

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Sunday of the Last Judgment

Meatfare Sunday

Tone 2. Epistle, 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2. Gospel, Matt. 25:31-46

Hmtyr. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

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**SERVICES**

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

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PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held on Sunday, February 23 following the Divine Liturgy.

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SARRIS CANDY ORDERS are available in the back of the church or the Church Hall. Orders are due by Sunday, February 23. Delivery is Sunday, March 30. Call Mat. Sandy at (724) 705-5923 for more information.

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

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HOLIDAY PYSANKY EGG DECORATING CLASS will be held on Thursdays (for 5 weeks), from 6 to 8 p.m., starting on March 13 in the Church Hall. All skill levels welcome. Contact Sandy Carroll or Kelly Bavuso for more information or leave your contact information at the Candle Room.

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ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT will be held on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park, Pa. Archpriest Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Philadelphia, will be speaking on the topic: "*The Book of Job: Suffering and Victory of Christ over Satan.*" Visit <http://www.ocadwpa.org/news> for more information.

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GREATER PITTSBURGH SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPER SERVICE will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Mt. Lebanon on Sunday, March 9 at 4:30 p.m.

**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, February 23, 2025**

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

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor

SANDRA KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of husband, Jim Klizas / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / Birthday blessings for cousin, Brigid / Special intentions

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our church

INA PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, Ralph / For health of family

RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of dad / For health of family

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – God's blessings upon grandson, Will on his birthday / For health of Pauline Aitken / Safe travel for Nick, Christine, and Nicholas (3) / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Ted and Joceline (2) / For health of Stephanie, Natalie, and Rob (3) / For health of Kyra and Luke (2)

PAULINE PETRO – For health of husband, Dimitri

TOM and ELAINE BACKSTROM – In memory of mom and dad / God's healing hand be upon sister, Michele / God's blessings upon grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy, and Madison / For health of family / Special intentions

JIM and VERA HAYS – For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health of

Pauline Petro / For health of cousin, Adrienne Hirsch / For health of cousin, Lillian Spak / For health and welfare of our Church

JIM HAYS – For health of wife, Vera

GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother, Gerald / In memory of parents, Joseph and Helen Rozik / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health and welfare of our Church

AITKEN FAMILY – Royal Doors (In memory of Fr. Igor)

M/M ROB MONTINI – For health of dad, Dr. Dimitri Petro

MARK SOROKA – In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor / In blessed memory of mother, Matushka Irene / For health of brother, Philip

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**The Sunday of the Last Judgment**

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.