

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Tone 7. Epistle, Hebrews 7:7-17. Gospel, Luke 2:22-40

Zacchaeus Sunday

SERVICES

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

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

SUPER BOWL HOAGIE SALE will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8. To order, call Denise Ricci at 724-483-8428 by Sunday, Feb. 2. Cost is \$10.00/hoagie. Sponsored by our St. Nicholas Society. Pickup is Saturday, Feb. 8, from 11 a.m. to Noon. Workers are asked to be at the Church Hall at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Feb. 23. Anyone who would like to bring in a covered dish can sign up in the Candle Room.

SARRIS CANDY ORDERS are available in the back of the church or the church hall. This fundraiser benefits the St. Nicholas Sunday School students. See Mat. Sandy to place your orders.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT will be held on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park, Pa. Archpriest Victor Gorodenchuk, Dean of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Philadelphia, will be speaking on the topic: *"The Book of Job: Suffering and Victory of Christ over Satan."* Visit <https://www.ocadwpa.org/news> for more information.

HOLIDAY PYSANKY EGG DECORATING CLASS will be held on Thursdays (for 5 weeks), from 6 to 8 p.m., starting on March 13 in the Church Hall. All skill levels welcome. Contact Sandy Carroll or Kelly Bavuso for more information or leave your contact information at the Candle Room.

VIGIL OFFERINGS – Sunday, February 2, 2025

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

ALBERT HANNA – Special intentions

SANDY CARROLL – For health of family / For health of all St. Nicholas parishioners

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

RODNEY PRYSTASH – In memory of dad / For health of family

VLAD KASH – In memory of Fr. Igor

SANDRA KLIZAS – In memory of Stephen and Helen Drake / In memory of Frank and June Drake / For health of Nancy Bostaph / For health of Dr.

Dimitri Petro

MIKE HORAN – Memory Eternal for my loving wife, Rebecca (6th anniversary of here Falling Asleep in the Lord) / For health of Cindy / Special intentions

KEN BEHANNA – For health and welfare of our church

JOHN and CHRISTINE LEONARD – Special intentions

M/M DENNIS STEINER – For health of John and Christine Leonard

JOHN LEONARD JR. and FAMILY – For health of John and Christine Leonard

DUSTIN LEONARD and FAMILY – For health of John and Christine Leonard

DR. DIMITRI and PAULINE PETRO – For health of Pauline Aitken / For health of Sandy Aitken / In memory of mother, Mary Petro / For health of Christine and Alex (2) / For health of Tom and Russell (2) / For health of Joceline and Jonah (2) / For health of Natalie and Rob (2) / For health of Kyra and Luke (2)

PAULINE PETRO – For health of husband, Dimitri

GERALDINE ROZIK – For health of brother, Gerald / In memory of parents, Joseph and Helen Rozik / For health of Dr. Dimitri Petro / For health and welfare of our Church

AITKEN FAMILY – Royal Doors (In memory of Fr. Igor)

M/M ROB MONTINI – For health of dad, Dr. Dimitri Petro

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

Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law. The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.