

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Tone 5. Epistle, 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4; Gospel, Matt. 22:1-14
St. Eumenes of Gortyna / Martyr Ariadne

SERVICES

SATURDAY 7:00 p.m. VESPERS
(Holy Resurrection Church Belle Vernon)

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

ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY will meet next Sunday after the Coffee Fellowship Hour.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) offered by Pauline Aitken and Family, for birthday remembrance of departed son, brother, and uncle, Kevin Aitken.
ROYAL DOOR VIGIL and NATIVITY KIOT VIGILS (3) offered by Sandy Aitken, in memory of brother, Kevin Aitken.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Nicholas Church's Annual Food Fair will be held on Saturday, October 22. More details will be announced in future bulletins.

IOCC WILL BE HOLDING a PRAYER SERVICE and DINNER on Sunday, September 25 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland to raise money to support relief efforts for the suffering people of Ukraine. Tickets can be purchased in the Candle Room

PLEASE KEEP ARCHBISHOP MELCHISEDEK in your prayers as he continues to recover from hip replacement surgery.

HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH (110 Main St., West Brownsville), will be having a Salisbury Steak Dinner next Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Donation: \$12, Adults; \$6, Children. Take outs will be available.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, September 18, 2022

MARY BEHANNA (Virgin Mary Kiot) – In memory of parents, Andy and Petrina Gernat (2)

ALBERT HANNA – Special intentions

SANDY KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / Special intentions

SANDY CARROLL – For health of family / For health of Mark Soroka / Birthday blessings for Kelly

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor / For health of Tom Petro

RALPH and INA PRYSTASH – For health of daughter, Jacque / For health of Tom Petro

RALPH PRYSTASH – For health of Ina and Dianna

INA PRYSTASH – For health of husband, Ralph

RODNEY PRYSTASH – For health of family

TOM and ELAINE BACKSTROM – Special intentions / 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

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – God's blessings upon daughter, Natalie / For health of son, Tom / For health of Ted and Joceline (2) / For health of Natalie, Rob and Giada (3) / For health of Kyra and Adam (2) / In memory of his Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman / In memory of Joshua Fritch / For health of Mark and Philip Soroka (2)

M/M JIM HAYS – For health of Tom Petro / For health of all parishioners / For health of Dennis Carroll / For health of Archbishop Melchisedek / For health of Mark Soroka
ROB and NATALIE MONTINI – For health of niece, Giada Montini / For health of brother, Tom Petro

NICK and CHRISTINE MILCHOVICH – For health of Giada Montini / For health of Prystash family / For health of Archbishop Melchisedek / Birthday wishes for sister, Natalie Montini

MARK SOROKA – In blessed memory of father, Fr. Igor / In blessed memory of mother, Mat. Irene

Wisdom from the Saints: The Light of Knowledge

We all receive God's blessings equally. But some of us, receiving God's fire, that is, His word, become soft like beeswax, while the others like clay become hard as stone. And if we do not want Him, He does not force any of us, but like the sun He sends His rays and illuminates the whole world, and he who wants to see Him, sees Him, whereas the one who does not want to see Him, is not forced by Him. And no one is responsible for this privation of light except the one who does not want to have it.

God created the sun and the eye. Man is free to receive the sun's light or not. The same is true here. God sends the light of knowledge like rays to all, but He also gave us faith like an eye. The one who wants to receive knowledge through faith, keeps it by his works, and so God gives him more willingness, knowledge, and power.

– St. Peter the Damascene