

**ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN**

Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenarys Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters

Colossians 3:12-16 ; Matthew 25:14-30

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**The Monessen River Blessing** has tentatively been moved to next week due to weather.

**The St. Nicholas Society will have an advance order only Super Bowl Hoagie Sale** this Saturday. **Volunteers are requested** to help make the hoagie that same morning, at 8am. Pickup is from 11 to noon.

**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**

**Mon. Feb 1**

**6:30pm** Vespers for the Meeting of the Lord

**Tues. Feb 2**

**9:30am** Divine Liturgy for the Meeting of the Lord

**Wed. Feb 3**

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

**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. Feb 5**

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

**Sat. Feb 6**

**4:30pm** – Great vespers, followed by confession

**Sunday, Feb 7**

**9:00am** – On the Incarnation book study

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

**Monessen**

**Prayer List Jan. 24th**

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

*Fred & Caroline Ruev*-- May God’s healing hand be upon Bill Priatko and grant him a speedy recovery!

*Pauline Aitken*--in memory of son, Kevin / in memory of departed grandson Nicholas / in memory of departed husband Lee / special intention / health of sister Bunnie / health of Fr. Igor

*Dimitri & Pauline Petro*-- in memory of grandmother Rose Levandovich / in memory of mother, Mary Petro / in memory of Rena Zewe / for health of Kyra, Luke & Noah / for safety and well-being of grandson Russell, for health of Alexandra & Christine / for health of Fr. Igor / for health of Bunnie Campanyo / for health of Bill Priatko / for health of Charlotte Durka  
*Mike Horan*--memory eternal to my loving wife, Rebecca / for health of Cindy / for health of Bill Priatko

*Janine Shepler*--in memory of sister, Rebecca / health of friend, Margie / health of husband Bill / special intentions / for health of son Billy & wife Dodi / special intentions for sister Tammy & brother-in-law Mike

*Tom & Elaine Backstrom*--for special intentions / in memory of mom & dad / God’s healing hand be upon sister, Michele / God’s healing hand be upon Bill Priatko / God’s blessings upon grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy & Madison

*Fr. Igor*--in prayerful memory of dep. Mat. Irene

*Mark Soroka*-- for health of father, Fr. Igor / in memory of newly departed John Yurkovich / for health of Matt & Ann Soroka

*Vlad Kash*--in memory of Mary Jo Smith

*Sandy Aitken*--in memory of dad, Lee / health of mother Pauline, Fr. Igor, Fr. Patrick, Aunt Bunnie, Uncle Dean, Jackie Ruggle, Rose Kelley

*Nick & Christine Milchovich*--for health of Fr. Igor, Bill Priatko, and Kyra Zewe

*Sandy Klizas*--in memory of Stephen & Helen Drake / in memory of Frank & June Drake / in memory of Valerie Clark / in Memory of Mary Birdas

**Special offerings**

**-Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Altar candles, Analoï table candles offered by Mike Horan and daughter Erika in beloved memory of Rebecca Horan, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of her repose. Memory eternal!**

**-Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Altar vigils, Table of oblation candles, Analoï table vigils, Nativity table vigils, Icon screen vigils offered by Prystash family on behalf of Jackie**

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### **Meeting of Christ in the Temple**

*This particular feast is part of the great celebration that began forty days prior, with the Nativity of Christ (December 25). The commemoration of these events in our Lord's earthly life basically form one feast, the feast of the Incarnation of God the Word: God literally entered the world, into time and history. He was physically present in the midst of His people, His creatures whom He loves....*

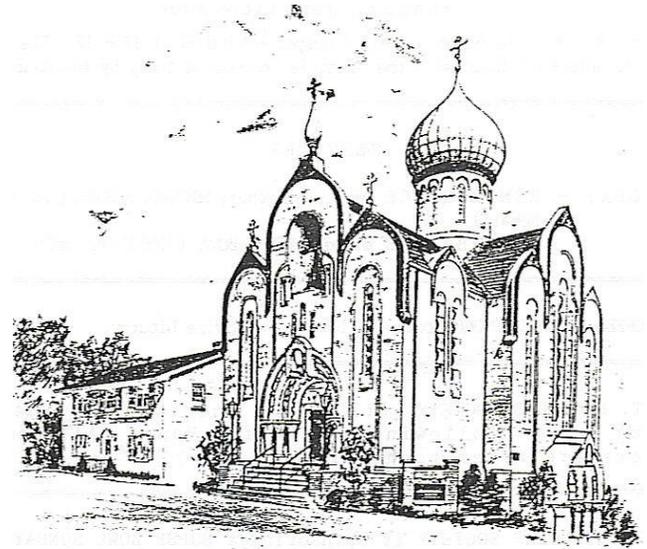
*In taking on the "form of a servant" God, at the same time, in the Person of Christ, fulfilled every requirement of the Law that He Himself had given to His people through Moses. When the righteous Simeon took the child into His arms and declared that this indeed was Salvation Incarnate, the "Light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Israel," a new era began; the era of God's presence among His children.*

*To this day, all of the Church's celebrations, no matter what the event commemorated may be, whether in the life of Christ, of the Theotokos, or of the saints, all are celebrations of Christ and the establishment on earth of the Kingdom of His presence. He initiated this Kingdom and promised its ultimate realization. And now, just as the Old Israel had awaited the beginning of God's Kingdom, the New Israel (the Church) awaits the Second and Glorious Coming of Christ and the fullness of His Kingdom, revealed.*

*Every Christian celebration reaches its climax in the Divine Liturgy for the feast. In this sacred work, when God's people assemble in His name, we actually become participants in the Heavenly Kingdom to come. We are as literally present with Christ in His future Kingdom as the Apostles were with Him at the Last Supper. So the Kingdom is initiated among us and we enjoy it before our time, by anticipation. This is what every Eucharist is; this is what our feasts and celebrations are all about, and that is why the Eucharist is the very center of all of them.*

*What is important for us Christians is that we have really "seen the True Light, received the Heavenly Spirit, found the true faith" in this experience of the Kingdom of God. The question we must all ask ourselves sincerely, however, is "what are we like when we return into this world after this Heavenly experience?"*

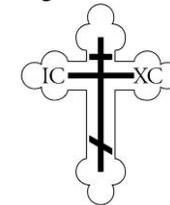
**- Archbishop Dmitri of Blessed Memory -**



*"A good or bad word that we say about a person, even if said in the greatest secrecy, is felt by the whole universe and by the Creator of feelings."—St. Nikolai Velmirovic*

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