

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Publican and the Pharisee

(The is a Fast-free Week)

Tone 1. Epistle, 2 Tim., 3:10-15; Gospel, Luke 18:10-14

Martyr Agatha / St. Theodosius, Abp. of Chernigov

SERVICES

SATURDAY 6:00 p.m. VESPERS
(Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon)

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

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) and ANALOI TABLE CANDLES (7) offered by Denise Ricci, in loving memory of beloved father, Michael Chuhran (50th Anniversary). Memory Eternal to the departed Michael!

SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE will be held on Saturday, February 11. To order, call Caroline Ruev at 724-379-6478 or Denise Ricci at 724-483-8428 by February 5. Cost is \$9.00/hoagie. Sponsored by our St. Nicholas Society. Pickup is Saturday, February 11, from 11 a.m. to Noon. Workers are asked to be at the Church Hall at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 11.

PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held on Sunday, February 19 following the Divine Liturgy. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish. Also, you may make a cash donation toward the dinner. Please respond by doing your part to make this dinner a success.

HOLIDAY PYSANKY EGG DECORATING CLASS will be held on Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., during the month of March in the Church Hall. Cost is \$40 (\$20 if you already have the kistky tool). Ask for a sign-up sheet in the Candle Room. Reservations must be made by February 23.

PLEASE REMEMBER the SICK and SHUT-INS in your prayers.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, February 5, 2023

MARY BEHANNA (Virgin Mary Kiot) – In memory of parents, Andy and Petrina Gernat (2)

ALBERT HANNA – Special intentions

DAVE and GINNY CASCIANI – For strength and recovery of Tom Petro

SANDY CARROLL – For health of family / Speedy recovery for Pauline Petro and Nick Potocin / In memory of parents, Mae and Pete Ruev

M/M FRED RUEV – May God's healing hand be upon all those afflicted in our parish / May God grant Pauline Petro a speedy recovery

INA PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, Ralph / For health of daughter, Jacque and Dianna

RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of dad, Ralph / For health of mom, Jacque, and Dianna

DENISE RICCI – Speedy recovery for Pauline Petro / For health of brother, Michael

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor / In memory of brother, Philip Kash (2nd Anniversary)

TOM and ELAINE BACKSTROM – Special intentions / In memory of mom and dad / God's healing hand be upon sister, Michele / God's blessings upon grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy, and Madison / For health of family

GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother / Speedy recovery for Pauline Petro / For peace in our country and the world

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of brother, Ethan / In memory of dad, Lee / For health of mother, Pauline / For health of Aunt Rosemary / For health of all family members / For health of all parishioners of St. Nicholas Church

JANINE SHEPLER – Safe trip for Mike and Cindy / Special intentions for son, Billy and Jodi / For health of husband, Bill / Memory Eternal for mother, Julia / For 51st Anniversary Remembrance of Mike and Becky Horan / Memory Eternal to sister, Becky Horan (3rd Anniversary Remembrance)

MICHAEL HORAN – For 51st Wedding Anniversary with departed wife, Becky / For health of Lori Horan

JIM and VERA HAYS – For health of all parishioners / God's healing hand be upon Pauline Petro / God's blessings be up on St. Nicholas Church

M/M ROB MONTINI – For health and recovery of mom, Pauline Petro / For health of brother, Tom Petro / For health of Giada

M/M NICK MILCHOVICH – For health and recovery of mom, Pauline Petro / For health of nephew, Will Zewe / In memory of Ralph Prystash / In memory of Becky Horan

MARK SOROKA – For a speedy recovery for Pauline Petro / In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor / In blessed memory of mother, Mat. Irene

The theme of the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting point of our journey to Pascha. Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repentance, we can return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent with repentance, we can attain a deeper communion with God.