

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN Sunday, Oct. 3rd 2021

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon (96)
2 Corinthians 4:6-15 | Luke 6:31-36

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

Our food fair is Oct. 16th. Please take food fair signs to post. If you would like to donate food items to help offset costs, there is a list in the back of the Church. We will also need volunteers to assist with food prep on the 12th and 13th.

All are invited to join the pre-liturgy bible study! Bring a bible and join us from 9 to 9:40 as we continue line-by-line through the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

The **Interparish Wednesday Night Book Club** meets every Wednesday night at 7pm in the Church hall. Join us for refreshments, conversation and good spiritual reading. We are continuing St. Porphyrios's "Wounded by Love."

Services and events this week

Wednesday

7:00pm – Book Club

Saturday

Great Vespers @ 6:00pm, followed by confessions

Catechism @ 7pm

Sunday

9:00am – Bible Study

9:40Hours; 10am Divine Liturgy, followed by coffee hour & Church School

Prayer list Sept. 26th

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

Sandy Carroll – health of husband, Dennis

Pauline Aitken – in memory of departed son, Kevin, grandson, Nicholas, and husband, Lee/ for health of Fr. Igor/ special intentions

Sandy Aitken – in memory of Dad, Lee/ health of mother Pauline/ health of Fr. Igor, Fr. Patrick, Amanda, John, Dennis, Donna Bergman/ special intentions/ in memory of brother Kevin

Dimitri & Pauline Petro – God's blessings upon daughter Christine on her birthday/ for birthday of son, Thomas/ for health of Christine & Alexandra/ for health of Shelley & Rachel/ for health of Ted & Joceline/ for health of Natalie & Rob/for health of Kyra & Adam/ for health of Jacque Rugh/ God's blessing for Ina Prystash on her birthday/ for health of Fr. Igor

Deacon Rodion & Mat. Sandy – health of Deacon Rodion & son Nicholas, daughter Christina/ health of Dennis Carroll/ newly departed David Holmes, memory eternal/ special intentions

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

Ralph & Ina Prystash – health of daughter Jacque/ health of niece Pauline/ health of family

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

Mark Soroka – for health of father, Fr. Igor

“Launch out into the deep” (last week's Gospel)

Thus the Lord commanded Peter when He had finished speaking. That means that He first gave them instruction then, immediately after, called them to action. This is important to us: as soon as we learn something from the Gospel, we must immediately set ourselves to put it into action....

Launch out into the deep! The Lord had been speaking close to the shore, in the shallows, to the multitude, but He invited the Apostles into the depths. In the shallows, the danger is less, but the catch is less also. In the shallows are snakes and frogs and other small water pests - that is all the danger; and in the shallows there are only little fish - that is all the catch. But in the great depths there is great danger. There are great sea-creatures and great storms - that is the danger; but there are also large and good

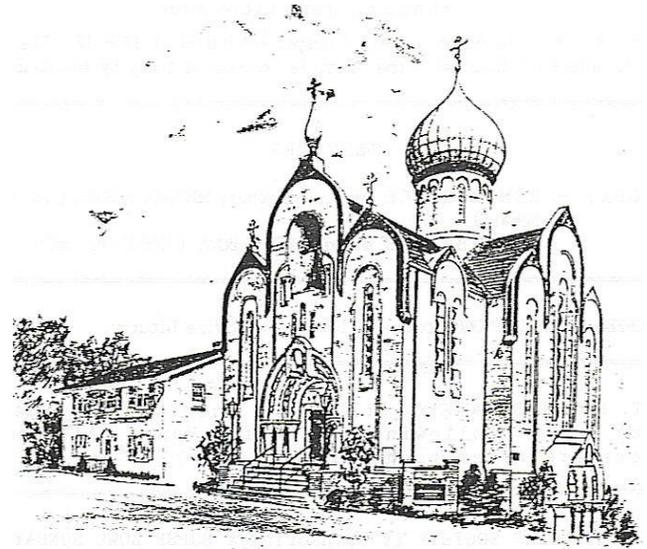
fish in great shoals - that is the catch. O faithful ones, launch out further into the deep!

Launch out into the deep of the mysterious sea of life, but do not set out without Christ in the boat. Not on your life. For not only may you spend the whole night of your life catching "nothing" (as Peter complained); but worse can happen if Christ is not in the boat. You may be caught in a whirlpool by a storm and tossed into the abyss, or eaten by enormous sea-monsters. The storms are your passions, O faithful ones, which cannot fail to go with you if you set off into the deep without Christ. And the sea-monsters are the demons which can, in the blink of an eye, destroy you as they destroyed the herd of 2,000 swine.

If, however, you go into the deep together with Christ, do not fear anything, but go with Him with joy and courage. You will catch the finest catch and will fill both the physical and the spiritual boats. You will catch the finest catch, O faithful ones, and will come safely to the shore, the shore of the Kingdom of Christ. Only, nowhere without Christ! Neither in the shallows nor in the depths. In the shallows you will be vexed by both hunger and many small pests, and in the deep the greatest evils will befall you.

Thou art our Helmsman, our Guardian and our Haven, O Almighty Savior. To Thee be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

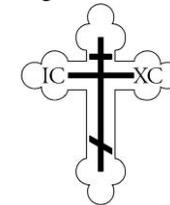
- St. Nikolai of Zica



“The Martyrs gave their blood for the truth, and you are not able to come to Church? They gave their lives for Christ, and you cannot make a small journey for Him? But you say, “I am a sinner, I cannot come.” Then come, and cease to be one!”—St. John Chrysostom

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