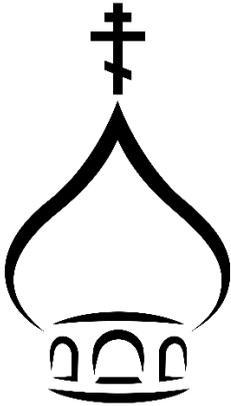


# **Divine Liturgy**

October 9, 2022

**17th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)**

**Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia,  
Enlightener of North America**



**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



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## **Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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# Schedule for the Week of October 9, 2022

**17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America (1989–Sept 26th O.S.). Holy Apostle James (Jacob), Son of Alphæus (1st c.). Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.** Ven. Andronicus, and his wife Athanasia, of Egypt (5th c.). Righteous forefather Abraham, and his nephew, Lot (ca. 2000 B.C.). Martyrs Juventius and Maximus at Antioch (363). St. Publia the Confessor, Deaconess, of Antioch (4th c.). Ven. Peter of Galatia (9th c.). Hieromartyr Dionysius (Denis, Denys) of Paris, Bishop (ca. 258). The “CHERSON” and “ASSUAGE MY SORROW” Icons of the Mother of God.

## Fr. Nikolai’s Office Hours

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Nikolai’s Day Off  
Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Coffee Hour Today

Clergy Appreciation Potluck Coffee Hour

*There will be Choir Rehearsal following Coffee Hour.*

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

*\*\*\*Live Stream will also be available for all services.\*\*\**

**Saturday, October 15**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 16**

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 22**

Memorial Saturday of St. Demetrius

8:50 am – Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 23**

19th Sunday after Pentecost  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 29**

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 30**

20th Sunday after Pentecost  
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours  
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

## **Christmas Bazaar Baking and Pierogi Schedule**

Wednesday, October 12 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

Friday, October 14 - roll baking & packing 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, October 18 - kiffle prep 7:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, October 19 - pierogi making 6:30 AM &  
kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, October 26 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

Tuesday, November 1 - kiffle prep 7:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, November 2 - pierogi making 6:30 AM &  
kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday, November 9 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

Tuesday, November 15 - kiffle prep 7:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, November 16 - pierogi making 6:30 AM &  
kiffle baking & packing 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, November 30 - pierogi making 6:30 AM - Noon

## **UPDATE - Slavic Day Meeting**

The wrap up meeting for the Slavic Day event scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022 following coffee hour has been POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. If you have any questions, please see Judy Lezinsky.

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**Tone 8      Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Tone 1      Troparion**      *(St. Tikhon)*

Chosen by God in a turbulent time, thou hast glorified God in complete holiness, and attained greatness through humility, showing forth the power of God through simplicity and piety. Thou didst lay down thy life for the Church and her people, O holy Confessor and Patriarch, Father Tikhon. Pray to Christ God with Whom thou wast also crucified, that He may save our souls!

**Tone 8      Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Tone 2      Kontakion**      *(St. Tikhon)*

A gentle manner adorned thee: thou didst show kindness and compassion to those who repented; thou wast firm and unbending in confessing the Orthodox Faith, and zealous in loving the Lord. O holy Hierarch of Christ and Confessor Tikhon, pray for us that we may not be separated from the love of God, which is of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

**Tone 8      Prokeimenon**      *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

*In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**Tone 1      Prokeimenon      (St. Tikhon)**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps. 48:3)

**Epistle**

Read by Reader Nick Stepanoff

**(2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1)** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**(Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Tikhon))** For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*  
(Ps. 94:1)

*Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!* (Ps. 94:2)

## **Tone 2**

*The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

## **Gospel**

**(Luke 7:11-16)** Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**(John 10:9-16 (St. Tikhon))** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

## **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**LECTURES  
ON DEATH  
AND THE  
AFTERLIFE**

**EVERY TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER  
AT 6:00 PM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**

**THE NATURE OF THE FALL & DEATH**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**

**THE DEATH OF CHRIST & OUR DEATH IN HIM**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

**THE PRAYERS AT DEATH & THE FUNERAL SERVICES**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**

**WHY WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD & TOLL-HOUSES**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**

**PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT DEATH**

**ATTEND IN PERSON AT THE CHERNAY FELLOWSHIP  
HALL, OR REGISTER FOR THE ZOOM LINKS AT:**

**[stnicholasoca.org/deathlectures](https://stnicholasoca.org/deathlectures)**

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, October 9, 2022**

## **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

Happy Birthday Mom, Love Bill

## **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

Happy Birthday Aunt Pat, Love Jim and Cindy

## **Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)**

Happy Birthday Pat, Love Wash

## **Votives in Altar**

Happy Birthday Victoria Lezinsky, Offered by Grandpa & Baba

## **Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

In Honor Of Emily & Daniel's Wedding Anniversary

Offered by Guliana Holobeny & Family

## **Readers Course**

All the tonsured Readers, as well as those who are interested in the order of Divine Services, are invited and encouraged to join in on 2 courses outlining the information needed to function properly as Readers in the Orthodox Church. We will cover the daily order of services, the books required to serve them, and the way they are assembled. These will be held after Great Vespers on Saturday, October 15th, and Saturday, October 29th.

