

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, March 26, 2023

St. John Climacus

Tone 8. Epistle, Heb. 6:13-20; Gospel, Mark 9:17-31

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

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**SERVICES**

**TODAY** 4:30 p.m. DEANERY VESPERS SERVICE  
St. Nicholas Church (Donora), followed by refreshments

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00 p.m. PRE-SANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY  
(Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon)

**SATURDAY** 10:00 a.m. HOLY UNCTION  
(St. Nicholas Church, Weirton, WV)  
6 p.m. VESPERS  
Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon)

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

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PRIVATE CONFESSIONS will be given at our Church by Fr. Constantine on Saturday, April 1, 2-4 p.m., and Saturday, April 8, 2-4 p.m. Please remember to have confession in order to receive Holy Communion during the Pascha (Easter) services.

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DEANERY VESPERS SERVICE will be held next Sunday at St. John Church (Canonsburg) at 4:30 p.m., followed by refreshments.

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**VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, March 26, 2023**

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

INA PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, Ralph / For health of family

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

M/M TERRY RUGH – In memory of dad, Ralph / For health of family / For health of Natalie Tooch

ELEANOR PRYSTASH – In memory of husband, John / In memory of mother and father / In memory of sister, Betty

JIM PRYSTASH – In memory of dad / For health of mother

GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother, Gerald / For health and welfare of our Church

SANY CARROLL – In memory of departed parents, Mae and Pete Ruev / For health of family

MICHELE LUCIANI – In memory of dep. husband, Stephen Popvich – May God grant him Memory Eternal!

JOSEPH POPVICH – In memory of dep. father, Stephen Popovich – May God grant him everlasting peace and Memory Eternal!

DONNA BUCCI – In memory of husband, Louis / For health of family

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our church

PROTODEACON RODION and MAT. SANDY – For health of Protodeacon Rodion, Nicholas, and Christina / For newly departed Larissa Slebodnik Vcousin – May her memory be eternal! / For successful surgery for cousin, Michele Fausti / For health of Pauline Petro

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor

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

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

SANDY AITKEN – In memory of newly departed Serge Daniels / In memory of brother, Ethan / In memory of dad, Lee / In memory of newly departed Aunt Rosemary / For health of mother, Pauline / Safe travel for Bart, Tamara, and Ian

MICHAEL HORAN – Memory Eternal for my loving wife, Rebecca / For health of Cindy / In memory of departed friend, Bill Holman

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – In memory of newly departed Michael Chuhran / For birthday of daughter-in-law, Joceline / For birthday of daughter-in-law, Shelley / For health of son, Tom / For health of Christine and Alexandra (2) / For health of Ted and Joceline (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Will (2)

JIM and VERA HAYS – In memory of Serge Daniels / For health of Tom Petro / For health of all parishioners / God's blessings on St. Nicholas Church

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

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St John of the Ladder described a monastery he had visited where the monks practiced fearsome and extreme feats of penance. He commented: *"I saw their humble and contrite souls who were saddened by the weight of their burden. The stones themselves have been moved to pity by their voices and by their cries to God."*

After witnessing such great examples of repentance, St. John added: *"It seems to me that those who have fallen and are penitent are more blessed than those who have never fallen and who do not have to mourn over themselves, because through having fallen, they have pulled themselves up by a sure resurrection. Nothing equals the mercy of God or surpasses it. To despair is therefore to inflict death on oneself."*

As we renew our spiritual efforts and turn to God during the season of Lent, the words of St John Climacus remind us of the power of repentance with reliance on God's mercy. It reassures us that when we have fallen away from God and return to him through repentance, all is not lost but, on the contrary, God's mercy comes to us with even greater power. Practicing repentance through our Lenten journey offers us the prospect of a joyful Pascha.