

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, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello, Marilee Driggs, Paul and Eleanore Farbanish, Liz (Farbanish) Quackenbush, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kathy Gregory; Stella Holowatch, Daniel Karlgut, John Koch, Nina Koch, Nancy Kulikowski, Alicia Laskowski, George Murphy, Alexander Newsom, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Jane Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Rachelle Vitale, Valentina Yelangy, Velma Fotorny, Victoria and Michael, & 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.

Upcoming events

2026 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th, 2026 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 by Sunday January 4th, 2026 for the Annual Meeting

HOUSE BLESSINGS - As is the Holy Tradition 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 form and return to the Church Office or contact Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm for a mutually convenient time.

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 profit was \$7,000.00 Thank you and God Bless you all!!!

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?

THEOPHANY Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by the St John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine "those who sat in darkness," and "in the region of the shadow of death" (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.



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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