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

We sold so many halupki at our Slavic Celebration (1200), that we dipped into our store for the Christmas Bazaar! We now will be making a small batch of 600 halupki and need your help.

Sunday, November 6 we will be steaming, deveining, and making rice.

Monday, November 7 we will be mixing meat, rolling and cooking.

All help is appreciated! See Val Roberts if you can help. Thank you!

# **Basket Raffle Donations Wanted**

We will once again be hosting a Basket Raffle this year during our annual Christmas Bazaar on December 10th, and we are looking for volunteers to donate baskets. We have a track record of offering beautiful baskets and we are hoping to uphold tradition. If you are able to make a basket, please contact Jennifer Bzik to let her know in advance.

Don't be shy if you have never made a basket for the raffle before! Jennifer will be happy to help you out. If you are interested in supporting the Basket Raffle but are not able to make a basket, please consider making a cash donation. Jennifer will be happy to do the shopping and prepare a basket on your behalf!

If you are planning to make a cash donation, please do so as soon as possible (no later than Sunday, November 27, 2022) so that we have an opportunity to shop and prepare a basket using those funds. All donated baskets must be brought to the church by noon on Sunday, December 4, 2022. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Jennifer Bzik. Thank you so much for your support!

## **Security Reminder**

As a reminder, all exterior doors to the building should be locked at all times. If you come across a door that is unlocked, please notify a member of Parish Council immediately and we will lock it.

We also ask that you NOT prop open any of the exterior doors to the building. If you have to step out of the building and plan on returning to services, please let a Council member know. We will be happy to let you back in when you return.

Should you arrive late to services, please know that doorbells have been installed on all of the doors facing the driveway. Simply ring one and someone will be along shortly to let you in.

In Christ,  
Parish Council

## ATTENTION!!

We have frozen 4-packs of halupki for sale! They are \$15. Please see Val Roberts.

## A Note Of Thanks

Dear St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church,

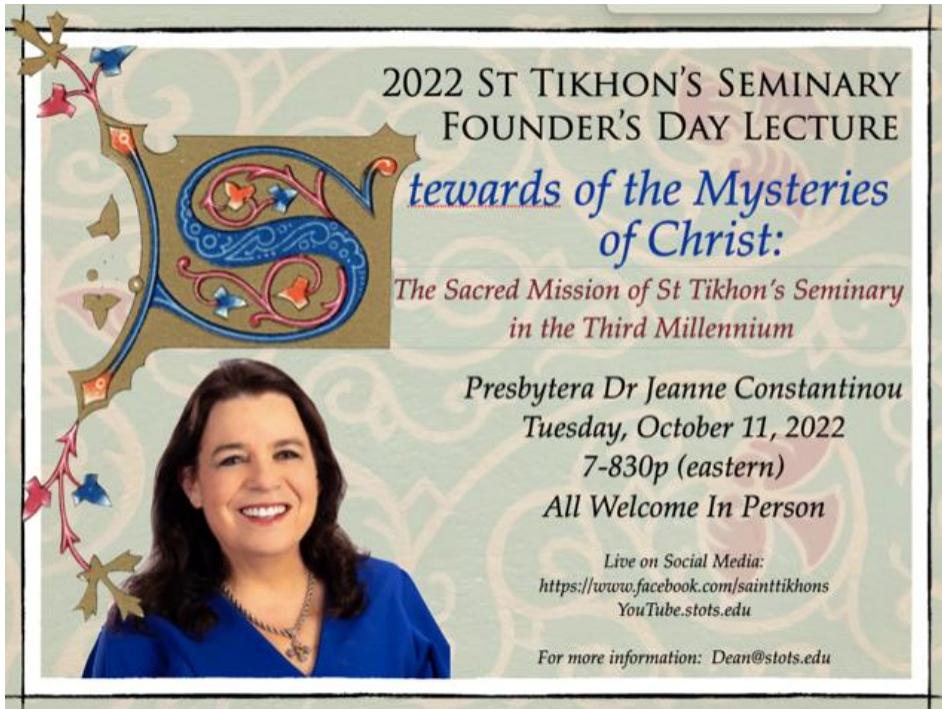
Thank you for your generous \$200 donation to support the no-cost, life-affirming services Bright Hope offers women, men and youth in our community. We are truly grateful for your partnership!

The Bright Hope Family

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated at our recent coffee hour in support of our Deacon Geoffrey LoBalbo. It is wonderful to see our parish family coming together to support a member of our parish in their time of need.

Thank you again for your support, Parish Council



2022 ST TIKHON'S SEMINARY  
FOUNDER'S DAY LECTURE

*towards of the Mysteries  
of Christ:*

*The Sacred Mission of St Tikhon's Seminary  
in the Third Millennium*

*Presbytera Dr Jeanne Constantinou*  
*Tuesday, October 11, 2022*  
*7-830p (eastern)*  
*All Welcome In Person*

*Live on Social Media:*  
*<https://www.facebook.com/sainttikhons>*  
*[YouTube.stots.edu](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstots)*

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The Orthodox Church in America  
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

September 15, 2022

## *October is Clergy Appreciation Month*

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! October is clergy appreciation month and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, October 09 is nationally recognized as Pastor Appreciation Day. Our clergy are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Clergy often have family events interrupted, including vacation time to minister to one of their flock.

