

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Sunday of the Last Judgement

Meatfare Sunday

Tone 3. Epistle, 1 Cor., 8:8-9:2; Gospel, Matt. 25:31-46  
Apostles Archippus and Philemon of the 70 / Martyr Apphia

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**SERVICES**

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

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PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held today following the Divine Liturgy.

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped to make our annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale a big success! May God bless you richly for your service to our Church.

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SARRIS CANDY ORDERS are available in the back of the church or the church hall. Orders are due by Sunday, February 26. Delivery is April 2. This fundraiser benefits the St. Nicholas Sunday School students. See Mat. Sandy to place your orders.

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PASCHA, MINI NUT ROLLS, and KIELBASI are being prepared for Easter by Holy Resurrection Church in West Brownsville. You can place your orders in the Candle Room.

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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.

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GREAT LENT WILL BEGIN on Monday, February 27. A list of upcoming Lenten Mission Services will be posted at the back of the Church.

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

**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, February 19, 2023**

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

SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of Marge Clark / In memory of Mary Burder / Birthday blessings for grandson, Kai / Birthday blessings for Susan Onufer / For health of Pauline Petro / For health of Tom Petro / For safe travel / Special intentions

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor / In thanksgiving to God (50<sup>th</sup> year wedding anniversary on Feb. 14)

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our Church

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

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINEI PETRO – For birthday of godchild, Gina / For health of son, Tom / For health of Christine and Alexandra (2) / For health of Natalie, Rob, and Giada (3) / For health of Kyra and Will (2) / For health of Jim and Vera Hays (2)

JANINE SHEPLER – For health of brother-in-law, Mike and Cindy (2)

MICHAEL HORAN – For health of sister-in-law, Lori Horah

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

M/M NICK MILCHOVICH – For health of mother, Pauline Petro / Safe travels for sister, Kyra and family

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

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**St. Theophan the Recluse's Teaching on the Sunday of the Last Judgment**

**The great judgement!** The judge cometh in the clouds, surrounded by a countless multitude of bodiless heavenly powers. Trumpets sound over all the ends of the earth and raise up the dead. The risen regiments pour into the determined place, to the throne of the Judge, having already a foreboding of what verdict will sound in their ears, for everyone's deeds will be written on the brow of their nature, and their very appearance will correspond to their deeds and morals. The division of those on His right hand and those on His left will be accomplished in and of itself.

**At last, all has been determined.** Deep silence falls. In another instant, the decisive verdict of the Judge is heard. To some, "Come," to the others, "Depart." "Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us! May Thy mercy, O Lord, be on us," they shall say, but then it will already be too late to plead. We need to take the trouble now to wash away the unfavorable marks written upon our nature. Then, at the judgment, we would be ready to pour out rivers of tears to wash ourselves; but this would do no good.

**Let us weep now,** if not rivers of tears, then at least streams or even drops of tears. If we cannot find even this much, then let us become contrite in heart, and confess our sins to the Lord, begging Him to forgive them, promising not to offend Him anymore by violating His commandments. Then, let us be zealous to faithfully fulfill this promise.