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PALM SUNDAY
The Entry of Our Lord
into Jerusalem for His
Passion

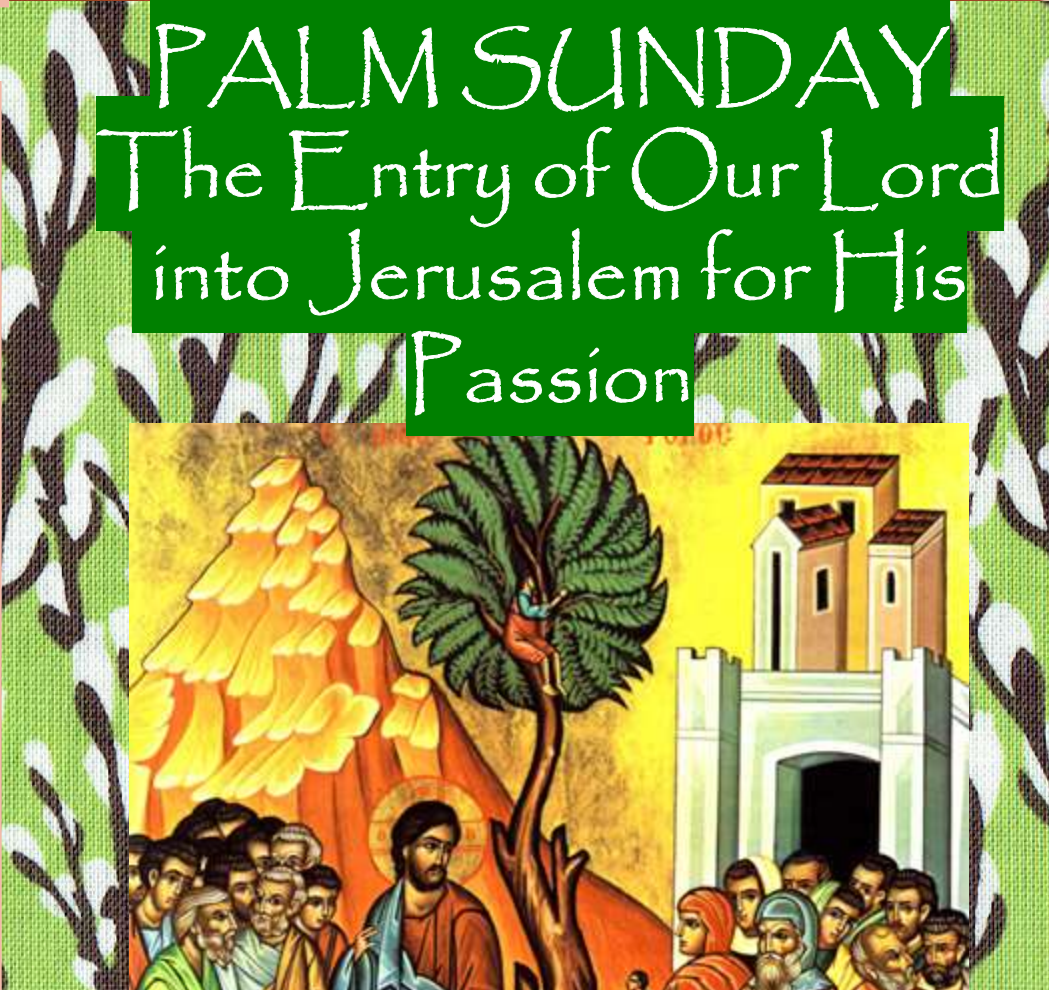


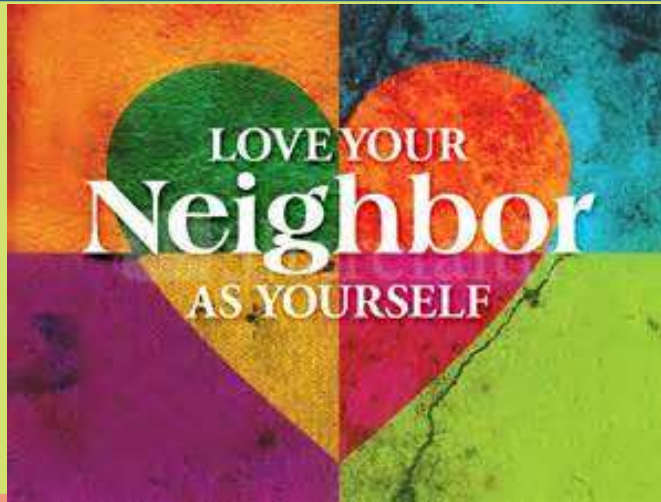
*Bulletin for
Sunday, April 12, 2020*

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Dear Parishioners:

