

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, Feb 16th 2019

35th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Prodigal Son | Martyr Pamphilus and those with Him

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Members & Guests of St. Nicholas Society and the O Club are hosting the annual dinner, today at 1pm following the service, at Duke's Café here in Donora. All are welcome.

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Pre-Lenten Luncheon. Please advise someone in the candleroom of your covered dish!

Throughout Lent, all are invited to join a book group from 9:00-9:30 before Liturgy, reading through the Lenten Homilies of St. John of Kronstadt.

Psanky Egg Decorating Classes will be held in the Church hall on Thursdays at 6:00pm, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> through Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost is \$30, all supplies included.

**SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

6:00 P.M Great Vespers followed by reading from the lives of the saints

SUNDAY: Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M; Book group 9:00-9:30 AM, in Sanctuary

**Vigil Offerings Sun. Feb 2**

Mary Behanna— (Virgin Mary Kiot) in memory of parents Andy & Petrina / blessings for a safe trip

Dimitri & Pauline Petro—in memory of newly departed Roxanne / for birthday of brother-in-law Ken / for birthday of goddaughter, Gina / in memory of cousin Jimmy Drake / for health of daughter Christine & granddaughter Alexandra / for health of daughter Kyra & grandsons Luke & Noah / for health of Fr. Igor

Pauline Aitken— in memory of departed son, Kevin, grandson, Nicholas, and husband Lee / special intentions

Bill Priatko—God's healing hand be with the afflicted in our parish / blessed memory eternal to my beloved Katrinka

Debbie & Dan Priatko—in memory of our beloved Mom / in memory of sister-in-law Dottie / for health of all parishioners / health of Aunt Dorothy Dutka / for health of Fr. Igor / God's blessings upon our parish / for health of Paul Zolak

Debbie Priatko—God's blessing upon my family, and on our country

Steve Tomovich—health of sister Michele

Vladimir Kash— in memory of Rebecca Horan

Fr. Igor—in blessed memory of beloved Mat. Irene

Ken Behanna—for the health and welfare of our Church

Mike Horan—memory eternal to my loving wife Becky / for health of friend Cindy / special intentions / in memory of brother-in-law Frank

Nick & Christine Milchovich—health of daughter Alexandra / special intentions

Sandy & Dennis Carroll—for health of mother, Erma Carroll / in memory of parents Mac & Pete Ruev

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*"The infinite love of God towards mankind is seen in His great patience, His great forgiveness and His great joy. Such love can only find a comparison in maternal love. Who has greater patience towards any creature on earth than a mother towards her child? Whose forgiveness exceeds that of a mother? Who weeps for joy so readily over a converted sinner as a mother does over improvement in her child? From the world's foundation, maternal love has, on earth, been surpassed only by the Lord Jesus Christ in His love for the human race. His patience led Him to terrible sufferings on the Cross; His joy in those who repented was a joy that illumined His suffering soul throughout His earthly life. Divine love alone surpasses maternal love. God alone loves us more than our mother does; He alone forgives us more than our mother does, and He alone rejoices at our improvement more than our mother does.*

*"He who has no patience with us when we sin does not love us. Neither does he love us who does not forgive us when we repent of our sin. And he loves us least of all who does not rejoice at our improvement...*

*"Patience, forgiveness and joy are the three greatest characteristics of divine love. They are characteristic of all real love- if there is such a thing as real love outside divine love. Without these three characteristics, love is not love. If you give the name "love" to anything else, it is as though you were giving the name "sheep" to a goat or a pig.*

*"In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, The Lord Jesus shas given us a picture of real, divine love, painted in such clear colors that it pulsates with life before our eyes, as this world does when, after the darkness of night, the sun shines forth. Two thousand years have not dulled the colors of this picture, and they will never be dulled as long as there are men on earth, and God's love for them. On the contrary, the more sinful men become, the more vivid is this picture: the more vivid and the fresher."*

**—From the Homilies of St. Nikolai Velimirovich (in Parish Library)**