

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, February 15, 2025

The Last Judgment

Meat-Fare Sunday

Tone 3. Epistle, 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2. Gospel, Matt. 25:31-46
Apostle Onesimus of the 70 / Ven. Euphrosyne

SERVICES

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

OUR ANNUAL PRE-LENTEN LUNCHEON will be held today, following the Divine Liturgy. A special thank you to all those who made donations for today's Pre-Lenten Luncheon and for all those who are attending this special event. Thank you also to all those who organized and prepared the table settings.

GREAT LENT will begin on Monday, February 23. More information will be forthcoming about Lenten services throughout the Archdiocese.

A LENTEN RETREAT will be held on Saturday, March 14 at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Crossingville, Pa. The featured speaker is Fr. David Vernak. You can find more information at www.orthodoxcrossingville.org/lentenretreat.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS will meet this Thursday at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

SARRIS CANDY ORDERS are available in the back of the church or the Church Hall. Call Mat. Sandy at (724) 705-5923 for more information.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN VESPERS will be held at St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral in Allison Park on Sunday, March 15.

HOLIDAY PYSANKY EGG DECORATING CLASS will be held on Thursdays during Great Lent (Feb. 26 – March 26), from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Church Hall. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$25 per person (cash at the door). Contact Kelly Bavuso at (724) 882-8561 to register.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, February 15, 2025

MARY BEHANNA (Virgin Mary Kiot) – In memory of parents, Andy and Patrina Gernat (2)
SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of husband, Jim / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro
KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our Church / Blessings for family
GINNY and DAVE CASCIANI – For health of daughter, Gina
SANDY CARROLL – For health of family / In memory of parents, Mae and Pete Ruev
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
DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For birthday of godchild, Gina / Safe travel for son, Ted / For health of Christine and Alex (2) / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Jonah and Catherine (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Luke (2) / Safe travel for Adam
PAULINE PETRO – For health of husband, Dimitri
JIM HAYS – In me. 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, Adrienne 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
SANDY AITKEN – In memory of brother, Ethan / For health of mother, Pauline / For health of brother, Bart
ROB and NATALIE MONTINI – For health of dad, Dr. Dimitri Petro
M/M NICK MILCHOVICH – For health of dad, Dr. Dimitri Petro
MARK SOROKA – In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor / In blessed of mother, Mat. Irene

The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for "humanity," yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love.