

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN Sunday, Sept. 5th 2021

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist
1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35

Please join us following Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship downstairs. The St. Nicholas Society will meet following Coffee Hour.

The next set of Piroghi-making days for the food fair will be Sept. 17th and 18th, beginning at 9am.

All are invited to join the pre-liturgy bible study! Join us from 9 to 9:40 as we study scripture.

Also the **Interparish Wednesday Night Book Club** is back on. Join us and faithful from Holy Resurrection in Belle Vernon on Wednesday nights at 6pm for a divine service (either Compline/ Akathist, or vespers), followed by fellowship and study. We will be St. Porphyrios's "Wounded by Love."

Reminder that if you were not able to arrange confession during the Dormition Fast (or have not spoken to Fr. John about doing so), of if you have absented yourself from the Eucharistic assembly (missed Church) for two consecutive Sundays or longer, you should do so before approaching the Holy Chalice again (of course special circumstances arise; always talk with Fr. John). May God's grace and healing be on you!

Services and events this week

Tuesday

6:00pm Vespers for the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Wednesday

9:00am Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

6:00pm – Evening Prayer Service

7:00pm – Book Club

Saturday

Great Vespers @ 6:00pm, followed by confessions

Sunday

9:00am – Bible Study

9:40Hours; 10am Divine Liturgy

Prayer list Aug. 29th

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

Michael Horan – memory eternal to my loving wife, Rebecca/ for health of Cindy/ belated birthday wishes for Nicholas Milchovich/ for health of Fr. Igor/ for health of Dennis Carroll

Fred & Caroline Ruev – in memory of beloved grandson, Joshua Fritch, memory eternal!/ Mat God's healing hand be upon Dennis Carroll and grant him a speedy recovery

Sandy Aitken – in memory of dad, Lee/ for health of mother, Pauline, Fr. Igor, Fr. Patrick, Aunt Bunnie, Jacque Rugh, Aunt Dukie & John

Mat. Sandy & Dn. Rodion – for health of Dennis Carrooll/ for health of Deacon Rodion/ for health of Christina & Nicholas

Sandy Klizas – in memory of Stephen & Helen Drake/ in memory of Frank & June Drake/ birthday blessings for husband, Jim

Janine Shepler – health of son Billy & daughter-in-law Jodi/ in memory of sister, Rebecca/ health of sister, Tammy/ birthday blessings for brother-in-law, Mike

Fr. Igor – in blessed memory of beloved Mat. Irene

Mark Soroka – for health of father, Fr. Igor/ for health of Tasha Urban

Vlad Kash – birthday blessings for son, David

Dr. Dimitri & Pauline Petro – for baby Jonah on his 1st birthday/ God's blessings upon Fr. John & Mat. Nadia on their anniversary/ for health of Natalie & Rob/ for health of Alexandra & Christine/ for health of Kyra & Adam/ for health of Shelly & Tom/ for health of Ted & Joceline/ for health of Fr. Igor/ for birthday of nephew, Joseph/ for birthday of great niece, Eleanor/ for health of Dennis Carroll

Sandy Carroll – health of husband Dennis

Tom & Elaine Backstrom – in memory of mom & dad/ special intentions/ God's healing hand be upon sister Michele/ God's blessings on grandchildren Sydney, Freddy Luke & Madison

Even if the Sky is Falling...

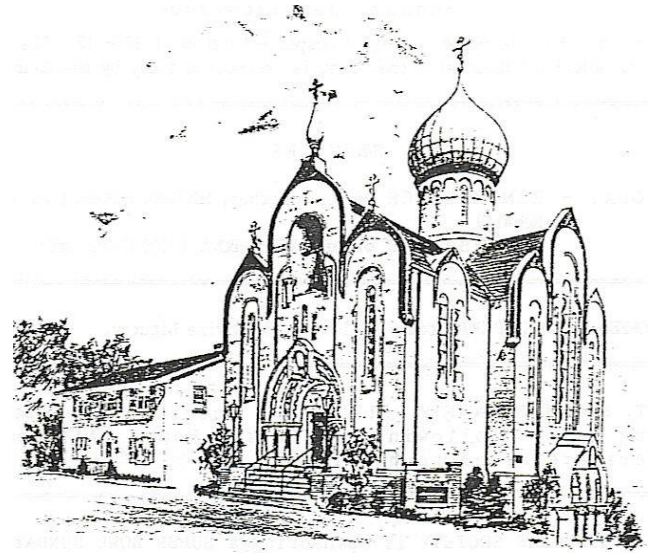
"Even if the sky were to fall down, even if the earth would rise up, even if the whole world were destroyed, as it is due to do so, today, tomorrow...don't be concerned with what God is going to do. Let them burn your body, let them fry it, let them tak your possessions – don't concern yourself. Give them away! They are not yours. You need your soul and Christ. Even if the whole word were to fall apart, no one can take these two things away from you against your will. Guard these two, and don't lose them." – St. Kosmas Aetolos

The Spiritual Struggle to have God in our hearts

“It is futile, in fact it is precisely absurd, to speak of reforming society, of changing the path of history, of emerging into an age beyond absurdity, if we have not Christ in our hearts; and if we do have Christ in our hearts, nothing else matters.” – Blessed Fr. Seraphim Rose

“The true Christian tests himself every day. Daily testing to see whether we have become better or worse, is so essential for us that without it we cannot be called Christians. Constantly and persistently, we must take ourselves in hand. Do this: from the morning, establish thoughts about the Lord firmly in your mind and then during the whole day resist and deviation from these thoughts. Whatever you are doing, with whomever you are speaking, whether you are going somewhere or sitting, let your mind be with the Lord. You will forget yourself, and stray from this path; but again, turn to the Lord and rebuke yourself with sorrow. This is the meaning of spiritual attentiveness.” – St. Theophan the Recluse

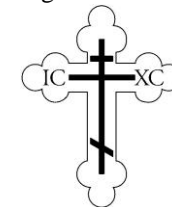
“The first duty of a Christian, of a disciple and follower of Jesus Christ, is to deny oneself. To deny oneself means to give up one’s bad habits, to root out of the heart all that ties us to the world; not to cherish bad desires and thoughts; to quench and suppress bad thoughts; to avoid occasions of sin; not to do or desire anything from self-love but to do everything out of love for God. To deny oneself means, according to the Apostle Paul, to be dead to sin and the world, but alive to God.” – St. Innocent of Alaska



“God has many names, but his principle name is love. All Christians must have two loves, one for God and one for our fellow man. Without these, it is impossible to be saved.”—St. Kosmas Aetolos

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