

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN Sunday, March 27th 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 7. Veneration of the Cross. Martyr
Matrona of Thessalonica (3rd-4th c.)
Hebrews 4:14-5:6 | Mark 8:34-9:1

Please join us following Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship downstairs.

Blessings to you on the midpoint of Lent. Keep the Fast with joy!
Please see the revised service schedule for Lenten services at St. Nicholas. You are of course greatly encouraged to attend Lenten services! Singers and readers appreciated. The broader deanery schedule remains the same.

We are continuing to take monetary donations for New Life Options Pregnancy resource center in Monongahela, as well as physical items. If you have anything you would like to donate, please let Father John know.

Services and events this week

TONIGHT

4:30pm – Mission Vespers @ St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (8290 Thompson Run Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237)

Tuesday

6:30pm-- Moleben for Peace

Wednesday

6:30pm -Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday

10:00am Presanctified Liturgy @ Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Jeanette (520 Scott Ave, Jeannette, PA 15644)

Friday

9:45am -Fr. John serving Presanctified Liturgy @ Holy Transfiguration Monastery (321 Monastery Ln, Ellwood City, PA 16117)

6:00pm – General Panikhida for Parish departed

Saturday

10:00am – Soul Saturday Memorial liturgy, in remembrance of all parish Departed

6:00pm – Great Vespers, followed by confessions

Sunday of St. John Climacus

9:15 Akathist to the Theotokos, “Softener of evil hearts”

9:40am 3rd & 6th Hours; **10:00am** – Divine Liturgy, followed by coffee hour

5:00pm – Mission Vespers, here @ St. Nicholas, with refreshments

Prayer list Mar. 20th

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

Sandra Klizas – in memory of Stephen & Helen Drake/ in memory of Frank & June Drake

Karen & Stephen Sheptak – Prayers for Ukraine/ remembrance of Wasyl Kalmuk

Ken Behanna – for the health of and welfare of our church

Tom & Elaine Backstrom – for special intentions/ memory of Mom & Dad/ God’s healing hand be upon sister Michele/ God’s blessing on

grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy & Madison/ for health of family

Deacon Rodion, Mat. Sandy & Family – for health of Deacon Rodion, Nicholas & Christina/ for health of Dennis Carroll/ for newly departed Carol Tucci, memory eternal

Dr. Dimitri & Pauline Petro – God’s blessings for daughter-in-law Joceline on her birthday/ for health of Jonah & Catherine/ God’s blessings upon daughter-in-law Shelley on her birthday/ for health of Russell & Rachel/ for health of Christine & Alex/ for health of Natalie & Rob/ for health of Giada Montini/ for health of Mat. Nadia/ safe travel for Alex/

Sandy Aitken – birthday remembrance of brother Ethan/ in memory of Dad Lee, Fr. Igor, godfather John Prystash/ health of mother Pauline, Natalie, Aunt Rosemary, Aunt Bunnie, Jim & Vera Hays

Jim & Vera Hays – Health of all parishioners/ health of Pauline Aitken/ health of Dennis Carroll/ Peace in Ukraine/ memory eternal for all recently deceased

Vlad Kash – in memory of Fr. Igor

Sandy Carroll – special intentions

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

Michael Horan – in memory of my loving wife, Rebecca/ for health of Cindy/for special intentions/ for health of friend Manny Rodriguez

Geraldine Rozik – for health of brother, Gerald/ for peace in Ukraine

Altar & Anlogion Offerings

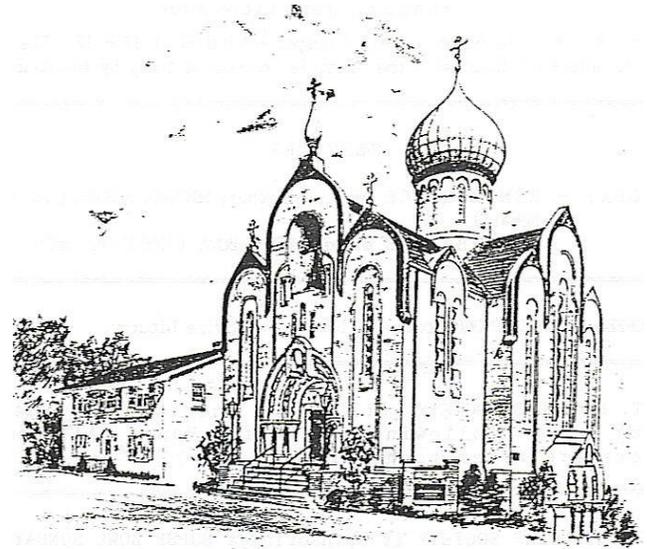
Altar and Analogion Candles offered by Eleanor and James Prystash in memory of John & Anne (17th anniversary)

Altar vigils offered by Pauline Aitken, in birthday remembrance of son, Ethan

Do not measure yourself in any deed....

Do not judge yourself for what you have done – good, bad, virtue, sin – or compare it with others. How often we are dealing with this thing! Let us forget what is behind us and show no interest in what we have done. For by analyzing, we discover that we have done something important or something well, something great and good and more accomplished than someone else, or something smaller than someone else. Whether we judge the thing in itself or in connection to our neighbor, we will fall into one of the traps, either into pride, if it something good and greater, or into despair, misery, into the disintegration of our self if it is not good. This is so since, as long as we believe that we are mature, that we have power within ourselves, we bear the inaptitude of Adam and Eve, the failed ego that our ancestors bequeathed us.

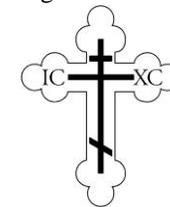
Therefore, in order to remain untroubled by thoughts, never stay to analyze what you have done. This is valid for all that happens with us. But then you will ask: How will I confess, if I don't judge? In confession, I don't make analysis of my deeds, but the revealing of my sins. This is a different thing, since I do not evaluate my deeds, but I simply relate them. I don't stay to think what I have done that morning, what I have done and what I have not done, since this thing creates in my soul a suffocating atmosphere. If we convince ourselves that we have done something good, you do understand how much egotism we can fall into. The word "do not measure yourself in any deed" is the true wisdom. Most, when they fall, they also fall for this reason. Or we use it to justify our passions. For example, I sinned once, and afterwards I tell myself: What good is repentance? What misery this is! How much is our self torn to shreds this way!" - Elder Aimilianos of blessed memory



“The Cross is the crown of victory. It has brought light to those blinded by ignorance. It has released those enslaved by sin. Indeed, it has redeemed the whole of mankind. Do not, then, be ashamed of the cross of Christ; rather, glory in it. For it was not a mere man who died for us, but the Son of God, God made man.”—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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