

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN
Sunday, February 18, 2018
Cheesefare Sunday / Forgiveness Sunday
First Week of Great Lent
Tone 4. Epistle, Romans 13:11-14:4 / Gospel, Matt. 6:14-21
St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome

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

TO PLACE YOUR EASTER CANDY ORDER, please see Matushka Sandy Motichak.

GREAT LENT BEGINS TOMORROW. Make this Great Lent one that brings you closer to your Lord through prayer, fasting, giving of alms, Bible and spiritual reading, good works and a daily striving for spiritual growth.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, February 18, 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 departed parents, Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / God's blessings on Kyra and Adam Zewe and their newborn son, Noah Matthew (3)
MARSHA REIDMILLER – Special intentions / For health of family / Thanksgiving to God for Pauline Petro's health and return to Church (3)
OLGA BOGAN – For health of family / In memory of departed members of family (2)
M/M FRED RUEV JR. – In memory of newly departed Frank Chacko
BILL MULLEN – For health of wife, Lorraine
RANDY VESCHIO – For health of mom and dad / For health of Michele / Prayers for brother Rick's family (3)
DEACON RODION, MAT. SANDY and FAMILY – For health of son, Nicholas and daughter, Christina / For health of Lorraine Mullen, Pauline Petro and Francis Ricci / For health of Dottie Priatko and Fr. Igor / For special intentions (3)
PRISCILLA KALUPONOV – In memory of my beloved husband, Andrew
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 / Valentine's Day love to all of our parishioners / Memory Eternal to Frank Chacko (6)
DEBBIE and DAN PRIATKO – In memory of our beloved mom / God's healing hand be upon sister-in-law, Dottie / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of all parishioners / God's blessings upon our parish / In memory of Frank Chacko (6)

DEBBIE PRIATKO – Special intentions (3)
VLAD KASH (3)
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 / God's blessings upon Kyra Zewe on the birth of her son, Noah Matthew (7)
SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / For health of Fr. Igor / Birthday blessings for nephews Brayden and Aidan / In memory of Magdalene Sarantakis / Special intentions (8)
TOM and ELAINE BACKSTROM – In memory of mom and dad / Special intentions / God's healing hand upon sister, Michele / God's healing hand upon brother-in-law, Paul / God's blessings on our grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy and Madison / God's blessings on Aaron and Cara / For health of Fr. Igor (7)
DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – God's healing hand be upon Fr. Igor / God's blessings upon Kay Joseph on her birthday / God's blessings upon newborn grandson, Noah Matthew / For health of daughter, Kyra / For health of grandson, Luke / Safe travel for sister, Roselle / Safe travel for daughter, Christine / For health of newborn grandson, Noah Matthew (9)
PAULINE PETRO – In thanksgiving to God
MIKE HORAN – In memory of brother-in-law, Frank Chacko
TAMARA CHACKO – In memory of husband, Frank
NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of Dottie Priatko / For recovery of Fr. Igor / For health of Pauline Petro / For health of daughter, Alexandra / God's blessings upon nephew, Noah Matthew Zewe (5)
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

SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS

Before we enter the Lenten fast, we are reminded that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another. A fast without mutual love is the fast of demons. We do not travel the road of Lent as isolated individuals but as members of a family. Our asceticism and fasting should not separate us from others, but should link us to them with ever-stronger bonds.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ teaches us: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you." The triumph of sin, the main sign of its rule over the world, is division, opposition, separation, hatred. Therefore, the first break through this fortress of sin is forgiveness—the return to unity, solidarity, love.

To forgive is to put between me and my "enemy" the radiant forgiveness of God Himself. Forgiveness is truly a "breakthrough" of the Kingdom into this sinful and fallen world.