

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Tone 3. Epistles, 1 Cor., 15:1-11, Gal. 6:11-18

Gospels, Matt. 19:16-26, John 3: 13-17

Ven. Theodora / Ven. Sergius and Herman of Valaam

TUESDAY 4:30 p.m. Vespers (Eve of the Elevation of the Cross)
WEDNESDAY 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Elevation of the Holy Cross)
(This this a strict Fast Day)
SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. Vespers

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

ANYONE WISHING TO OFFER FLOWERS for the Holy Cross, please see someone in the Candle Room. Thank you!

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM will start next Sunday, September 18, at 9:30 a.m.

WORKERS ARE ASKED to help in the preparation of pirohi for our parish's upcoming Food Fair. Work Schedule: Friday, September 23, 9:00 a.m., Potato peeling; Saturday, September, 24, 9:00 a.m., Making of pirohi. Please show your support for this important project.

ST. NICHOLAS ETHNIC FOOD FAIR will take place on Saturday, October 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please begin to save your items for the Flea Market.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, September 11, 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)
RALPH VESCHIO – For health of wife, Dolores
RALPH and DOLORES VESCHIO – For health of son, Rick
PAULINE YUSCHAK – For special intentions
PAULINE AITKEN – In memory of dep. son, Kevin / In memory of dep. grandson, Nicholas / In memory of dep. husband, Lee / Special intentions (4)

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health of sister-in-law, Tammy / In thanksgiving to God / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / For God's blessings on all our parishioners / For health of Fr. Igor (7)

PRISCILLA KALUPONOV – In memory of my beloved husband, Andrew VLAD KASH (3)

ELEANOR PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, John

JIM PRYSTASH – In memory of dad

DEBBIE and DAN PRIATKO – In memory of our beloved mom / For health of all parishioners (2)

DEBBIE PRIATKO – For special intentions (2)

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 – For health of daughter, Christine / For health of daughter, Kyra and grandson, Luke / For health of daughter-in-law, Joceline / For health of daughter, Natalie / Safe travel for brother Dan and nephew, Joe / Safe travel for daughter, Christine (6)

MIKE and BECKY HORAN – For health of brother-in-law, Bill Shepler

JIM and VERA HAYS – Safe travel for Dr. Dimitri Petro and Pauline Petro / For health of Fr. Igor (2)

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 / God's blessings upon son, Mark on his birthday (2)

GIFT CARDS can be ordered in the Candle Room.

The Meaning of the Cross

Let us ask ourselves the question, what does the cross mean to us? When it is mentioned, do we think only of the first Good Friday and the hill outside Jerusalem? Is it no more than a historical fact that happened nineteen centuries ago? Unless we see it as a principle of everyday life, a way of living, of voluntary self-giving, we miss its practical meaning for us. The cross is not laid on our shoulders by another, or by accident. It is not imposed from without, but voluntarily assumed from within. It is going the second mile, doing more than conditions require. What should be our response to Jesus' sacrificial love? Our response would be reflected in our attitude toward life, and toward all human beings as a whole. If our attitude toward people is one of honest sympathy, understanding and love, if we live sacrificially, giving of our time and means toward the elevation of humanity, living lives that have for their purpose putting God first, and the affairs of His Kingdom are given the pre-eminence, then it may be truthfully said that we know whom we have believed, we have a clear vision of the Man upon the cross.