

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN** Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Veneration of the  
Precious Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter.

*Colossians 3:12-16 | Luke 18:18-27*

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Please join us following Divine Liturgy downstairs for Coffee hour.

Giving Envelopes for 2022 are now available.

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**

**Wednesday**

**6:30pm** Small Compline

**7pm** Book Study Group

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

**9:00am** Bible Study

9:40 Hours; 10am Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

**Prayer list Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Sandy & Dennis Carroll* – health of grandson, Trevor Carroll

*Fred & Caroline Ruev* – in memory of dearly beloved Mother, Rose Ruev –  
memory eternal/ in blessed memory of Fr. Soroka/ for all who are sick, God  
grant them speedy recovery

*Sandy Klizas* – in memory of Frank and June Drake/ in memory of Stephen &  
Helen Drake/ in memory of Fr. Igor Soroka/ health of (?) Clark/ health of  
husband/ health of Allan Boger

*Pauline Petro* – for health of husband, Dimitri

*Dimitri & Pauline Petro* – in memory of Arsenio Montini/ in memory of newly  
departed Fr. Igor/ birthday remembrance of uncle Steve (1/7)/ for birthday  
of Fr. John/ Birthday remembrance of dad, Michael Petro/ in memory of

Aunt Helen Drake/ in memory of newly departed Ethan Aitken/ for health  
of Zewe family/ for health of Milchovich family/ for health of Natalie & rob/  
safe travel for Ted, Joceline, Jonah & Catherin/ for health of Russell & Shelley

*Pauline Aitken* – in memory of son, Ethan/ in memory of son, Kevin/ in  
memory of departed grandson Nicholas/ in memory of departed husband  
Lee, departed Fr. Igor/ for health of grandson Sheehan/ special intentions

*Tom & Elaine Backstrom* – special intentions/ God’s healing hand be upon  
sister Michele/ in memory of mom & dad/ God’s blessings on grandchildren  
Sydney, Luke, Freddy & Madison/ for health of family/ in memory of Fr.  
Igor/ in memory of Ethan Aitken

*Mark Soroka* – in blessed memory of newly departed father, Fr. Igor/ in  
blessed memory of beloved mother, Irene

*Sandy Aitken* – in memory of newly departed brother, Ethan, Fr. Igor/ in  
memory of dad, Lee/ health of mother Pauline, Aunt Bunnie, niece Amanda,  
Mat. Nadia, Fr. Patrick

**Altar & Analoï offerings**

**Jan. 09** – Altar candles offered by Barbara Demcisak, in memory of Fr. Igor

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Altar & Analoï table candles offered by Denise Ricci, in memory  
of father, Michael, on the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his repose

***Ignorance of the scriptures by Christians is a terrible disgrace...***

*St. John Chrysostom taught that Christians are actually responsible  
for the fact that more pagans have not converted to Christianity;  
Christians, through lack of knowledge of the scriptures and their own  
faith, are responsible for blasphemies which pagans said about Christ...*

*“It is ridiculous is he who professes to be a Christian is unable to  
utter a word in defense of his own faith. It is this that prevents the  
pagans from quickly realizing the absurdity of their error, inasmuch as  
relying on falsehood, they make every effort to obscure the baseness of  
their teachings. While we, who are the guardians of truth, cannot even  
open our mouth...*

*“What will prevent them from despising the great “weakness” of  
our doctrine? Will they not get the idea that our teaching is deceitful,  
and foolish? Will they not blaspheme Christ as a dissembler and  
deceiver, who makes us of the stupidity of the majority, to advance his  
deceit?*

*“And WE are responsible for this blasphemy, if we are not willing to  
be on the alert, to speak in defense of righteousness, but rate such  
matters as superfluous, and concern ourselves about ‘the things of the  
earth.’” – St. John Chrysostom*

*“The things that make up countless evils are these: being a slave to the appetite, doing anything for vainglory (the praise of others), being a slave to the madness of riches, and, most powerful of all, desiring more. How can we have victory over the enemy? By running to God for shelter the way Christ taught us. We must not be depressed in times of famine but believe that God can feed us without a word. We must not tempt Him who gives good gifts with the good things we receive from Him. But we should be content with heavenly glory, disregard human things, and always despise excess. For nothing makes us fall under the devil’s power as surely as longing for more and loving covetousness.” – St. John Chrysostom*

*“Children who are submissive and faithful to God in their obedience to His law will have found an abundant source of happiness, even in this temporal life. A poor man with Christian morals inspires respect and love from others. Meanwhile, with an evil and depraved heart, all your riches will not save you from the displeasure and aversion of everyone around you.” – St. Theophan the Recluse*

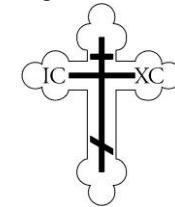
*“It is foolish to think that wealth or abundance – or even moderate means – would be beneficial or reassuring. The rich worry even more than the poor and impoverished. Poverty and being in want are closer to humility and to salvation, if only the one who is poor does not become fainthearted, but with faith and hope relies on the all-good Providence of God. Until this day the Lord has fed us, and He has the power to do so in the future.” –St. Ambrose of Optina*



***“Abundance and plenty spoil people. From fat, as they say, even animals go mad.”—St. Ambrose***

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