

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Tone 5. Epistle, 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4, Gospel, Matt. 22:1-14  
Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora

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WEDNESDAY 4:30 p.m. Vespers (Eve of Elevation of the Precious Cross)

THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Elevation of the Precious Cross)

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

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ANYONE WISHING TO OFFER FLOWERS for the Holy Cross, please see someone in the Candle Room. Thank you!

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ST. NICHOLAS ETHNIC FOOD FAIR will take place on Saturday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please spread the word to your friends and relatives.

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A SIGN-UP SHEET has been posted on the bulletin board for anyone who wishes to donate groceries, supplies and items for the Ethnic Food Fair. Cash donations are also gladly accepted. Also, please begin to bring in items for the Flea Market.

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WORK SCHEDULE before the St. Nicholas Church Ethnic Food Fair:

- Tuesday, October 3, 9 a.m. Steaming of cabbage
  - Wednesday, October 4, 9 a.m., Making of halupki and halushki
  - Thursday, October 5, 11 a.m., Decoration of Church Hall
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THIS IS TO INFORM OUR PARISHIONERS that Fr. Gabriel Monforte and his family will be visiting our Church next Sunday, September 17. He will be serving the Divine Liturgy that day. Fr. Gabriel has shown an interest in serving at our Church. Following the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Gabriel, Matushka Laura and their family will meet with our parishioners during Coffee Hour. Everyone is invited to attend.

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**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, September 10, 2017**

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)

PRISCILLA KALUPONOV – In memory of my beloved husband, Andrew

MIKE and BECKY HORAN – Special intentions / For health of Frank Chacko (2)

SANDRA KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of Michael Drake / For health of cousin, Jean (4)  
LARRY and STEFFIE SMITH – For health of family / For health of Fr. Igor / In memory of mom / In memory of Matushka Irene / For health of Priscilla Kaluponov (5)

OLGA BOGAN – For health of family / For health of Jim and Nancy / Special intentions (3)

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)

BILL PRIATKO – God's healing hand be with all of our parishioners who are ill, suffering and facing adversity / 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 / Thanksgiving to God upon Nick Milchovich's induction into the Charleroi High School Sports Hall of Fame (5)

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – Safe travel for Krya, Luke and Adam / Safe travel for daughter, Christine / God's blessings upon daughter, Natalie on her birthday / God's blessings upon Marsha and Keith Reidmiller on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary / For health of daughter, Kyra and grandson, Luke / In loving memory of infant grandson, Jack (6)

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 sincere thanksgiving to God on my 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holy Priesthood (Elevation of the Cross – September 14) – "Before they Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master! (2)

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GENERAL CONFESSIOIN will be held on Sunday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.

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**The Meaning of the Cross**

Let us ask ourselves the question, what does the cross mean to us? When it is mentioned, do we think only of the first Good Friday and the hill outside Jerusalem? Is it no more than a historical fact that happened nineteen centuries ago? Unless we see it as a principle of everyday life, a way of living, of voluntary self-giving, we miss its practical meaning for us. The cross is not laid on our shoulders by another, or by accident. It is not imposed from without, but voluntarily assumed from within. It is going the second mile, doing more than conditions require. What should be our response to Jesus' sacrificial love? Our response would be reflected in our attitude toward life, and toward all human beings as a whole. If our attitude toward people is one of honest sympathy, understanding and love, if we live sacrificially, giving of our time and means toward the elevation of humanity, living lives that have for their purpose putting God first, and the affairs of His Kingdom are given the pre-eminence, then it may be truthfully said that we know whom we have believed, we have a clear vision of the Man upon the cross.