

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, January 18, 2025

Tone 7. Epistle, 1 Tim. 1:15-17. Gospel, Luke 18:35-43

St. Athanasius the Great / St. Cyril of Alexandria

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**SERVICES**

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

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A LIGHT LUNCHEON will be held today, following the Divine Liturgy. His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek will be our guest of honor. All parishioners and guests are invited to attend.

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IT IS WITH GREAT JOY that we welcome His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek, the Head of our Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, who will serve during the Divine Liturgy today. May our Lord continue to bless His Eminence and Fr. David with good health and strengthen them with all their endeavors for our Archdiocese.

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SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7. To order, call Denise Ricci at 724-483-8428 by Sunday, Feb. 1. Cost is \$11.00/hoagie. Sponsored by our St. Nicholas Society. Pickup is Saturday, Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to Noon. Workers are asked to be at the Church Hall at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7.

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PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Feb. 15.

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**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, January 18, 2026**

MARY BEHANNA (Virgin Mary Kiot) – In memory of parents, Andy and Patrina Gernat (2)  
GINNY and DAVE CASCIANI – For health of daughter, Gina  
INA PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, Ralph / For health of daughter, Jacque / For health of family  
RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of dad / For health of sister, Jacque / For health of family  
KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our Church / Blessings for my family  
DENISE RICCI – For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro  
GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother, Gerald / In memory of parents, Joseph and Helen Rozik / For health and welfare of our Church / For health of Dr. Dimitri

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

GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother, Gerald / In memory of parents, Joseph and Helen Rozik / For health and welfare of our Church / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro

SANDY CARROLL – For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / In memory of parents, Mae and Pete Ruev

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For health and well-being of granddaughters, Alex and Stephanie as they start a new semester at college / For health of Christine and Alex (2) / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Ted and Joceline (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Luke (2)

PAULINE PETRO – For health of my husband, Dimitri

JIM HAYS – In memory of my beloved wife, Vera / For health of Margie Dicroce / For health of Caroline Harker / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health of Pauline Aitken / For health of cousin, Adrinne Hirsch / For health of cousin, Lilian Spak / For health of Phil Soroka / For health of brother-in-law, Bob DaRumple / For health of Bob Behanna / For health and welfare of our Church / For health of all parishioners

SANDY AITKEN (Royal Doors) – In memory of Fr. Igor

M/M ROB MONTINI – For health of dad, Dr. Dimitri Petro

M/M NICK MILCHOVICH – For health of dad, Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health of Jacque Rue

MARK SOROKA – In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor Soroka / In blessed memory of mother, Mat. Irene Soroka / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro

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**The Proper Way to Say Prayers**

An unhurried and devout recitation of the words will greatly help in keeping attention on the prayers. If one only has a little time for prayer, it would be far better to say fewer prayers, but with careful thought and attention, than to rush through many prayers without proper attention.

It is better that we offer up a few prayers, made, however, in proper devotion, than that we say many prayers in haste, a danger difficult to avoid if we take upon ourselves too heavy a burden. But one must also not allow the omitted prayers to go unheeded; these can be completed later when there is time.

While saying a prayer, especially if reading it from a book, one must not hasten from one word to the next, lest there be a failure to grasp the truth of the text and to receive it into the heart.