

## ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, Nov. 15th 2020

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 6

Holy Martyrs Abibus, Samonas, & Gurias

Ephesians 2:4-10 | Luke 10:25-37

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**Today begins the Nativity Fast!** May God give you good strength and good blessing to keep the fast and to grow in faith, love and joy during this Advent season! Please let me know how I can best minister to you in this time. As always I am available to hear confessions after most evening services, or via phone or video call, and for those not yet ready to return to Church, I am happy to (in a safe manner) bring you holy communion.

**The Wednesday night Inter-parish book study** via zoom is 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

#### Sun. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

**6:00pm** Great Vespers for Feast of the Holy Evangelist Matthew

#### Mon. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am** Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Holy Evangelist Matthew (here)

#### Wed. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

**6:30pm**—Compline & reading from the 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. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

**6:00 pm**— Great Vespers for the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos

#### Sat. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

**10:00am** Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos

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

#### Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00am**— Epistle bible study

**10am**—Divine Liturgy, hours @ 9:40

#### Prayer List Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

*Mary Behanna*—in memory of parents Andy & Petrina Gernat

*Sandy Klizas*—in memory of Stephen & Helen Drake / in memory of Frank & June Drake / special intentions

*Ralph & Ina Prystash*—for health of Tammy & Bart Aitken

*Mr. & Mrs. Caroline Ruev*—in blessed memory of departed grandson Joshua / in memory of all veterans who served faithfully to build this great country of our and still serve to protect our freedoms we all enjoy / for health and quick recovery of Ina Prystash

*Casey Fritch & Jacob Fritch*—in memory of dearly beloved son and brother Joshua, memory eternal

*Tom & Elaine Backstrom*—special intentions / memory of Mom & Dad / God’s healing hand be upon sister, Michele / God’s blessing on grandchildren Sydney, Luke, Freddy & Madison

*Jim & Vera Hays*—for health of all parishioners / for health of Gregory Nescott / for health of Lilian Orange Spak / for special intentions / for health of Fr. John, Mat.

Nadia and baby Jonah / in memory of Paul Petro

*Sandy Aitken*—in memory of dad, Lee / in memory of newly departed Met. Maximos / for health of mother, Pauline, Bart, Tamara, Fr. Igor, Fr. Patrick, Michael Daniels

*Nick & Christine Milchovich*—in memory of Priscilla Kaluponov / in memory of uncle Paul Petro / in memory of Grandmother, Julia Drahushak / in memory of aunt Ann Spirko / health of Fr. Igor and Phil Soroka / for health of brother Michael Milchovich / special intentions / health of Sandy Carroll

*Pauline Aitken*—in memory of departed son Kevin, grandson Nicholas, & Husband Lee / special intentions / for health of son Bart and daughter-in-law Tamara / health of Fr. Igor and Philip

*Dimitri & Pauline Petro*—in loving memory of Aunt Ann Spirko / in loving memory of brother Paul on his 40<sup>th</sup> day / for health of Christine, Nick, Alexandra, and Nicholas / for health of Kyra, Adam, Luke & Noah / for health of Natalie, Rob and Stephanie / for health of grandson Jonah / for health of Fr. Igor & Philip / in memory of newly departed Priscilla Kaluponov

*Vladimir Kash*—in memory of newly departed Wendy Polleck

*Michael Horan*—memory eternal to my loving wife, Rebecca / for health of Sandy Carroll, for health of Fr. Igor / for the health of Ina Prystash

*Sandy Carroll*—Special intentions

#### **Altar Candles**

Sun. Nov 15<sup>th</sup> in memory of mother, Julia, Drahushak, on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her repose (offered by Pauline & Dimitri Petro)

#### **Analoï Candles**

Friday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> in memory of Paul Petro (offered by Mary Petro & Family)

Sun. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> in memory of loving mother Julia Drahushak (offered by Bill & Marie Drahushak)

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### **Living our Orthodoxy**

“We must not artificially isolate ourselves from the reality of today’s world; rather, we must learn to use the best things the world has to offer, for everything good in the world – if we are only wise enough to see it – points to God, and we must make use of it. Too many people make the mistake of limiting Orthodoxy to church services, set prayers, and the occasional reading of a spiritual book. True Orthodoxy, however, requires a commitment that involves every aspect of our lives. One is Orthodox all the time, every day, in every situation of life – or one is not really Orthodox at all. For this reason, we must develop and Orthodox worldview and live it.”

– **Blessed Fr. Seraphim Rose of Platina**

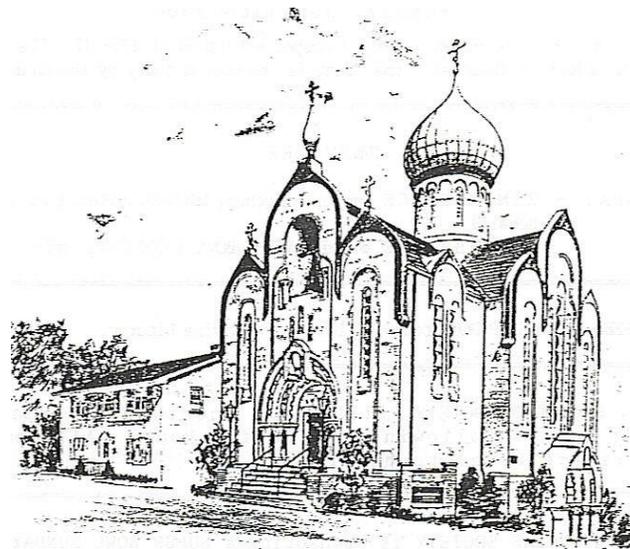
### **Persevere in Prayer!**

“Would you like to enter into this Paradise a little sooner? Then do this: when you pray, do not stop praying until you have aroused some sort of feeling toward God in your heart. This can be reverence, or devotion, or thanksgiving, or praise, or humility and contrition, or trust and hope. Do this also when you begin reading during your devotions: do not stop reading until you have felt the truth that you have read. If you pay attention to yourself, these two methods, by warming you up, are capable of keeping you under their influence all day. Work at carrying out these two methods precisely, and you will see for yourself what happens.”

**St. Theophan the Recluse**

“When you are praying alone, and your spirit is dejected, and you are wearied and oppressed by your loneliness, remember then, as always, that God the Trinity looks upon you with eyes brighter than the sun; also all the angels, your own Guardian Angel, and all the Saints of God. Truly they do; for they are all one in God, and where God is, there are they also. Where the sun is, thither also are directed all its rays. Try to understand what this means.”

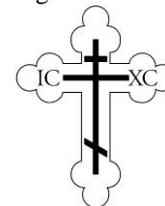
**St. John of Kronstadt**



*“True Fasting lies in rejecting evil, holding one’s own tongue, suppressing one’s hatred, and banishing one’s lust, evil words, lying, and betrayal of vows.”—St. Basil the Great*

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