

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Dec. 13th

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America (1837). Sunday of the Forefathers.

Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Saint); Colossians 3:4-11 (Forefathers)

Luke 6:17-23 (Saint); Luke 14:16-24 (Forefathers)

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” at 7pm. 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.

The schedule for Nativity/New Year/Theophany services will be released soon. As a member of the Body of Christ in good standing, please schedule a time during this season with Fr. John to give confession and prepare to receive Holy Communion. Confessions can be done virtually, for a time, to accommodate those who are refraining from in person attendance. Fr. John is also willing to have liturgies for the “vulnerable,” for those who would not normally attend Sunday during this crisis, or is also willing to bring Holy Communion to you. As always, regular, frequent reception of Communion is encouraged, to strengthen us in virtue and the struggle against the flesh, and to unite ourselves to Christ and His Church. Those receiving weekly should also aim to confess regularly, every 1-3 months or so.

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed. Dec. 9th

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. Dec. 11th

6:30pm – Compline & Reading from the Lives of the Saints

Sat. Dec. 12th

4:30pm – Great vespers, followed by confession

Sunday, Dec. 13th

9:00am – St Athanasius “On the Incarnation” study

10am – Divine Liturgy, hours @ 9:40

Prayer List Dec. 6th

Mary Behanna – in memory of parents Andy & Petrina Gernat

Sandy Aitken – in memory of dad Lee, brother Kevin / for the intercession of St. Nicholas / health for mother Pauline, Fr. Igor, Fr. Patrick, Niece Amanda / in memory of newly departed Pat / birthday blessings for brother, Paul

Michael Horan – memory eternal to loving wife, Rebecca / for health of Cindy / for health of daughter, Erika

Natalie & Rob Montini – for health of parents Archie and Mary Lou

Pauline Aitken – in memory of departed son Kevin, grandson Nicholas, and husband Lee / special intentions / health of son Bart & Daughter-in-law Tammy

Dimitri & Pauline Petro – for birthday of son-in-law, Rob / for health of Mary Lour and Archie Montini / for health of Teresa / for birthday of nephew Dan / for health of Kyra, Luke, & Noah / for health of Christine & Alexandra, Natalie, Rob, & Stephanie . for health of Fr. Igor

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

Deacon Rodion & Matushka Sandy – for health of Deacon Rodion, Son Nicholas and Daughter Christine / God’s blessing to all St. Nicholas families / in loving memory of parents, Harold & Lillian Sethman and Joseph & Irene Motichak

Sandy Carroll – health of family / in memory of departed parents, Mae & Pete Ruev

Janine Shepler – in memory of departed sister, Rebecca / for health of friend Margie, husband Bill / special intentions / health of son Billy & wife Dodi

Nick & Christine Milchovich – health of Montini family / in memory of grandpap William Drahushak

Altar & Analoï Candles Dec. 13th

Offered by Bill & Marie Drahushak, Dimitri & Pauline Petro, in memory of father, William

God is calling us to a deeper interior life of prayer. The heart needs to drink of the still, small, pure stream that is the Holy Spirit, that flows through the middle of the jungle of this life... even jungle that exists within the members of the Church itself. That is what St. Sophrony says. Continue to allow your heart to be bruised, broken, wounded... by LOVE, as St. Porphyrios says. As long as your heart is wounded, there is the Holy Spirit within. “Keep your mind in hell, but despair not”! And as we can no longer bear it, St. Sophrony says to us, “step back and have a cup of tea” ... That is, find a way to rest, and when you recover, enter back in the struggle again. God help us. God is saving us. Be saved!

Hymns from Vespers

Tone 2 **Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

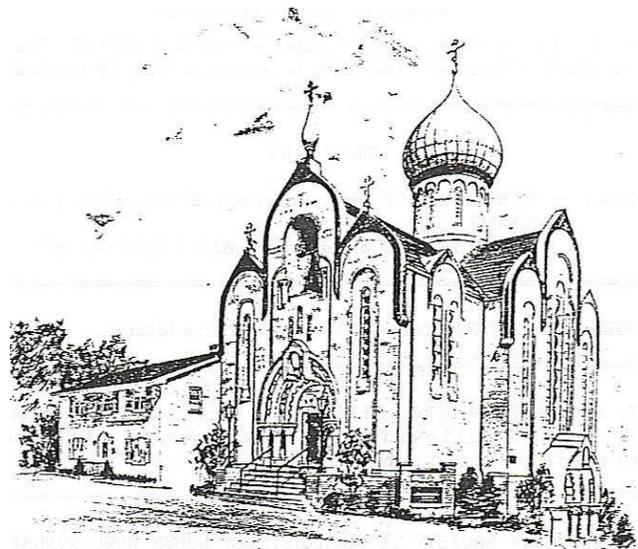
When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
 all the powers of heaven cried out://
 “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Tone 7 **Troparion** (*St. Herman*)

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ,
guiding all men to the Heavenly Kingdom,
 teacher and apostle of the True Faith,
 intercessor and defender of the oppressed,
adornment of the Orthodox Church in America:
 Blessed Father Herman of Alaska,
 pray to our Lord Jesus Christ//
 for the salvation of our souls!

Tone 2 **Troparion** (*Forefathers*)

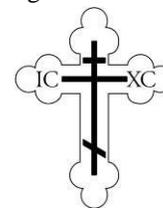
Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers,
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.
 These saints exult in glory,
 for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:
 she who bore Thee without seed.//
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!



“We have one sword, the Prayer of Jesus (“Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy on me”). It is said, ‘Strike the unseen enemies with this sword, for there is no more powerful weapon, either in Heaven or on Earth.’”—St. Barsanuphius of Optina

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