

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Prodigal Son

Tone 6, Epistle, 1 Cor. 6:12-20, Gospel, Luke 15:11-32

First and Second Finding of the Honorable Head of St. John the Baptist

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

THE "O" CLUB will meet today, following the Coffee Fellowship Hour.

PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held next Sunday, March 3, following the Divine Liturgy. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish. Cash donations are also welcome. Please help to make this annual event a great success.

PLEASE SEE MATUSHKA SANDY to place your Easter Candy orders.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held on Sunday, March 10, following the Divine Liturgy.

A PYSANKY DECORATING CLASS will be offered in the Church Hall from March 7 through April 18. Classes be held each Thursday and will start at 5:15 p.m. For more information, contact Sandy Carroll at (412) 855-1380.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to Ralph Veschio and his family with the passing away of the newly departed Dolores Veschio of Blessed Memory. Visitation will take place today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Massafra Funeral Home, with a Parastas at 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held tomorrow, 10 a.m., at St. Nicholas Church. Memory Eternal to the newly departed Dolores!

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, February 24, 2019

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 parents, Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of Mary Birder (3)

SANDY and DENNIS CARROLL – For health of mom, Erma Carroll and daughter, Kelly Bavuso (2)

PETE MILLER – For health of mommy

GINNY and DAVE CASCIANI – For God's healing hand upon granddaughter, Gianna

M/M FRED RUEV JR. – May God's healing hand be upon those afflicted in our parish

PAULINE AITKEN – In memory of departed son, Kevin / In memory of departed grandson, Nicholas / In memory of departed husband, Lee / Special intentions / For health of granddaughter, Amanda (5)

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 (5)

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / For health of niece, Amanda / In memory of Magdalene Sarantakis / In memory of newly departed Dolores Veschio / For health of Fr. Igor / Special intentions (8)

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – God's blessings upon Kay Joseph on her 94th birthday (2/22) / Birthday remembrance of Uncle George (2/22) / For health of daughter, Kyra and grandsons, Luke and Noah (3) / For health of Fr. Igor / For special intentions (9)

VLAD KASH (3)

DEBBIE and DAN PRIATKO – Birthday remembrance of mom (2/18) / Birthday remembrance of grandma, Katherine Priatko (2/19) / In memory of sister-in-law, Dottie / For health of uncle, John Dutka and aunt, Dorothy Dutka / For health of aunt, Marion Campbell / For health of cousin, Don Pollack / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of all parishioners / God's blessings upon our parish (9)

DEBBIE PRIATKO – Special intentions (3) / For safe trip for Dad and Dan

BILL PRIATKO – God's healing hand be with all the afflicted in our parish / God's healing hand be with brother-in-law, John Dutka / God's healing hand be with Dorothy Dutka / Blessed Memory Eternal to my beloved Katrinka (4)

MIKE HORAN – Memory Eternal for my lovely wife, Becky

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

Understanding the Lesson of the Prodigal Son

We have a Heavenly Father whose love is far greater than any sin we can ever commit! Our sins, no matter how great, are as a drop of water compared with the entire ocean of God's unconditional love. May we always remember this fact, especially when we have fallen away from God. God's love and goodness is far greater than any sin or evil we can ever commit. Although this parable is often called The Prodigal Son, a more accurate title would be the Parable of The Loving Father, since He is the main character in the story! This is the heart of what the Gospel and Christianity are all about! As Jesus often emphasized, God does not desire the death of a sinner, but longs for his or her repentance and return home! The fruit of repentance is full and complete restoration. Let us not forget that God's forgiveness is immediate and absolute!