

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, Jan. 17th 2021

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.

Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356).

Hebrews 13:17-21 (Saint); Colossians 1:12-18

Luke 6:17-23(Saint); Luke 18:18-27

Please sign up in the back of the Church for a house blessing or speak to father directly. Blessings can be done quickly and safely, and are greatly encourage as a way to bring the renewing grace of Christ into the home and forward in the new year.

There will be two separate River Blessing events. The first is next Sunday Afternoon (24th) at 1pm, in West Brownsville, near Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church (118 Main St.). Then again the following Sunday at 1pm, we will bless the River at Monessen Boat Launch, near By George restaurant. All are welcome; please observe social safety measures.

CORRECTION to last week's bulletin (the phone numbers were wrong): The St. Nicholas Society will have an advance order only Super Bowl Hoagie Sale on Sat., Feb 6th. To place an order, call 724-379-6478 or 724-483-8428 by no later than Jan. 29th. Please give name, number, and order. Pickups are 11am to noon on Feb. 6th. Cost is \$8.00 per hoagie. Please wear a mask when picking up order.

The Wednesday night Inter-parish book study continues on Wednesday evening, reading "Orthodox Worship: A Living Continuity with the Synagogue, the Temple, and the Early Church." Newcomers are always welcome.

Our **parish library** is always available to those interested; simply write down the title you're checking out and the date so Fr. John can keep track of what goes where.

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed. Jan. 20th

6:30pm – Compline & Akathist of Thanksgiving

7:00pm – Zoom book Club (email Fr. John for link, or call to ask for the call-in number if you are participating via phone)

Fri. Jan. 22nd

6:30pm – Compline & Reading from the Lives of the Saints

Sat. Jan. 23rd

4:30pm – Great vespers, followed by confession

Sunday, Jan. 24th

9:00am – On the Incarnation book study

10am – Divine Liturgy, hours @ 9:40; **1pm River blessing**

Prayer List Jan. 10th

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

Sandy Carroll – health of all parishioners & family

Pauline Aitken – in memory of son Kevin, grandson Nicholas & husband, Lee / special intentions / health of uncle Ralph Prystash

Fred & Caroline Ruev – in loving memory of mother Rose; memory eternal / in memory of recently departed sister, Agnes / for the speedy recovery of brother, John / May God's healing hand be upon him and grant a full recovery

Dimitri & Pauline Petro – for health of daughter, Kyra / for health of Christine & Alexandra / for helath of Jonah & Catherine / for health of Thomas, Rachel & Shelley / for health of Mary Lou Montini / for health of Adam, Luke & Noah / for health of Fr. Igor / in memory of newly departed Arsenio Montini / in memory of newly departed Lacie Ring

Kyra & Adam Zewe – in memory of newly departe Lacie Ring

Michael Horan – in loving memory of departed wife, Rebecca / for health of daughter Erika

Fr. Igor – in blessed memory of dep. Mat. irene

Mark Soroka – for health of Father, Fr. Igor

Vladimir Kash – in memory of father, Alexander Kash (66th) anniversary

Nick & Christine Milchovich – in memory of Archie Montini / in memory of newly departed Lacie Ring / health of Fr. Igor

Special offerings

Sun. Jan 17th

-Altar candles offered by Denise Ricci in memory of father, Michael (48 years)

-Analoï candles offered by Philip Kaluponov in memory of dad, Andrew Kaluponov

Pray the Psalms

"When someone sins, because his ego is heavy, he cannot read, nor pray, because prayer seems to him a mountain; nor can he kneel, because it seems to him that his body will break. Since, then, you cannot prayer, nor stand vigil, at least force yourself to study the psalms.

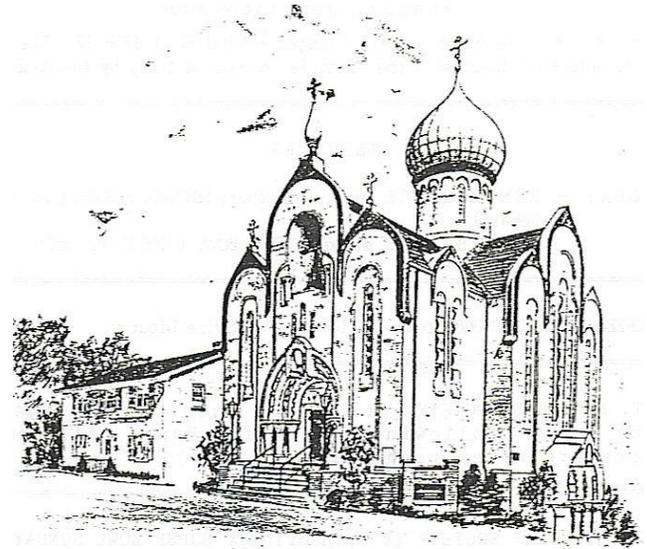
Psalms express supplication, repentance, thanksgiving – they contain feelings and experiences that resurrect even the weakest person. As when someone loses consciousness and you give them some water to resurrect them – this is exactly how one resurrects with the psalms. So read psalms and you will see that you will rise, too." – Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra, of blessed memory +

How Purification of the Heart Works

"When a man is given over to the passions (the vices from which sins arise), he does not see them in himself, and does not fight against them, because he lives in them and by them. But when the grace of God becomes active in him, he begins to discern the passionate and sinful in himself, acknowledges them, and to repent and decide to guard against them. A struggle begins. At first, the struggle begins with deeds, but when he is released from shameful deeds, then the struggle begins with shameful thoughts and feelings. And here the struggle encounters many steps. The struggle continues. The passions increasingly are torn out of the heart. It even happens that they are entirely torn out. The sign that the passions are torn out of the heart is that the soul begins to feel repulsion and hatred for the passions."- St. Theophan the Recluse

God hears us

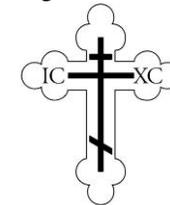
Do not ever think that God does not hear you when you pray to Him. He hears our thoughts, just as we hear the voices and the words of one another. And if He does not act immediately according to your prayer, it is either because you are praying to Him in an unworthy manner, or because you ask something of Him which would be detrimental to you, or because He, in His wisdom and providence, delays the fulfillment of your petition until the proper moment. Father John of Kronstadt writes: "As by means of the electric telegraph we speedily communicate with persons who are far away from us, so likewise, by means of lively faith – as though through telegraph wires – we speedily communicate with God, with the Angels and Saints. As we trust entirely in the speed of the electric current and in its reaching its destination, so likewise should we completely trust in the speed of the prayer of faith and in its reaching its destination. Send your petition to God and the Saints by means of the telegraph of faith, and you will speedily obtain an answer." And again, in another place, St. John writes: "God and the created spirits, and the souls of the departed – as well as those of the living – are sentient beings; and thought is rapid and in some manner omnipresent. Think of them with your whole heart, and they will be present with you. God will surely be with you always; and the others, by the gift and power of God, will also be with you." – St. Nikolai Velmirovic



"The truly blessed are not the ones who can work miracles or see angels; the truly blessed are the ones who can see their own sins."—St. Anthony the Great

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