

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity

Tone 7. Epistle, Acts 2:1-11 / Gospel, John 7: 37-52. 8:12

Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis

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

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

SPECIAL THANKS to Vladimir Kash for bringing tree branches to decorate the Church for Pentecost.

GIFT CARDS can be ordered in the Candle Room.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, May 27, 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)

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of the Church / Blessings for mothers on Mother's Day (2)

GINNY and DAVID CASCIANI – For God's healing hand upon granddaughter, Gianna

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

BILL MULLEN – For health of wife, Lorraine

SHELLEY MULLEN – For health of mother, Lorraine

LISA MULLEN – For health of mother, Lorraine

ISABELLA MULLEN – For health of grandmother, Lorraine

PRISCILLA KALUPONOV – In memory of my beloved husband, Andrew

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)

VLAD KASH (3)

KASH FAMILY – In memory of sister, Marie Brown / In memory of Steve Nonack Jr. / In memory of Zenovia Peceuch (3)

PAULINE AITKEN – In memory of departed son, Kevin / In memory of departed grandson, Nicholas / In memory of departed husband, Lee / Special intentions / God's blessings on granddaughter, Amanda and Matt / God's blessings on Jim and Vera Hays / God's blessings on Natalie and Rob Montini (7)

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / God's blessings upon nephew, Sheehan / Birthday blessings for niece, Sophia / For health of Fr. Igor / Special intentions (7)

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For health of Fr. Igor / For anniversary of Tom and Shelly / God's blessings upon brother, Bill Drahushak on his birthday / For health of daughter, Christine and granddaughter, Alexandra / For health of daughter, Kyra and sons, Luke and Noah (8)

JIM and VERA HAYS – For health of Dottie Priatko / For health of Alexandra Milchovich / For health of Ralph and Dolores Veschio / For health of Fr. Igor (4)

NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of daughter, Alexandra / For health of Dottie Priatko (2)

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 blessed memory of sister, Sylvia Elnitsky (2)

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, Who proceeds from the Father, is He Who spoke through the prophets and was the Divine Instrument in the birth of Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Author of the Bible; He guides and protects the Church of Christ, having given it life on the day of Pentecost.

It is the Holy Spirit Who endows members of the Church with varieties of spiritual gifts for their illumination and satisfaction. That is why Christians invoke the Holy Spirit in times of joy and in times of sorrow to strengthen their faith with His Grace to accomplish their purpose in life. Faithful members of the Church humbly should pray that they will not be led astray by "movements" outside the Church, where there is no salvation.

The dire need of the people today is that they be reawakened to the realization that they already possess the greatest spiritual gift they can be given—their Christian faith. Christians must dedicate themselves to the true meaning and practice of their faith in God, and not allow themselves to be led astray in moments of weakness. The Holy Spirit bestows gifts only on those who believe in and practice the true faith. The Christian is admonished to:

"Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance", and "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil", (Ephesians 6:18; 6: 10-11).