

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN
Sunday, December 25, 2022
Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Tone 3. Epistle, Gal. 4:4-7; Gospel, Matt. 2:1-12
(There is no fasting this week)

SERVICES

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

NO COFFEE HOUR will be held today but Coffee Hour will resume following next Sunday's service.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) offered by the Dr. Dimitri and Pauline Petro, in loving memory of father, William "Wash" Drahushak. Memory Eternal to the departed William!

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are due by Sunday, Jan. 8. Thank you for your devotion and support to the Church!

REMEMBER the SICK and SHUT-INS in your prayers.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, December 25, 2022

MARY BEHANNA (Virgin Mary Kiot) – In memory of parents, Andy and Petrina Gernat (2)
ALBERT HANNA – Special intentions
DAVE and GINNY CASCIANI – For strength and recovery of Tom Petro
SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of Albert Klizas / In memory of William Drahushak
VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor
SANDY CARROLL – In memory of Fr. Igor and Ethan Aitken
M/M FRED RUEV JR. – In memory of newly departed Ralph Prystash / In memory of Ethan Aitken / In blessed memory of Fr. Igor and Mat. Irene Soroka / May God's healing hand be upon all those afflicted in our parish and may God grant them a speedy recovery / In loving memory of father, Fred Ruev, Sr., mother, Rose Ruev, and brother, Joseph, Ruev. / In memory of Sam and Anna Vukich
KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our church

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – Christ is Born! Glorify Him! / In memory of parents, William and Julia Drahushak / In memory of parents, Michael and Mary Petro / In memory of uncle and aunt, Steve and Helen Drake / In memory of uncle, Michael Drake / In memory of sister, Evangeline / In memory of Fr. Igor and Mat. Irene / In memory of infant grandson, Jack / For health of Christine and Alexandra (2) / For health of son, Tom / For birthday of grandson, Jonah / For health of Natalie, Rob, and Giada (3) / For health of Kyra and Will (2)
ROB and NATALIE MONTINI – For health of niece, Giada Montini / For health of brother, Tom Petro / In memory of father, Arsenio Montini
M/M NICK MILCHOVICH – Christ is Born! Glorify Him! / In memory of Fr. Igor / In memory of Ethan Aitken / In memory of Archie Montini / In memory of grandfather, William Drahushak
MARK SOROKA – In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor / In blessed memory of mother, Mat. Irene

The Birth of Christ, Our Savior

I behold a new and wondrous mystery! My ears resound to the shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but loudly chanting a heavenly hymn! The angels sing! The archangels blend their voices in harmony! The cherubim resound their joyful praise! The Seraphim exalt His glory!

All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead herein... on earth and man in heaven. He who is above now, for our salvation, dwells here below; and we, who were lowly, are exalted by divine mercy! Today Bethlehem resembles heaven, hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices and, in place of the sun, witnessing the rising of the Sun of Justice!

Ask not how this is accomplished, for where God wills, the order of nature is overturned. For He willed He had the powers He descended. He saved. All things move in obedience to God. Today He Who Is, is born! And He Who Is becomes what He was not! For when He was God, He became man, while not relinquishing the Godhead that is His...

And so the kings have come, and they have seen the heavenly King that has come upon the earth, not bringing with Him angels, nor archangels, nor thrones, nor dominions, nor powers, nor principalities, but, treading a new and solitary path, He has come forth from a spotless womb.

Yet He has not forsaken His angels, nor left them deprived of His care, nor because of His incarnation has He ceased being God. And behold kings have come, that they might serve the Leader of the Hosts of Heaven; Women, that they might adore Him Who was born of a woman so that He might change the pains of childbirth into joy; Virgins, to the Son of the Virgin. And that I may embrace them all together, all sinners have come, that they may look upon the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

– St. John Chrysostom