

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, January 28, 2018

(This is a fast-free week)

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

Ven. Ephriam the Syrian / St. Isaac the Syrian

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be today, following the Divine Liturgy.

ANNUAL SUPERBOWL HOAGIE SALE will be held Saturday, February 3. Orders are due today. To order, call Caroline Ruev at 724-379-6478. Cost is \$8.00/hoagie. Sponsored by our St. Nicholas Society. Pickup is Saturday, February 3, from 11 a.m. to Noon. Workers are asked to be at the Church Hall at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 3.

THE COMBINED DINNER for members of the St. Nicholas Society and FOCA will be held at Hoss's Restaurant (Belle Vernon) on February 18 at 1 p.m.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, January 28, 2018

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)

SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / Birthday remembrance of Mary Birder / For health of Pauline Petro (4)

SANDY CARROLL – In memory of departed parents, Mae and Pete Ruev / Special intentions (2)

BILL MULLEN – For health of wife, Lorraine

SHELLEY MULLEN – For health of mother, Lorraine

LISA MULLEN – For health of mother, Lorraine

ISABELLA MULLEN – For health of grandmother, Lorraine

LARRY and STEFFIE SMITH – For health of dad / For health of brother, Paul and sisters, Linda and Mary Ann / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of Pauline Petro / For health of Wyland / In memory of mom (8)

RALPH and INA PRYSTASH – For health of family

RANDY VESCHIO – For health of mom and dad / For health of Carol Kitto (2)

BILL PRIATKO – God's healing hand be with all of the afflicted in our parish / God's watchful hand be with all of our troops who are in harm's way / God's healing hand be upon daughter-in-law, Dottie / Blessed Memory Eternal to my beloved Katrinka (4)

DEBBIE and DAN PRIATKO – In memory of our beloved mom / God's healing hand be upon sister-in-law, Dottie / For health of all parishioners / For health of Fr. Igor (4)

DEBBIE PRIATKO (3)

VLAD KASH (3)

DENISE RICCI – For speedy recovery for Fr. Igor / For health of Pauline Petro (2)

PAULINE AITKEN – In memory of dep. son, Kevin / In memory of dep. grandson, Nicholas / In memory of dep. husband, Lee / Special intentions / For health of granddaughter, Paulena / For health of Fr. Igor (6)

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / For health of niece, Paulena / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of Jim Pfadt / For health of Chelsea Bentley / Birthday blessings upon godson, Todd (8)

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – God's healing hand be upon Fr. Igor / God's blessings upon brother, Dan on his birthday / For health of daughter, Christine / For health of granddaughter, Alexandra / For health of daughter, Kyra / For health of grandson, Luke / For health of Kay Joseph (7)

DR. DIMITRI PETRO – For health of wife, Pauline

JIM and VERA HAYS – For health of Fr. Igor / For health of Pauline Petro / For health of Alexandra Milchovich / For health of Dottie Priatko / For health of Carolyn Harker (5)

NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of Fr. Igor / For health of mom, Pauline Petro / For health of daughter, Alexandra / For health of Dottie Priatko (4)

MARK SOROKA – 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

PAULINE PETRO WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE who offered vigils, cards, visits and kindness during her surgeries and ongoing recovery. May God's healing hand be upon Pauline and grant her a full recovery.

The Gospel lesson of the Publican and the Pharisee pictures a man who is always pleased with himself and who thinks that he complies with all the requirements of religion. He is self-assured and proud of himself. In reality, however, he has falsified the meaning of religion. He has reduced it to external observations and he measures his piety by the amount of money he contributes to the temple. As for the Publican, he humbles himself and his humility justifies him before God. If there is a moral quality almost completely disregarded and even denied today, it is indeed humility.

The Lenten season begins then by a quest, a prayer for humility which is the beginning of true repentance. For repentance, above everything else, is *a return to the genuine order of things*, the restoration of the right vision. It is, therefore, rooted in humility, and humility—the divine and beautiful humility—is its fruit and end. "Let us avoid the high-flown speech of the Pharisee," says the *Kontakion* of this day, "and *learn the majesty* of the Publican's humble words."