We have all felt the dramatic change in our daily lives because of the pandemic, and we hope this Bulletin is helping you stay connected to St. Nicholas Church during this critical time.

Father Bohdan and the Church Council continue to follow the guidance of our Federal, state and local authorities. As the CDC (Center for Disease Control) advised to cancel mass gatherings until May 15 for everyone's protection, St. Nicholas Church is closed until that time.

All Church services are being live-streamed. To "attend" a virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg

Father Bohdan also encourages everyone to submit their requests for Molebens by emailing him at SNEOC100@gmail.com. Please be assured that your vigils will be lit and your prayers intoned by Father Bohdan.

These are challenging times, but our prayers and faith will sustain us.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 1:7



Palm Sunday, the 6th Sunday of Great Lent, is one of the 12 great Feasts of the liturgical year, and heralds the start of Passion Week. The Passion of Christ is the story of Jesus Christ's arrest, trial and suffering. It ends with His execution by crucifixion. The word "Passion" comes from the Latin word for suffering.



**Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, April 5, 2020
Mark 10:32-45**



In today's Scripture reading, Jesus talked to His disciples and foretold things that would happen to Him: His entrance into Jerusalem – that we celebrate next Sunday, Palm Sunday -- His crucifixion, His resurrection. The disciples responded that they wanted to be part of His glory, that they were qualified, they were ready. They were not was Jesus' response, and that was a great surprise to the disciples. It is not enough to be book smart or recite Bible verses by heart. As Jesus told His disciples -- those men who were the closest to Him, hanging on His every word, witnessing the miracles, following Him -- even THEY, the disciples, did NOT possess the qualifications to sit on either side of Jesus and be guaranteed a reward in Heaven. And they were stunned and greatly disappointed to learn this. But Jesus taught them a great lesson – and for us a lesson in life – and a lesson in faith. He said: "Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...." Jesus teaches us that we must serve others in order to lead. And being a good leader is a measure of greatness. So, do not crave power and attention. Do not look for worship and adulation. Do not even wait for someone to say THANK YOU to you. Serve for the glory of serving. For, as Jesus taught his disciples – AND US -- we now know what it takes to be great. AMEN.

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are coping with the challenges we are facing now. I pray for you every day – that we may all be spared from the terrible virus – and that I will see you back in St. Nicholas Church when the health crisis is behind us. For now, be careful and pray at home. The next time you will see me is next Friday, April 10, during our Presanctified Liturgy webcast at 9:00 am.

Until then, God bless you.



Father Bohdan delivers his Sermon following Divine Liturgy, Sunday, April 5.

This Week's Bulletin is Sponsored by:

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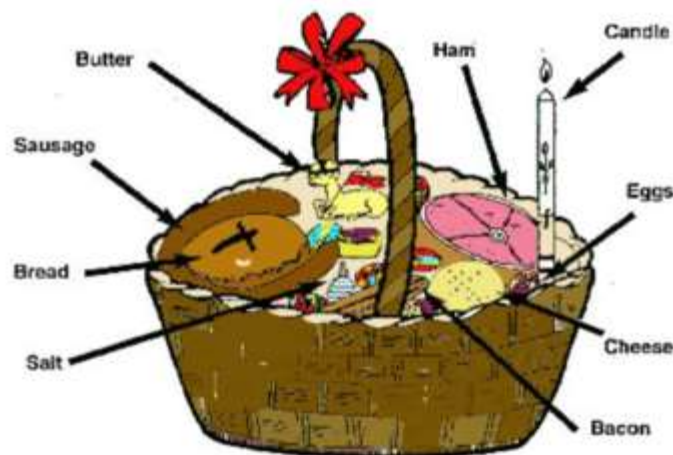
**In Memory of Our Parents/Grandparents
PAULINE REDMOND
on the 4th Anniversary of her passing, April 15
and
CHARLES JOHN REDMOND
on his 95th Birthday, April 14**



