

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Tone 4. Epistle, Rom. 10:1-10 / Gospel, Matt. 8:29-9:1

Unmercenary Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian

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

HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP MELCHISEDEK will pay an official visit to our Church and officiate at the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, July 8. His Eminence will arrive at 9:00 a.m. All parishioners are urged to be in the Church by 9:30 a.m.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) and ANALOI TABLE CANDLES (7) offered by Fred and Caroline Ruev (For God's blessings upon grandson Brian Butti and Sara Best on their wedding).

A NEW CANDELABRA IS NEEDED to replace the old candelabra on the Analoï Table. Please see anyone in the Candle Room if you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of the candelabra.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, July 1, 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)

SANDRA KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake (2)

BOB and MARY BEHANNA – For health of daughter, Debra

SANDY CARROLL – Special intentions

PAULINE YUSCHAK – In memory of newly departed Dottie Priatko

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

VLAD KASH (3)

KASH FAMILY – In memory of newly departed Dottie Priatko

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)

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of godson, Nicholas / For health and well-being of mother, Pauline / In memory of newly departed Dottie Priatko / Birthday remembrance of godfather, John Prystash / For health of Fr. Igor / For save travels / For special intentions (8)

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – In memory of newly departed Dottie Priatko / Safe travel for Natalie and Rob / For birthday of Bunnie Campayno / For birthday of Ginny Casciani / God's blessings upon Ralph and Dolores Veschio on their wedding anniversary / For birthday of Ralph Veschio / For health of daughter, Christine and granddaughter, Alexandra (2) / For health of daughter, Kyra and grandson, Luke (2) / For health of Fr. Igor / God's blessings upon newlyweds Brian and Sara Butti (12)

DEACON RODION, MATUSHKA SANDY and FAMILY – God's blessings to all the high school graduates / In memory of newly departed Dottie Priatko / For health of Francis Ricci and Lorraine Mullen (3)

JIM and VERA HAYS – In memory of newly departed Dottie Priatko / For health of Ralph and Dolores Veschio / For health of Fr. Igor / For health of Lorraine Mullen / For safe travel for Sandy Aitken (5)

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

Wisdom from the Saints: A Lofty Soul Does Not Yield to Despair

Just as the Lord is solicitous about our salvation, so too the murderer of men, the devil, strives to lead a man into despair.

A lofty and sound soul does not despair over misfortunes, of whatever sort they may be. Our life is as it were a house of temptations and trials; but we will not renounce the Lord for as long as He allows the tempter to remain with us and for as long as we must wait to be revived through patience and secure passionless!

Judas the betrayer was fainthearted and unskilled in battle, and so the enemy, seeing his despair, attacked him and forced him to hang himself, but Peter, a firm rock, when he fell into great sin, like one skilled in battle did not despair nor lose heart, but shed bitter tears from a burning heart, and the enemy, seeing these tears, his eyes scorched as by fire, fled far from him wailing in pain.

And so, brothers, St. Antioch teaches, when despair attacks us let us not yield to it, but being strengthened and protected by the light of faith, with great courage let us say to the evil spirit: "What are you to us, estranged from God, a fugitive from heaven and evil servant? You dare do nothing to us. Christ, the Son of God, has authority both over us and over everything. It is against Him that we have sinned, and before Him that we will be justified. And you, destroyer, leave us. Strengthen by His venerable Cross, we trample under foot your serpent's head" (St. Antioch, Discourse 27).

– St. Seraphim of Sarov

REMEMBER the SICK and SHUT-INS in your prayers.