Sadly, clergy are more likely to hear when someone is unhappy, but like the Ten Lepers in the Gospel, those who are pleased with their pastor often say nothing. The rate of clergy burnout is astounding (<https://www.pastoralcareinc.com/statistics/>), with around 1500 clergy a month leaving active ministry. There is a disturbing article in 'Leaders & Pastors' reporting that as of November 2021 38% of pastors gave serious consideration to resigning. In January of 2021 it was 29%. In a few short months the percentage increased significantly (<https://www.barna.com/research/pastors-well-being/>).

Unfortunately, some people believe the role of the clergy is to make them happy! Yet, the role of the priest is not to make people happy, it is to make them Holy! When I went to my second parish the council chairman greeted me and said, Fr. Mark your only role here is to make people happy. Without skipping a beat, I responded, "Our Lord, took on our Humanity, opened the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, healed the withered hand, cleansed the lepers, raised up the lame and raised the dead, and they nailed Him to a tree! Why would I expect to be treated differently?" As far as pleasing the faithful, there are always a few who will never be happy with any priest. Anyone in a leadership position who talks behind the priest back should resign immediately for the good of the parish and his or her own salvation. A house divided cannot stand.

Our clergy are entrusted with a stewardship by the Lord for which they will answer. Let us pray that our clergy will always rise above seeking the praise of men, and seek to be faithful to their high calling through faithful service, preaching and teaching and seek to be pleasing to the Lord in all things.

For Clergy Appreciation Month, I would ask our Parish Councils to request the faithful of their parish to consider showing their appreciation to their priest and his family in a few ways:

1. Attend the services regularly and all classes intended to enrich our faith.
2. Send a card and state five things you sincerely appreciate about your priest, as well as his matushka and family.
3. Consider either jointly or personally giving gift card(s) for the clergy's favorite coffee shop or restaurant.

Finally, telling your pastor and his family you appreciate them should not just be limited to the month of October. Years ago, I remember hearing from a priest, *'for every negative comment, we need to offer a hundred 'atta boys.'* Let us always seek to build one another up.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine



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September 30, 2022

### INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

*Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! This year we ministered to 126 children at the St. Tikhon's Camp Program. Through the program our youth not only learn about their faith, have fellowship with other Orthodox youth, but have the opportunity to develop lifelong relationships. These relationships and their experience help solidify their relationship to Christ and the Church.

Our Diocesan Council wanted to help get our Camp up and going again after a two year hiatus and insure that all children of the Diocese were able to attend. This year the Diocese covered the cost for all children of the Diocese. The cost of \$375 for the first child and \$350 for any siblings, made it quite difficult for families with more than one child. Parents, previously decided if they could not send all their children who were age appropriate, not to send any of them. Thanks be to God, we had numerous children there for the first time!

As a Church we should never want any child unable to attend because of the cost. Secondly, we do not want to embarrass or humiliate parents by having to ask for assistance from their parish or the Diocese, whether it is for one child or more. We as Orthodox Christians need to invest in our youth by supporting all youth ministry fully. In some Orthodox jurisdictions parishes or organizations within the parish make sure every child can go to camp.

Statistically, 70% of our youth once going away to college or entering the workforce fall away from the Church and 2/3 of those never return. We as a Church must do a better job of caring for our youth and providing opportunities for learning, fellowship and growth in their faith. Our Camp program is an important part of addressing the problem and has also contributed to young men and women making decisions to serve the Church in various ways. They want to give back.

In order to make our camp available and accessible to all our youth within the Diocese we are asking our faithful to consider sponsoring a camper with a contribution of \$350. We also ask our parishes to consider helping to underwrite the cost of caring for our youth with an annual contribution of \$500, or a greater amount if your parish sends lots of children to camp, perhaps \$350 per camper. If we can get a commitment of \$30,000 a year through various contributions, we can offer the camp free of charge for all our children. We are also setting up a donation button on our website. You may send contributions to the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, 325 N Walnut St., Bath, PA 18014 and earmark it St Tikhon's Camp. Thank you for your generosity and concern for our youth.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ MARK (Maymon), Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania  
*Please post on every parish website and in every parish bulletin.*



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Archbishop Mechisedek Pleska**

**Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic, John Onofrey

**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Subdeacons:** Michael (Frank) Guydan

**Matushki:** Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic, Stephanie Onofrey

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Michael Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Betty Fedora, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Linda Gardner, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, Laurel Riley, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Dorothy Stafiniak, Joan Stetz, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Irene Witaneck

**Handmaidens of God:** Lisa Metz, Alyssa Weaver and their unborn children, Molly Polacco, Tosha Roberts and their newborn daughters.

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**