

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Tone 4. Epistle, Heb. 11:24-26, 32-12:2. Gospel, John 1:43-51

Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

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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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GREATER PITTSBURGH SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPER SERVICE will be held today at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Mt. Lebanon.

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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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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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**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, March 2, 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 Klizas / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro

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

RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of dad / For health of family

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

DONNA BUCCI – God's blessings on family / Memory Eternal to husband, Lou

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

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For birthday of Jim Hays / For health of Vera Hays / For health of Christine and Alex (2) / 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 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 of Pauline Aitken / For health and welfare of our Church

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of brother, Ethan / For health of mother, Pauline / For health of sister-in-law, Tammy / For health of Amanda / For health of Jacque / For health of Phil Soroka / For health of Jim and Vera Hays

SANDY AITKEN – Royal Doors (In memory of Fr. Igor)

NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of Phil Soroka / Safe travels for daughter, Alex / For health of 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, Phil

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**The Triumph of Orthodoxy**

The triumph of icons is a triumph of Orthodoxy: without icons, there is no Orthodox Christianity. Icons affirm the basic principle of the preaching of the Gospels—interpreted in the decisions of the Seven Ecumenical Councils—namely, that God became man in Jesus the Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself. It is precisely because God took on a material form in Jesus, that we can make images of Jesus and of His true servants, the saints. We do not *worship* icons, for worship is given only to God. Neither is it their material substance which we venerate when we kiss them; rather, our veneration is passed on to the prototype. We can express our love for Jesus by kissing His icon or cross, but it is *Christ*—not paint and wood—whom we venerate *by means of* His icon or cross.