

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN Sunday, April 3rd 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 8. St. John Climacus (of The Ladder)

Ephesians 5:9-19 (Saint); Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saint) Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

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! Join us tonight for Mission Vespers at 5pm. Also please take a Holy Week schedule in the back.

Next Sunday April 10th we will have our Lenten Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. Please bring a fast-friendly lunch item (**No meat or dairy**).

Services and events this week

TONIGHT

5:00pm – Mission Vespers, here; Guest Homilist Fr. John Kotalik

Tuesday

6:30pm – Moleben for Peace

Wednesday

[5:30pm] Lenten refreshments (@ St. John's in Canonsburg)

6:30pm – Canon of St. Andrew w/ reading of Life of St. Mary of Egypt;

@ St. John the Forerunner, 601 Boone Ave. Canonsburg PA]

Friday

6:30pm – Akathist to the Theotokos

Saturday

6:00pm – Great Vespers, followed by confessions

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

9:00 Akathist to the Theotokos, “Softener of evil hearts”

9:40am 3rd & 6th Hours;

10:00am – Divine Liturgy, followed by Lenten Luncheon

5:00pm – Mission Vespers, @ St. Nicholas in Weirton WV (608 Colliers

Way)

Prayer list Mar. 27th

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

Tom & Elaine Backstrom – for special intentions/ memory of Mom & Dad/ God's healing hand be upon sister Michele/ God's blessings on grandchildren, Sydney, Luke, Freddy & Madison/ for health of family

Dr. Dimitri & Pauline Petro – God's blessings for granddaughter alex on her 18th birthday/ for birthday of son-in-law Nick/ birthday remembrance of Fr. Igor/ in memory of Julia/ for health of daughters Christine, Natalie & Kyra/ for health of grandsons Russell and Will/ for health of Giada Montini/ for health of Mat. Nadia

Sandy Aitken – in memory of brother Ethan, dad Lee, grandparents Eva & Michael Dran/ health of mother Pauline, aunt Bunnie, Aunt Rosemary, Natalie, Jacque/ special intentions/ for safe travel

Pauline Aitken – memory of departed son, Ethan/ memory of departed son, Kevin/ memory of departed grandson, Nicholas/ memory of departed husband, Lee/ memory of departed Uncle John Prystash/ for health of daughter Natalie/ for health of Mat. Nadia/ for health of Dennis Carroll/ for special intentions

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

Vlad Kash – in memory of Fr. Igor

Nick & Christine Milchovich – in memory of Ethan Aitken/ health of Dennis Carroll/ birthday blessings for daughter Alexandra

Christine, Alexandra & Nicholas Milchovich – birthday blessings for Dad, Nick

Sandy Carroll – health of Dennis/ safety of those in Ukraine

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

Albert Hanna – special intentions

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

Altar & Anlogion Offerings

Altar and Anlogion Candles offered by Mark Soroka for birthday remembrance of father, Fr. Igor Soroka

St. John of the Ladder

“One must not trust one's feelings, since because of his limitedness a man cannot know everything, and therefore his judgment is also relatively limited. Even if you see with your own eyes that someone sins, do not judge, for the eyes also may be deceived. One must in every way flee from judging, and pray in secret for those who have sinned. This form of love is pleasing to God. Judging is bound up with

impudence and is incompatible with true repentance: 'To judge is to impudently appropriate to oneself the rank of God.'"

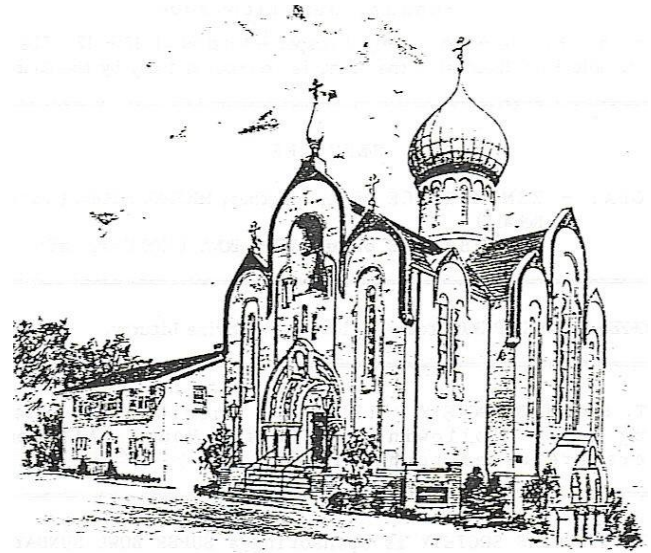
Thine own of thine own...

*We don't go to the liturgy to ask for one or another thing, that is, to fulfill our necessities. We go to ask only for **Him**. We leave all other things in His car. This reality is a marker of a wonderful, wonderful thing. Our liturgy, framed by this hope, is, in essence, not a petition, but rather is a sacrifice. The liturgy is the giving of our gift, and God's answer to it. We give and He always receives, although even the gifts are His.*

Why...

...do we so often choose to conceal ourselves and cover things up? For the simple reason that it is a terrible thing for us to realize we are essentially "nothing" apart from God. Do you know what it means to go from thinking that you are special and important, from being respected publicly, from thinking that you've done great things, from being talented, wonderful, good-looking, charming, and I don't know what else besides, going to recognizing that, on the contrary, you are naked and of no consequence whatsoever. It requires strength to accept that, a lot of strength, and yet we can't even accept the slightest blemish that we might have, or any fault, failure, error, or sin that we may have committed, without covering it up, like with a lie, and then covering up that lie with a second one, and the second with a third. A person may conceal his or her "nothingness" by means of an inferiority complex, by acts of aggression, by self-justification, by donning various masks, and by many other means.

*Only in the discarding of all illusions, I face reality: the reality of my own self, and only in the facing of my real self I can truly encounter God, encounter God as He is, instead of my delusional ideas of Him. Sensing what I am, I start understanding Who He is. Now I understand that He is, that HE is great, the He is holy, and that He will save! – **Elder Aimilianos of blessed memory***

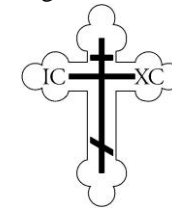


"The memory of insults is the residue of anger. It keeps sins alive, hates justice, ruins virtue, poisons the heart, rots the mind, defeats concentration, paralyzes prayer, puts love at a distance, and is a nail driven into the soul."—St. John

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