

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos

**Sixth Week of Great Lent**

Tone 1. Epistle, Heb. 9:11-14 / Gospel, Mark 10:32-45

St. Mary of Egypt

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ANNUAL SOUP and SANDWICH LUNCHEON will be today, following the Divine Liturgy. Cost: \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

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DEANERY MISSION SERVICE will be held today at 6:00 p.m., at St. John the Baptist Church, in Canonsburg. Fellowship Hour to follow.

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PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY (PAN-ORTHODOX) will be held this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Resurrection Church in Belle Vernon.

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ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7), offered by Eleanor and Jim Prystash, in memory of departed John Prystash (12<sup>th</sup> anniversary). Memory Eternal!

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PRIVATE CONFESSIONS will be held this Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, March 25, 2018**

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 Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of Ron Onufer / For health of Pauline Petro (4)

OLGA BOGAN – For health of family / Special intentions (2)

BILL MULLEN – For health of wife, Lorraine

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of Church

RANDY VESCHIO – For health of mom and dad / For health of Michele (2)

LARRY and STEFFIE SMITH – For health of dad / For health of brother, Paul / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of Wyland / In memory of mom (5)

BILL PRIATKO – God's healing hand be with all of the afflicted in our parish / God's watchful hand be with all of our troops who are in harm's way / God's healing hand be upon daughter-in-law, Dottie / Blessed Memory Eternal to my beloved Katrinka / God's blessings to my son, Dan on his birthday (3/19) (5)

DEBBIE and DAN PRIATKO – In memory of our beloved mom / God's healing hand be upon sister-in-law, Dottie / For health of all parishioners / For health of Fr. Igor / God's blessings upon our parish (5)

DEBBIE PRIATKO – Special intentions (3) / God's blessings upon my brother, Dan on his birthday (3/19)

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

GINNY CASCIANI – God's healing hand be upon husband, David

VLAD KASH (3)

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, Paulina (5)

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of Jim Pfadt / Special intentions / In memory of newly departed Very Rev. Paul Ziatyk (6)

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – God's blessings upon granddaughter, Alexandra on her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday / For health of daughter, Kyra / For health of grandson, Noah / For birthday of daughter-in-law, Joceline / For birthday of daughter-in-law, Shelley / For health of grandson, Luke / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of David Casciani (8)

JIM and VERA HAYS – For health and birthday blessings for Alexandra Milchovich / God's healing hand be upon Dottie Priatko / For health of Pauline Petro / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of all parishioners of St. Nicholas Church (5)

NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of Fr. Igor / Birthday blessings be upon daughter, Alexandra / For health of mother, Pauline (3)

NICK MILCHOVICH – For health of wife, Christine

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 / In prayerful memory of departed sister, Sylvia Elnitsky (2)

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**St. Mary of Egypt**

Nearing the end of the Lenten journey, we see Pascha approaching, but we have not arrived yet. The story of St. Mary of Egypt demonstrates that it is never too late in life—or Lent—to attend to eternal matters.

St. Mary initially lived a life of debauchery. She once traveled to Jerusalem with some pilgrims, herself looking for fun. Upon entering to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, she felt a force preventing her. Suddenly aware of her impurity, she prayed for forgiveness, received absolution, and entered the wilderness, where she lived in fasting and repentance for the rest of her life.

Sometimes we too experience a moment of realization. We must repent. And after repentance comes action. Though we are not all called to solitude as St. Mary was, we can all turn from sin, toward Christ. When we fast, we grow our compassion for the hungry and the poor, as well as our knowledge of how much we need God's mercy.

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REMEMBER the SICK and AFFLICTED in your prayers.