

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Sunday of the Myrrhbearers

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Tone 2. Epistle, Acts. 6:1-7; Gospel, Mark 15:43-16:8

Holy Apostle James, Brother of St. John / St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

SERVICES

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

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

FR. STEPHAN GRESH HAS KINDLY INVITED the faithful of our parish to attend the blessing of the graves this afternoon (weather permitting). Tentative times for grave blessings include:

West Newton Cemetery, 1p.m.

Monongahela Cemetery, 1:45 p.m.

Sacred Heart Cemetery (Monongahela), 3 p.m.

Mon Valley Memorial Park Cemetery (Donora), 3:30 p.m.

Grandview Cemetery (Monessen), 4 p.m.

ST. TIKHONS MONASTERY'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PILGRIMAGE is scheduled for the weekend of May 27-29. This year, the miraculous Iveron Icon will be onsite for veneration. See www.sttikhonsmonastery.org for more details.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, April 30, 2023

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

GINNY and DAVE CASCIANI – For health of son, Eric

SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake (2) / In memory of Frank and June Drak (2) / Easter blessings for parishioners of St. Nicholas Church / Special intentions

BARBARA JANI – In memory of dep. husband, Joseph / In memory of dep. mother, Irene Sabol / In memory of Ernest and Jean Jani / In memory of grandmother, Barbara Nestor / For health and welfare of all parishioners of our church / Special intentions

PROTODEACON RODION and MAT. SANDY – For health of Protodeacon Rodion, Nicholas, and Christina / Special intentions

GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother, Gerald / For health and welfare of our Church / Speedy recovery for Mike Horan

KAREN SHEPTAK – In loving memory of Wasy1 Kalenik

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our Church

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

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For health of son, Tom / For health of grandson, Russell / For health of Christine and Alex (2) / For health of Jonah and Catherine (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Luke (2) / In memory of father, Michael Petro / For birthday of Pauline Aitken / In memory of Janice Kash

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of brother, Ethan / In memory of dad, Lee / For health and birthday blessings for mother, Pauline and Ken Behanna / For health of Protodeacon Radion and Joseph Balkunowa / Special intentions

JIM and VERA HAYS – For health of all parishioners / In memory of the departed members of our parish / God's blessings on St. Nicholas Church / In memory of friend and mentor, Ron Wittig

M/M NICK MILCHOVICH – Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! / For health and recovery of Mike Horan / For health of brother, Tom Petro / In memory of Ralph Prystash / In memory of Fr. Igor

MARK SOROKA – In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor / In blessed memory of mother, Matushka Irene

The Myrrhbearing Women

The Gospel tells us that a few holy women who followed Christ during His earthly wanderings and believed in the promise of His Resurrection were not afraid to go on the first day after the Sabbath to the sealed Sepulcher. They decided to show their deep love and devotion to Christ by anointing His Most Pure Body with the traditional oils and myrrh.

It was at this point that the Resurrection was revealed to them, and they were commissioned to go and tell the Apostles. They were, in effect, the apostles to the Apostles. For this reason, the myrrh-bearing women, especially Mary Magdalene, are referred to as "Equal to the Apostles." Providentially, these women were chosen to announce the good news of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus to the others, at a time when women in the society were given a low role.

The Myrrhbearers were given the honor of seeing an angel of God, who proclaimed that Jesus Christ, the living Son of God, had risen from the dead. On this Myrrhbearers feast day, all Orthodox Christians remember the example of these holy women with great admiration and reverence.