- Memory Eternal -

Schedule of Services
to be served by Father Bohdan
with the Congregation praying at home
ALL SERVICES WILL BE WEBCAST

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| Friday, April 10 | 9:00 am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy |
| Saturday, April 11 LAZARUS SATURDAY | 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom 5:00 pm: Vespers and Blessing of Pussy Willows |
| Sunday, April 12 PALM SUNDAY | 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom |
| Wednesday, April 15 | 3:00 pm: Healing Service |
| Thursday, April 16 HOLY THURSDAY | 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 3:00 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels |
| Friday, April 17 HOLY FRIDAY | 12:00 noon: Vespers 3:00 pm: Funeral Service and Procession with Plaschanitza |
| Saturday, April 18 HOLY SATURDAY | 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, followed by VIRTUAL Blessing of Baskets |
| Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19 PASCHA-EASTER | 11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy |
| Monday, April 20 BRIGHT MONDAY | 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Procession |



VIRTUAL EASTER BASKET BLESSING
On Holy Saturday, April 18,
prepare your Easter basket and set it up at home;
take out your Holy Water; and then watch Father in
real-time on YouTube as he gives the Blessing;
he will tell you exactly when to sprinkle Holy Water on your basket.



Immediately following Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, April 5, Father Bohdan prayed a Moleben to Saint Panteleimon, the Great Martyr and Healer.

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St. Nicholas Church needs your financial help more than ever. Along with many other individuals and businesses, our Church has lost significant income – yet the bills do not stop. So, we are making a special appeal to please give generously.

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have been making your weekly “envelope” contributions and vigil payments online. This is a big help and a sensible way to handle money during this challenging time.

Donations to the Building Fund 2020

1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn
2. Anna Kuliasha



Please remember our
homebound parishioner:

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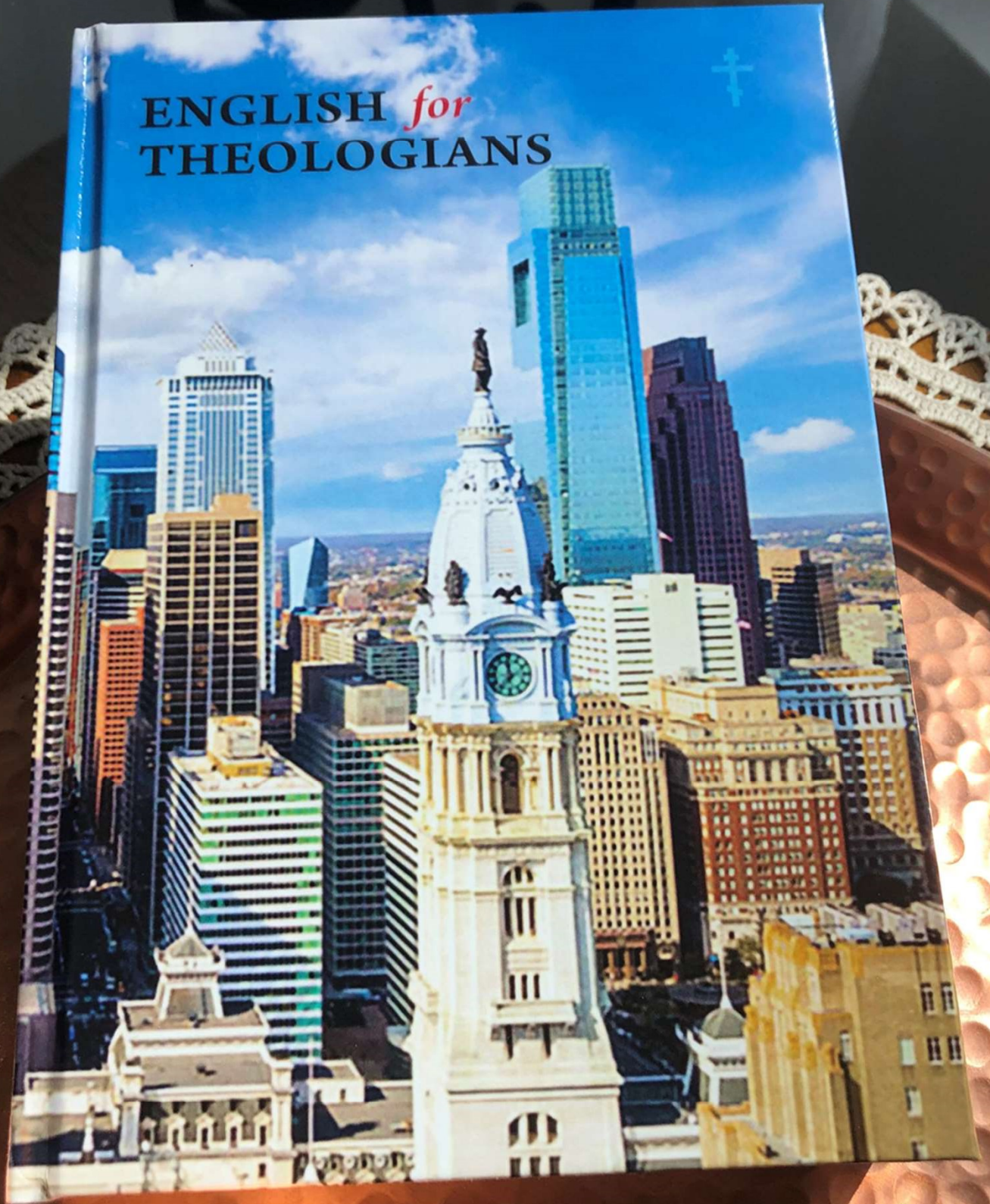
“LIGHT” READING: *A Book is Published in the Midst of a Pandemic*



