

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, March 16, 2025

St. Gregory Palamas

Tone 5. Epistle, Heb. 1:10-2:3. Gospel, Mark 2:1-12

Martyr Sabinas / Martyr Papas

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**SERVICES**

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

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

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ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY will meet today, following the Coffee Fellowship Hour.

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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 VESPERS will be held next Sunday at St. Alexander Nevsky Church in Allison Park, starting at 5:00 p.m.

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PRIVATE CONFESSIONS will be given at our Church by Fr. Constantine on Saturday, April 12, 1-3 p.m. Please remember to have confession to receive Holy Communion during the Pascha (Easter) services.

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ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) and ANALOI TABLE CANDLES (7) offered by Eleanor and Jim Prystash, in memory of husband and dad, John Prystash

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LENTEN RETREAT will be held at St Michael Church in Ivrona, Pa. on Saturday, March 29.

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REMEMBER the SICK and SHUT-INS in your prayers.

**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, March 16, 2025**

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

PROTODEACON RODION and MAT. SANDY – For health of Protodeacon Rodion, Nicholas, Christina, and James / For health of brother Ron and sister Peggy / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health of Jim and Vera Hays / God's blessings upon all St. Nicholas Church parish families / Special intentions

SANDY CARROLL – For health of family / For health of all parishioners in our church / In memory of parents, Mae and Pete Ruev

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – Birthday remembrance of father, William Drahushak / Birthday remembrance of uncle, Michael Drake / Safe travel for Alex / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Ted and Jonah (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Luke (2) / For health of Christine

PAULINE PETRO – For health of husband, Dimitri

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

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of brother, Ethan / In memory of godfather, John Prystash / For health of mother, Pauline / For health of sister-in-law, Tammy / For health of Aunt Bunny / For health of Amanda / For health of health of Jim and Vera Hays / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health of Phil Soroka

SANDY AITKEN – Royal Doors (In memory of godfather, John Prystash) NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of dad, Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health of Phil Soroka / For health of Jim and Vera Hays / Safe travels for Alex

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

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In the practice of fasting it is important to remember that we are not fasting simply for the sake of fasting. Our observance of the fasting days and periods of the Church is for our spiritual growth and greater communion with God. It is not to be a superficial practice aimed at obtaining the praise of others. Fasting is also not intended to be so all-consuming that we become fixated by how we can design methods and recipes to experience enjoyable food without breaking the "rules." No matter how austere our fast or how much in accordance our fast may be with purely technical "rules," it is void of faith and grace if we are not also committed to prayer and worship, study and growth in our knowledge of our Faith, and philanthropic, and charitable acts.