

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Tone 7. Epistle, 2 Cor. 6:1-10; Gospel, Luke 6:31-36

Hieromartyr Cyprian and Martyr Justina / Bishop Andrew, Fool for Christ

SERVICES

SATURDAY 7:00 p.m. VESPERS
(Holy Resurrection Church Belle Vernon)

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

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH'S ANNUAL FOOD FAIR will be held on Saturday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take out only orders will be available for piroghi, halupki, halushki, borscht and much more. The Food Fair will also feature a bake sale, 50/50 drawing, and gift basket raffle. Volunteers are needed to help prepare foods and to set up the hall. We are also accepting cash donations. Thank you in advance for helping to make our Food Fair a great success.

WORK SCHEDULE to prepare foods for St. Nicholas Church's 2022 Food Fair:

Tuesday, October 18., 9 a.m. Core and steam cabbage

Wednesday, October 19, 9 a.m., Make halupki, chop and cook cabbage and onions

Saturday, October 22, 8 a.m. Fill roasters and cook various food items

2023 POCKET CALENDARS are available for order from St. Tikhon's Seminary. Cost of each pocket calendar is \$10.25. Please see Pauline Petro to place your order.

URGENT HELP IS NEEDED to support victims for Hurricane Ian. You can help by making a contribution to International Orthodox Christian Charities' (IOCC) U.S. Emergency Response Fund. Contributions will help address immediate needs of victims, including emotional and spiritual care, as well as long-term recovery efforts. For more information, visit support.iocc.org.

PLEASE KEEP ARCHBISHOP MELCHISEDEK in your prayers as he continues to recover from hip replacement surgery.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, October 2, 2022

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

ALBERT HANNA – Special intentions

SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / Special intentions

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

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor / For health of His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For birthday of son, Tom / For birthday of daughter, Christine / For health of Alex and Nicholas (2) / For health of Russell and Rachel (2) / For health of Natalie, Rob, and Giada (3) / Safe travel for Kyra and Adam (2) / For health of Luke, Noah, and Will (3) / For health of Sandy Carroll

PAULINE AITKEN – In memory of son, Kevin / In memory of son, Ethan / In memory of grandson, Nicholas / In memory of husband, Lee / For health of sister, Bunnie / For health of daughter, Natalie / For health of Tom Petro / For baby Theodora

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of brother, Ethan / For health of mother, Pauline and all family members / For health of Mark Soroka / For health of Tom Petro / For health of John / Special intentions

JIM and VERA HAYS – In memory of Fr. Igor / For health of Tom Petro / For health of all parishioners / For health of Archbishop Melchisedek / For health of Dennis Carroll

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

WHY DO WE LIGHT CANDLES?

Every candle that we light should be a time of prayer in which we reflect upon the salvation that the Lord has worked for us and also a time of recommitment, where we renew our Baptismal vow that we, as children of God, are called to "Let our light so shine before men, that they may see [our] good works and give glory to [our] Father who is in Heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

In lighting our candles, the first thing we should do is make an offering for this candle. Everything that we have is from God and the first step is to give back to Him for all His many blessings. The next step is to venerate the icons and lift our prayers to God on high. Next, we light the candle, remembering all our loved ones who are sick or who have passed into the next life, or who we just want to pray for, and beseech God to have mercy on their souls.

Lastly, as we light the candle, we quietly say "Lord have mercy," repenting for our own sinfulness while at the same time "re-igniting" our own flame and recommitting our whole life to God. Thus, we begin again to live as light, helping others see the Way in a world of darkness.