

00ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Tone 8. Epistle, Eph. 4:1-6; Gospel, Luke 17:12-19

Great Martyr Barbara / Ven. John of Damascus / St. Alexander Hotovitsky

SERVICES

TUESDAY 9:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker)
(Fr. Robert Prepelka will be serving at St. Nicholas Church, Donora)

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

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

PRIVATE CONFESSIONS will be given at our Church by Fr. Stephan Gresh next Saturday, December 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. Please remember to have confession in order to receive Holy Communion during the Nativity of our Lord.

ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS DINNER and VISIT BY ST. NICHOLAS will be held next Sunday, December 11 following the Divine Liturgy. Please leave your reservation forms in the Candle Room.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7), ANALOI TABLE CANDLES (7), OBLATION TABLE CANDLES (2), VIRGIN MARY KIOT VIGILS (2), NATIVITY KIOT VIGILS (2), LORD'S TOMB VIGILS (7), and ROYAL DOORS VIGIL offered by the Prystash Family in memory of the newly departed Ralph Prystash. Memory Eternal to Ralph, who was a former president of our church council and a vital member of our parish.

GIFT CARDS ORDERS ARE BEING TAKEN for the upcoming holiday season.

<u>Order</u>	<u>Receive</u>
Dec. 4	Dec. 11
Dec. 11	Dec. 18 (last order before Christmas)

To place your order, please see anyone in the Candle Room. Please help support this important fundraising program for our Church.

CHRISTMAS CANDY ORDERS are now being taken. Please see Mat. Sandy to place your order.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, December 4, 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 / Birthday remembrance of Ann Wargo / God's blessings on Dr. Dimitri Petro on his birthday

RALPH and INA PRYSTASH – For health of daughter, Jacque

INA PRYSTASH – In memory of newly departed husband, Ralph

RALPH PRYSTASH – For health of Ina and Deanna

RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of newly departed father, Ralph / For health of mom, Ina

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our church

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For health of son, Tom / For health of Russell, Rachel, and Shelley (3) / For health of Christine and Alexandra (2) / For health of Natalie, Rob, and Giada (3) / For health of Kyra and Will (2) / For health of cousin, Sandy Klizas (2) / For health of Jonah and Catherine (2)

PAULINE PETRO – For birthday of husband, Dimitri

JIM and VERA HAYS – For health of all parishioners / For health of Jim and Vera Hays / For health of Tom Petro / God's blessing and a speedy recovery for all those who are ill / God's blessings on St. Nicholas Church

MICHAEL HORAN – Memory Eternal for my loving wife, Rebecca / For health of Cindy / For special intentions

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

SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES and EVENTS for NATIVITY CELEBRATION

Sat. Dec. 24. 5:30 p.m. Light Holy Supper will be served at Holy Resurrection Church in Belle Vernon. All are invited to attend this dinner. Please call Peter Merella at 724-787-2031 to RSVP.

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (Vigil of the Holy Nativity)
(Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon)

Sun. Dec. 25 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ)
(St. Nicholas Church, Donora; Deacon Rodion will serve that day)

Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God in our daily lives. Fasting is not a punishment for our sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. The purpose of fasting is to focus on the things that are above, the Kingdom of God. It is a means of putting on virtue in reality, here and now. Through it we are freed from dependence on worldly things. When we fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others, and not holding ourselves up as an example, we discover true peace that only God can give to us.