

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, May 22, 2016

The Paralytic

Tone 3. Epistle, Acts 9:32-42. Gospel, John 5:1-15
Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be held today, following the Divine Liturgy.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Today 2:00 p.m. Monongahela Cemetery
Sunday, May 22 2:30 p.m., Memorial Park Cemetery
3:45 p.m., Charleroi Cemetery

Please note that we will proceed with the Blessing of the Graves if the weather does not cause any problems. The schedule will be adjusted if we experience cold or wet weather conditions.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the St. Nicholas Society for their kind donation of \$10,000 for the beautification of our Church. May God bless you richly for your most thoughtful gift.

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT and DINNER PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, June 5, following the Divine Liturgy. Adults: \$8.00; Children: Free. Please leave your reservation forms in the Candle Room.

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Tom and Elaine Backstrom, \$100 (Endowment Fund)
Esper Nasim, \$25 (Endowment Fund)
Stephen and Karen Sheptak, \$10 (In loving remembrance of Wasyl and Mary Kalmuk-Kalenik)
Priscilla Kaluponov, \$5 (Endowment Fund)

Thank you for your kind offering to the Church!

ANYONE WHO PLACED AN ORDER for piroghis that were made on April 9 can pick up their piroghis in the Church Hall.

. VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, May 22, 2016

ANN O'BRIEN and MARY BEHANNA (Virgin Mary Kiot) – In memory of parents, Andy and Petrina Gernat (2)
HEATHER MOLINA – For health of father, Paul Zolak / For special intentions (2)
PAULINE YUSCHAK – Special intentions
SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of parents, Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / Birthday blessings for daughter, Christine / For health of Ron Onufer (3)
RALPH and INA PRYSTASH – For health of family
M/M FRED RUEV JR. – God grant a safe journey for Donnie
VLAD KASH (4)
ELEANOR PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, John
JIM PRYSTASH – In memory of dad
TOM and ELAINE BACKSTROM – In memory of mom and dad / Special intentions / For God's healing hand upon sister, Michele / For God's healing hand upon brother-in-law, Paul / God's blessings on our grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy and Madison (5)
DEBBIE and DAN PRIATKO – In memory of our beloved mom / Health of all parishioners (2)
DEBBIE PRIATKO – Special intentions (2) / God's blessings upon brother, Dan
BILL PRIATKO – God's healing hand be with all the afflicted in our parish / God's watchful hand be with all of our troops who are in harm's way / Blessed Memory Eternal to my beloved Katrinka (3)
DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – In Thanksgiving to God / Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! / For health of daughter, Kyra / For health of infant grandson, Luke / In loving memory of infant grandson, Jack (5)
SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / In memory of grandmothers, Eva Dran and Margaret Aitken / In memory of Aunt Helen / In memory of Matushka Irene / Birthday blessings for nephew, Sheehan (8)
MARK SORKA – For health of father, Fr. Igor / In memory of mother, Matushka Irene (2)
FR. IGOR SOROKA – In loving and blessed memory of departed Matushka Irene / For health and well-being of Vickie Statkevics (2)

Our Lord makes the connection between sin and afflictions repeatedly. In many cases, He forgave a man's sins before he healed him of his physical infirmity, to affect a complete healing and regeneration of the man. In other cases, he healed someone of their physical infirmity first, then later enlightened them concerning Himself (such as in the case of the man born without eyes), or reminded them about sin, which is their major affliction. One could say, and reclaim a highly charged word, that he is a "holistic" healer. The whole concept of healing and well-being is profoundly different in the mind of the church than anywhere else. Physical infirmity is recognized as sometimes grievous, and sometimes as a great blessing, but healing from any infirmity is tied closely with the entire healing of soul and body that all Christians should seek.