

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Forgiveness Sunday

Cheese-fare Sunday

Tone 3. Epistle, Rom. 13:11-14:4. Gospel, Matt. 6:14-21

Hieromartyr Theodotus / St. Arseny, Bishop of Tver

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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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GREAT LENT BEGINS TOMORROW. A list of upcoming Lenten Mission Services can be found at the back of the Church.

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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.

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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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PASCHA and KIELBASI are being prepared for Easter by Holy Resurrection Church in West Brownsville. You can place your orders in the Candle Room.

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

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For health of Christine and Alex (2) / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Catherine and Jonah (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Luke (2) / For health of Phil Soroka

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 Aitken / 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

SANDY AITKEN – Tenth anniversary remembrance of dad, Lee / In memory of brother, Ethan / In memory of uncle, Joe Gursky / In memory of Aunt

Rosemary / For health of mother, Pauline / For health of sister-in-law, Tammy / For health of Amanda / For health of Jacque / For health of Aunt Bunny / For health of Jon / For health of Phil Soroka

AITKEN FAMILY – Royal Doors (For health of sister-in-law, Tammy Aitken)

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

NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of Jim and Vera Hays / 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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Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ teaches us: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you." The triumph of sin is division, opposition, separation, hatred. Therefore, the first break through this fortress of sin is forgiveness: the return to unity, solidarity, love. To forgive is to put between me and my "enemy" the radiant forgiveness of God Himself. Forgiveness is truly a "breakthrough" of the Kingdom into this sinful and fallen world.