

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Tone 2. Epistle, Acts 6:1-7 / Gospel, Mark 15:43-16:8

St. Theodore Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis

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

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) offered by Deacon Rodion and Matushka Sandy Motichak (In loving memory of departed members of the Motichak and Sethman families). Memory Eternal!

SPECIAL DONATIONS

St. Nicholas Society, \$500 (Easter offering)

Donora "O" Club, \$300 (Easter offering)

Thank you for your kind offering to the Church!

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, April 22, 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 / For health of Pauline Petro / In memory of Ron Onufer (4)

SANDY CARROLL – Special intentions

BILL MULLEN – Special intentions

BILL MULLEN – For health of wife, Lorraine

SHELLEY MULLEN – For health of mother, Lorraine

LARRY and STEFFIE SMITH – For health of dad, Steven Nonack / For health of

Fr. Igor / In memory of mom (3)

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

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

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 (4)

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PAULINE AITKEN – In memory of departed son, Kevin / In memory of departed grandson, Nicholas / In memory of departed husband, Lee / Special intentions (4)

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / Special intentions / Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! (6)

VLAD KASH (3)

KASH FAMILY – In memory of sister, Marie

TOM and ELAINE BACKSTROM – In memory of mom and dad / Special intentions / God's healing hand upon sister, Michele / God's healing hand upon brother-in-law, Paul / God's blessings on our grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy and Madison / God's blessings on Aaron and Cara (6)

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – In loving memory of infant grandson, Jack Zewe (4th anniversary, 4/19) / In memory of Janice Kash / In memory of father, Michael Petro / In memory of newly departed Dolores Casciani / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of daughter, Christine and granddaughter, Alexandra / For health of daughter, Kyra and grandson, Luke / For health of Pauline Yushchak (10)

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

The Holy Myrrhbearing Women

When our Lord was crucified, the faithful Myrrh-bearers stood at the very Cross — lamenting, and at the same time trying to somehow lessen the terrible, supernatural sorrow of the Most-blessed Virgin Mary with their love and compassion. They did not leave Her. We know from the Gospel how they buried Him, and that the Myrrh-bearing Women watched where they laid Him. But there were no Apostles here: they fled. The Myrrh-bearing Women remained faithful to Him until the very end, and their conscience and inner feeling of spiritual intuition remained bright and pure, and therefore they immediately recognized Christ when He appeared to them, and without any doubt they worshipped Him as their beloved Teacher and Victor over death. Every one of us must remember this and always pray that the Lord will teach us to be faithful to Him, always and in everything, as the Holy Glorious Myrrh-bearing Women were faithful to Him. They persevered in their faithfulness until the end, and they received the ineffable joy of seeing the Risen Teacher, and immediately they worshipped Him. This example of their faithfulness and love must be an instructive example for every Christian soul, so that by following it, a person can demonstrate faithfulness to the Lord until the end and receive the joy of His Countenance.