ENGLISH *for* THEOLOGIANs

- It was supposed to have been a joyous celebration: the launch of a newly-published religious textbook to coincide with the (now postponed) visit of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret to Philadelphia, originally scheduled for next month.
- The 365-page textbook – *English for Theologians* – was a project sponsored by Theological Institute Philadelphia (“TIP” for short). TIP, founded by St. Nicholas Church member Susan Guz in 2018, is a faith-based charitable foundation. Very Reverend Dr. Volodymyr Vakin, Rector of Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy in Lutsk, Ukraine, led the year-long book project with Father Bohdan in the role of Consultant.
- And somehow in the middle of the horrific pandemic, 100 copies of the hardcover Special Edition were published in the USA; 500 copies of the workbook edition for theological students will be printed in Ukraine in the coming months. A gala launch of the book is highly unlikely, but the long-awaited textbook may – without fanfare -- make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students.

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THEOLOGIANS



Susan Constance Guz is a third-generation American whose heritage is Ukrainian. Her grandparents emigrated to the United States from Kyiv and the Lemko region of Ukraine in the early 1900s. Her parents were born in the United States.

Ms. Guz graduated from Rowan University in New Jersey in 1976 with a B.A. degree in Music Performance. Following graduation, she attended and performed at the Franz Liszt Music Academy in Budapest and the Mozarteum University in Salzburg, Austria. Ms. Guz also taught piano privately and was a popular piano accompanist.

Although Ms. Guz's passion was music, she was equally devoted to her work as a highly-valued Executive Assistant in the business world. She enjoyed a long, 23-year career at The New York Times in Manhattan on Times Square as the Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer. During her decades at the prestigious newspaper, she worked closely with journalists and editors honing her proofreading/editing skills and her own writing style.

A person of great faith her entire life, Ms. Guz is an active member of St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Patriarchal Stavropigia Church in Philadelphia for more than 50 years. She enjoys teaching Sunday School, selling candles, chanting during Vespers and publishing a weekly Church Bulletin. She is currently Choir Director and Vice-President of the Church Council.

