

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN** Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2021  
SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 4. The Expulsion of Adam and  
Eve from Paradise. The 42 Martyrs of Ammoria in Phrygia  
*Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21*

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Please join us following Divine Liturgy downstairs for coffee hour.  
Great Lent begins this evening, March 6<sup>th</sup>. May God give you  
strength, to increase your fasting, prayer, and devotion to the liturgical life!  
“Forgiveness Vespers” will be served this evening at 5pm as a commencing of  
the season of repentance; all are encouraged to come and begin Great Lent in  
a spirit of mutual forgiveness and love.

**Next Sunday, for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, please bring icons from  
home to bear in procession around the Church following Liturgy.**

The St. Nicholas society will have a meeting following Coffee hour  
next Sunday.

**Services and events this week**

**Monday & Wednesday**

**6:30pm** Great Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew; rehearsal beforehand

**Saturday**

**6:00pm** Great Vespers

**First Sunday of Lent (March 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**9:40** Hours; **10am** Divine Liturgy, followed by coffee hour

**4:30pm** Pan-Orthodox Mission Vespers (601 W McMurray Rd, Canonsburg,  
PA 15317)

**Prayer list Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Sandy Klizas* – in memory of Stephen & Helen Drake/ in memory of Frank &  
June Drake/ birthday blessings for daughter Sarah

*Vlad Kash* – in memory of Fr. Igor Soroka/ in memory of Randy Kegg/ God’s  
blessing for widow, Sheila Kegg

*Dave Kash* – in memory of mother, Janice/ in memory of Josephine Rogers/ in  
memory of Randall Kegg

*Dimitri & Pauline Petro* – God’s blessing for Jim Hays on his birthday/  
birthday remembrance of Priscilla/ for health of Christine & Alexandra/ for  
health of Russell and Shelley/ for health of Ted and Jonah/ for health of  
Kyra/ for health of Giada Montini/ for health of Matushka Sandy/ for special  
intentions

*Deacon Rodion & Mat. Sandy and family* – for health of Deacon Rodion,  
Nicholas & Christina/ for health of Dennis Carroll/ God’s blessings upon

Will Zewe on his 1<sup>st</sup> birrhdya/ for health of Vera Hays/ for health of all St.  
Nicholas families

*Mike Horan* – memory eternal for my loving wife, Rebecca/ for health of  
Cindy/ for special intentions/ for health of Dennis Carroll/ for health of  
Manny Rodriguez

*Janine Shepler* – in memory of sister, Becky, & brother John/ safe trip for son  
Bill/ health of husband Bill/ special intentions so bill & daughter-in-law  
Jodi/ health of sister, Tammy/ health of brother-in-law, Mike/ special  
intentions

*Sandy Carroll* – health of family/ safety of those in Ukraine/

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

*Sandy Aitken* – in memory of brother Ethan, dad Lee, Becky Horan/ health of  
mother Pauline, Natalie, Aunt Bunnie, Aunt Rosemary, Jacque, Dennis  
Carroll/ special intentions

*Pauline Aitken* – memory of departed son, Ethan, departed son Kevin,  
departed Grandson, Nicholas, departed husband, Lee/ for health of daughter,  
Natalie/ for health of granddaughter Amanda/ for health of sister, Bunnie

*Rob & Natalie Montini* – for health of niece, Giada

*Nick & Christine Milchovich* – for health of Giada Montini/ for health of Dad,  
Dimitri / special intentions

***Archimandrite Zacharias Zacharou, disciple of St.  
Sophrony of Essex, on the current situation in the world***

*Q: What should we keep in mind and do in the current political  
situation?*

*A: We do not know everything about the conflicts of this world, nor is  
it necessary to know. We just pray with a compassionate heart for the  
peace of the world and for all. We do not take sides, because each side  
will be responsible for crimes, and we do not want to share in these  
crimes and be condemned. If we pray for those who are more wrong  
than right, well, we perform the commandment to love even enemies.  
And if we pray for those who are more right than wrong, we do well.  
Therefore, we cannot go wrong we do well. Therefore, we cannot go  
wrong if we pray that God save all and grant peace to the world...It is  
very important [especially for priest and monks] not to be political at*

*all, because we offer our sacrifice to God, the Holy Liturgy, for the whole world; and if we are for some and against others, our sacrifice is annulled. I think that when there is a war, the best is not to be judgmental, but to have compassion and pray that the Lord may spare all from suffering. If my Liturgy is to have any value, no one should be missing from my heart when I stand before the altar of God and say to Him, "thine own of thine own, we offer unto Thee, on behalf of all, and for all."*

***"Take heart, I have overcome the world."***

*The power of prayer*

*"Prayer is not something that we do merely to placate our own feelings. Prayer is not good vibes or happy thoughts. Prayer is electrifying through the cosmos in the spiritual realm, and terrifying to the demons.*

*And if you find yourself doubting that, doubting that prayer at a time like this actually makes a difference, keep in mind that if the evil acts of those half a world away are bringing darkness to \*your\* soul – anger, frustration, grief, worry, doubt – if they can have that effect on you, half a world away – You can have that effect on \*them,\* half a world away. By your prayers in the name of Christ our Lord."*

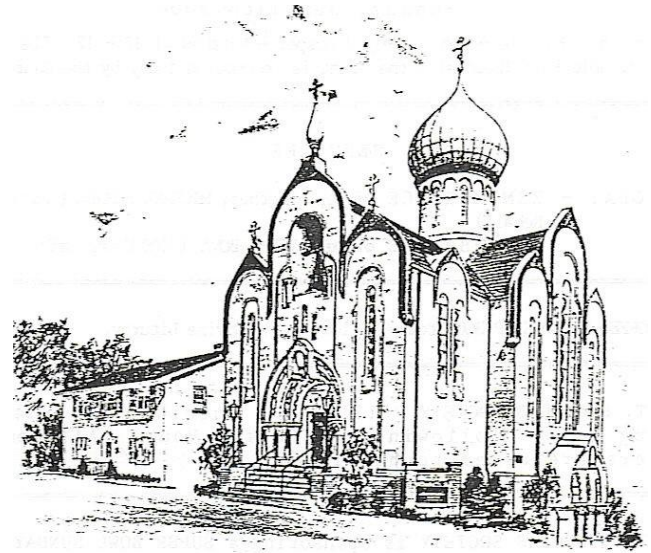
*-Fr. Steve Mathewes*

*"We should so live a life of faithfulness that future apocalyptic events have little relevance for us...God will do what seems good to Him and bring The End when and how He will. Until He does, our task is to live faithfully in this age and attend to the duties He has given us."*

*– Fr. Lawrence Farley*

*"A person cannot choose the time in which he is born or lives; it is not up to him, who his parents are, or the nation he will be born into, but what he is responsible for is how he will act in that give time: will he be human or inhuman? No matter his nation or parents."*

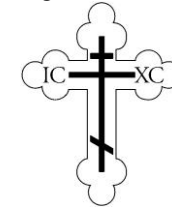
*– Serbian Patriarch Pavle of blessed memory*



***"Fasting possesses great power and it works glorious things. To fast is to banquet with angels."—St. Athanasius the Great***

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