

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, February 8, 2025

The Prodigal Son

Tone 2. Epistle, 1 Cor. 6:12-20. Gospel, Luke 15:11-32

Great Martyr Theodore / Stratelates (the General) / Prophet Zechariah

SERVICES

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be held following the Divine Liturgy.

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who helped to make our annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale a big success! May God bless you for your service to our Church.

PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held next Sunday, February 15 following the Divine Liturgy. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish. A sign-up sheet can be found outside the Candle Room. Also, you may make a cash donation toward the dinner. Please respond by doing your part to make this dinner a success.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) and **ANALOI TABLE CANDLES (7)**, offered by Denise Ricci (In memory of father, Michael Chuhran, 53 years)

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.

ORDERS ARE BEING TAKEN by Holy Resurrection Church, West Brownsville, for Easter mini nut rolls. Cost is \$14/dozen. Orders must be placed by Feb. 8. Please leave your orders in the Candle Room.

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 8, 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 / Special intentions

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our Church / Blessings for family

GINNY and DAVE CASCIANI – For health of daughter, Gina

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

RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of dad / For health of sister, Jacque / For health of family

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 90th birthday of Sandy Rutenberg / For health of grandson, Noah / For granddaughter, Rachel, as she begins a new semester at college / For health of Christine and Alex (2) / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Ted and Joceline (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra, Adam, and Luke (3)

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 dep. uncle, Joseph Gursky

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 Prodigal Son forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to make a decision and to act upon it. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.