Ms. Guz traveled to Kyiv many times to meet with His Holiness Patriarch Philaret. In 2017, His Holiness presented Ms. Guz with the Medal of the Holy Great Martyr Barbara. This recognition is awarded to women for extraordinary service and philanthropy to the church. The following year, in 2018, Ms. Guz received the highest award given to a benefactor by the Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy in Lutsk, Ukraine - the "Ktytor of the Academy" - as well as an Honorary Diploma in Philosophy.

Her involvement with the Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy inspired Ms. Guz to launch a faith-based charitable institute in 2018 called "TIP: Theological Institute Philadelphia," whose mission is to educate, enlighten and engage the world community in Orthodoxy. Ms. Guz is the Founder and President.

Ms. Guz recognized that editing/proofreading, publishing and promoting this textbook for students of Orthodox theology and the English language was exactly the kind of project that TIP seeks to support.



About the cover photograph:

The cover of this textbook is the picturesque skyline of Philadelphia with William Penn, founder of the “*City of Brotherly Love*,” as the centerpiece. As a Quaker in the year 1682, Penn experienced religious persecution and wanted his colony to be a place where anyone could worship freely. Philadelphia is also home to Susan Guz, founder of Theological Institute Philadelphia, whose support made the publication of this textbook possible. And -- Philadelphia is home to a remarkable number of Orthodox churches clustered in the heart of the city, including:

- St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Ukrainian Stavropigia Church (817 North 7th Street)
- St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church (335 Fairmount Avenue at 4th Street)
 - St. Andrew’s Russian Orthodox Cathedral (707 North 5th Street)
 - St. George’s Greek Orthodox Cathedral (256 South 8th Street)
- St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church (237 North 17th Street)
- Assumption of the Holy Virgin Pan-Orthodox Church (2101 South 28th Street)
 - Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church (723 North Bodine Street)
- and several more Orthodox churches located on the outskirts of Philadelphia

Consequently, Philadelphia is the perfect setting for
“English for Theologians.”



SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY



Altar Candles: \$35; Analoi Candles: \$25
Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of my great nephew, Wyatt, on his 13th Birthday, Love, Aunt Gail
3. In Memory of our Mother/Mom-Mom/Gigi, Pauline Redmond, on the 4th Anniversary of her passing, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
4. In Memory of our Father/Pop-Pop, Charles John Redmond, on his 95th Birthday, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
5. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
6. For the health of our sister/ aunt, Karen Niehoff, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
7. For the health of Andrew and Megan Kauriga, on their birthdays, love, Aunt Judy, Uncle Tom and family
8. In Memory of Pauline Redmond, offered by Tom, Judy and family

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, in response to the quarantine measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret blessed all churches of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate to include intensified and special prayers for deliverance from the global pandemic. Consequently, Father Bohdan will say the following prayer during Divine Liturgy. His Holiness instructed that it is also a blessing to include this prayer in your morning and evening prayers **at home**:



“O Lord our God, God of our salvation, look with mercy upon Your humble servants. We have sinned before You, but do not punish us and the world with malady and disease. Turn away Your anger from Your servants. Take away Your terrible sword, which is righteously lifted up against us, Your poor and weak servants. Do not punish us, O Merciful Lord, for our iniquities, foolishness, pride and impatience with one another, for our wickedness and insincere, false love. Lord, Jesus Christ our God, though you punish, you also show mercy as the Father of the Prodigal Son. Remember the great sufferings of Your people, the persecution of the Church, the exiled and the tortured, and because we did not lose faith in You, the only True God, in suffering and in captivity, we pray that You have compassion on us now. We thank You for Your mercy and Your boundless love. Although we sin before You, we serve You only. And now, look upon us, O Lord of Love, forgive our trespasses and deliver us from sickness. Be merciful. Your Church, for which You shed Your blood on the Cross, prays to You. Forgive us so that we may always glorify Your holy name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.”



ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/20
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/20
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
7. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
8. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/20
11. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/20
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
18. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitality, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
25. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12

PALM SUNDAY



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!
God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us!

CHOIR: Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us!

READER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

CHOIR: God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Philippians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. **(Philippians 4:4-9)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: Sing to the Lord a new Son, for the Lord has done marvelous things!
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always. Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!' Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. **(John 12:1-18)**

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.