

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN Sunday, Jan. 30th, 2021

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

*Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle, Hierarchs); 1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Epistle, Sunday)
Matthew 5:14-19 (Gospel, Hierarchs); Matthew 15:21-28 (Gospel, Sunday)*

Please join us following Divine Liturgy downstairs for Coffee hour.

The St. Nicholas Society will have a Super Bowl Hoagie Sale, on Saturday, February 12. To place an order please call 724-379-6478 or 724-483-8428, by February 4. The cost is \$8. Pickups will be on Saturday, February 12, from 11:00 am to noon. Workers are asked to be at the church at 8:00 am on Saturday, February 12.

If you have not already done so, please speak to Fr. John about arranging a house blessing, if you desire.

Services and events this week

Tuesday

6:00pm Vespers for the feast of The Meeting of the Lord

Wednesday

9:30am Divine Liturgy for **The Meeting of the Lord, Blessing of candles**

6:30pm Small Compline

7pm Book Study Group (pending)

Saturday

6:00pm Great Vespers, followed by catechesis class: “The Mystery of the Holy Priesthood”

Sunday

9:00am Bible Study

9:40 Hours; 10am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Prayer list Jan. 16th

Mary Behanna – in memory of parents Andy & Petrina Gernat (Virgin Mary Kiot)

Sandy Klizas – in memory of Stephen & Helen Drake/ in memory of Frank & June Drake

Dimitri & Pauline Petro – memory of newly departed George Hanna/ for birthday of brother, Dan/ in loving memory of Fr. Igor/ in memory of mother, Mary Petro/ for health of Christine & Alexandra/ for health of Rachel & Shelley/ for health of grandson Jonah/ for health of Natalie & Rob/ for health of Kyra & Adam/ for health of Mat. Nadia/ God’s blessings upon Fred Ruv on his 80th birthday

Pauline Petro – for health of husband Dimitri

Pauline Aitken – in memory of departed son Ethan/ memory of departed son, Kevin/ memory of grandson, Nicholas/ memory of husband, Lee/ God’s blessings on Aidan, Callen, Sheehan/ for special intentions

Sandy Aitken – in memory of brothers, Ethan & Kevin, dad Lee, Jean Pawlak/ health of mother Pauline, Amanda, Fr. Patrick, birthday blessings for Godson, Todd

Tom & Elaine Backstrom – for special intentions/ memory of mom & dad/ God’s healing hand upon sister, Michele/ for health of family/ God’s blessings on grandchildren Sydney, Luke, Freddy & Madison/ for health of all parishioners

Ralph & Ina Prystash – for health of daughter, Jacque, health of family

Ralph Prystash – for health of Ina & Dianna

Rodney Prystash – for health of family

Michael Horan – memory eternal to my loving wife Rebecca/ for health of Cindy/ for special intentions

Janine Shepler – in memory of 3rd anniversary of sister Becky’s repose/ health of husband Bill & sister Tammy/ health of son Billy & Daughter-in-law Jodi/ health of Mat. Nadia

Ken Behanna – for the health and welfare of our Church

Sandy Carroll – health of husband, Dennis/ for Fred’s 80th Birthday

Mark & Phil Soroka – in blessed memory of beloved father, Fr. Igor

Nick & Christine Milchovich – in memory of Ethan Aitken/ in memory of Fr. Igor

Altar & Analoï offerings

Jan. 30th – altar candles offered by Sandy Klizas, in memory of mother, Helen Drake

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

This blessing and grace that we receive and accept is given to those who attend the Divine Liturgy. Therefore, we say you have to go to the Divine Liturgy and participate in it. People often ask: “Why should I go to Liturgy?” You have to go because you won’t

receive all these blessings and this grace if you don't participate in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

If we had a Liturgy served by Christ Himself and a Liturgy served by this priest, which Liturgy which would have greater power? They're both the same. Because Christ does everything in everyone, and the priest is merely a minister. Therefore, one of the prayers of the Divine Liturgy says: "For Thou art He that offereth and is offered, that accepteth and is distributed, O Christ our God." It's Christ serving the Liturgy, not the priest. He is the One Who offers the gift, and offers Himself; He is the gift and the Giver of the gift; He accomplishes everything in everyone.

We have to go to Liturgy, even if we stand there like stumps. Some will say: "I'm not how I should be. I don't understand any of it. My mind can't concentrate there." But go, no matter what. One elder said: "When you stop into a perfume store, your clothes smell fragrant after you leave, even if you didn't buy anything." This is what happens, he says, when you go to Liturgy.

Maybe you won't be able to do anything spiritual, but even the fact that you went, that you stood there like a stump – that's already something. So tell yourself: "I'll go as I am – an unhewn log. After all, God knows how to hone down the unhewn log." And if you don't go because you say, "I can't, I can't concentrate," then everything will get worse and worse, and you'll never get better."

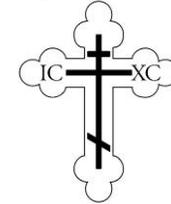
Metropolitan Anthony of Limassol



"It is better for those who are not capable of long prayers to say short prayers, but with a fervent spirit." — St. John of Kronstadt

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