

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, January 1, 2023

DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 a.m.

Circumcision of Christ

Tone 4. Epistle, 2 Tim. 4:5-8; Gospel, Mark. 1:1-8 St.

Basil the Great

SERVICES

FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY
(Theophany of Christ and Blessing of Water)
(Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon)

SATURDAY 6:00 p.m. VESPERS
(Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon)

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

DONATIONS for 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are due by Jan 8.
Thank you for your devotion and support to the Church!

BLESSING of HOLY WATER will take place following the Divine Liturgy next Sunday.
Please bring in your jars and containers so you can take Holy Water home for use this coming year.

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS are available for pick-up in the Church Hall.

VIGIL OFFERINGS - Sunday, January 1, 2023

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

ALBERT HANNA - Special intentions

DAVE and GINNY CASCIANI -- For strength and recovery of Tom Petro

SANDY KLIZAS — In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / In memory of Pauline Drahushak (grandmother) / Christmas blessings for all St. Nicholas Church parishioners / Special intentions

SANDY CARROLL — In memory of parents, Mae and Pete Ruev

PROTODEACON RODION, MAT. SANDY & FAMILY - For health of Protodeacon Rodion, Nicholas, and Christina / In loving memory of parents, Harold and Lillian

Sethman / In loving memory of parents, Joseph and Irene Motichak / God's blessings upon all families of St. Nicholas parish / Christ is Born! Glorify Him /

ELEANOR PRYSTASH — In memory of husband, John / In memory of mother and father / In memory of Ralph Prystash / In memory of sister, Betty JITv1 PRYSTASH — In memory of dad / For health of mom

RODNEY PRYSTASH — In memory of dad / For health of mom, Jacque, and Dianna

INA PRYSTASH — In memory of husband, Ralph / For health of daughter, Jacque

DR DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO - In memory of Archie Montini / For health of Christine and Alexandra (2) / For health of Tom and Shelley (2) / For health of Ted and Joceline (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Adam (2)

TED and JOCELINE PETRO - For health of father, Andrew

JIM and VERA HAYS — Christmas and New Year's blessings to all St. Nicholas parishioners and their families / In blessed memory of all of our loved ones who have passed away and are no longer with us at Christmas / For health of all parishioners / In memory of Ralph Prystash

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

New Year's Resolutions for Orthodox Christians

- Pray every day. Accept a Prayer Rule in your life and then try to follow that rule every day. Prayer is connecting with God, communing with the Source of life. Say set prayers every morning and evening, but then seek to talk with God throughout the day. Even if you only have a few minutes to pray, close your eyes and recite the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have Mercy on Me, a Sinner."
- Take time each day to express gratitude, first towards God and then towards others. Even when you are having a tough day, pause and think of five things for which you can thank God. And make it a point that whenever you are frustrated, you thank God even more!
- Each day hand over any anger or resentment to God. Don't allow the day to end while holding on to any bitterness. This means that we have to practice forgiveness daily. Take time each day to reflect on your own mistakes, asking God for forgiveness. Then, offer your forgiveness to anyone who may have hurt or offended you.
- Smile and try to brighten up each person who crosses your path. Say words that will "edify bring grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29).
- Every day remember how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then think about how you can humbly serve others. And strive to serve others with joy. Remember that it's a blessing to be able to serve and to give to others.
- Keep an eternal perspective on life. Each day, remember that some people have tragically died. Remembering death can help us live life better. If we remember that we are but brief sojourners on this earth, and that our ultimate citizenship is in heaven, it changes our perspective on how to live.

REMEMBER the SICK and SHUT-INS in your prayers.