL!

PIEROGI WORKSOPS - We are starting our workshops this month in preparation for the Christmas bake sale to be held on Saturday Dec 14th. The workshops will be starting on Tuesday, September 17th and will run the following Tuesdays – 9/24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th. 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 @ 607-725-2727 or Marie/Dave Williams @ 607-754-8995 with any questions or to sign up.

THE FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

After the Emperor Constantine had a vision of a cross in the sky on the eve of a decisive battle, the terrible era of persecution of Christians came to a close. Inspired by this divine sign, the Emperor took to heart the words that surrounded the cross in his vision: "BY THIS SIGN YOU WILL CONQUER." Constantine placed his empire under the protection of the Cross, and was determined to find this greatest of all Christian relics.

In 326 A.D., an expedition set out for Jerusalem, headed by St. Helen, the mother of Constantine, to fulfill the Emperor's dream. After conversing with an elderly Jewish man named Judas, it seemed evident that the Holy Cross had been buried with debris in a cave, with a pagan temple built over it. Helen ordered the temple to be destroyed and the site excavated. Three crosses were found, along with the discarded inscription: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." According to tradition, a funeral procession was passing by. A dead man was placed on each of the crosses - when he was placed upon the third one he immediately came back to life! The Cross of Christ had been found!

By now, a great crowd had gathered. In order for everyone to have the opportunity to see the Holy Cross, it is said that Patriarch Makarios took it to a high place, where he "elevated" it, making it visible to all. It is no wonder that the faithful instantly fell to their knees and humbly exclaimed: LORD HAVE MERCY! A great church was then built over this sacred spot, forever honoring the place where Christ gave His Life for us upon the Cross.



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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