

For God

SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONE AND ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER

believes in Him

SHALL NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE

eternal life

John 3:16



Easter at St. Nicholas Cathedral
Faith, Celebration - Traditions

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

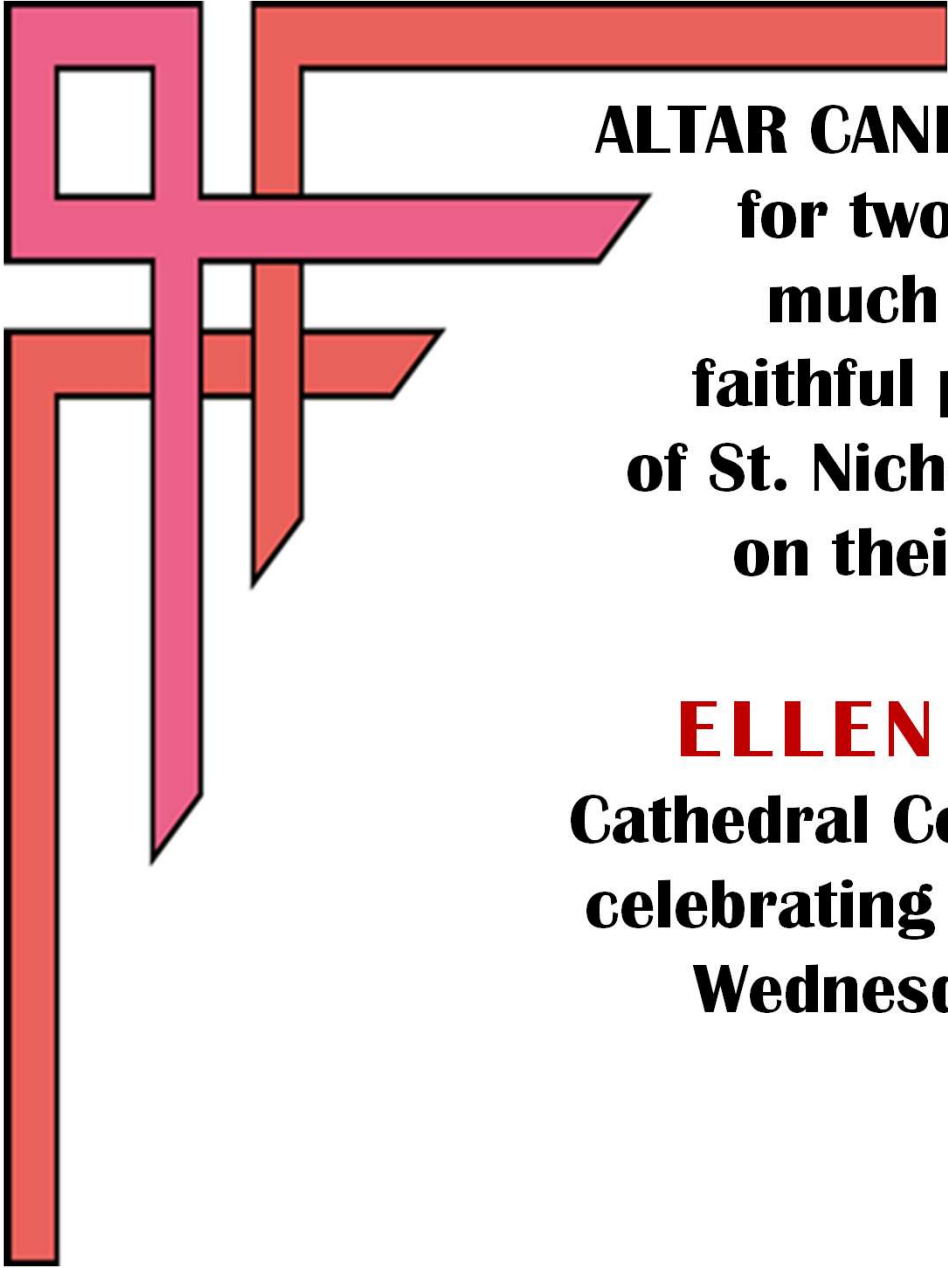
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BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

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Schedule of Services

Saturday, April 22	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 23 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Graves at Oakland Cemetery
Saturday, April 29	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 30 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 6	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, May 7 Sunday of the Paralytic Man	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 13	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, May 14 MOTHER'S DAY Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Akathist to the Holy Theotokos
Saturday, May 20	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, May 21 Sunday of the Blind Man	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 27	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, May 28	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
PLEASE NOTE THAT SATURDAY VESPERS WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.	
Sunday, June 4 PENTECOST	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by "Kneeling Prayers" Vespers and ANNUAL PICNIC on our North Lawn
Sunday, June 11	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy



ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY
for two long-time,
much loved and
faithful parishioners
of St. Nicholas Cathedral
on their birthdays

ELLEN HANAVIN

Cathedral Council Treasurer
celebrating her birthday on
Wednesday, April 26

And

GEORGE LATSIOS
celebrating his birthday
today, Sunday, April 23



MANY MORE HAPPY
AND HEALTHY YEARS!



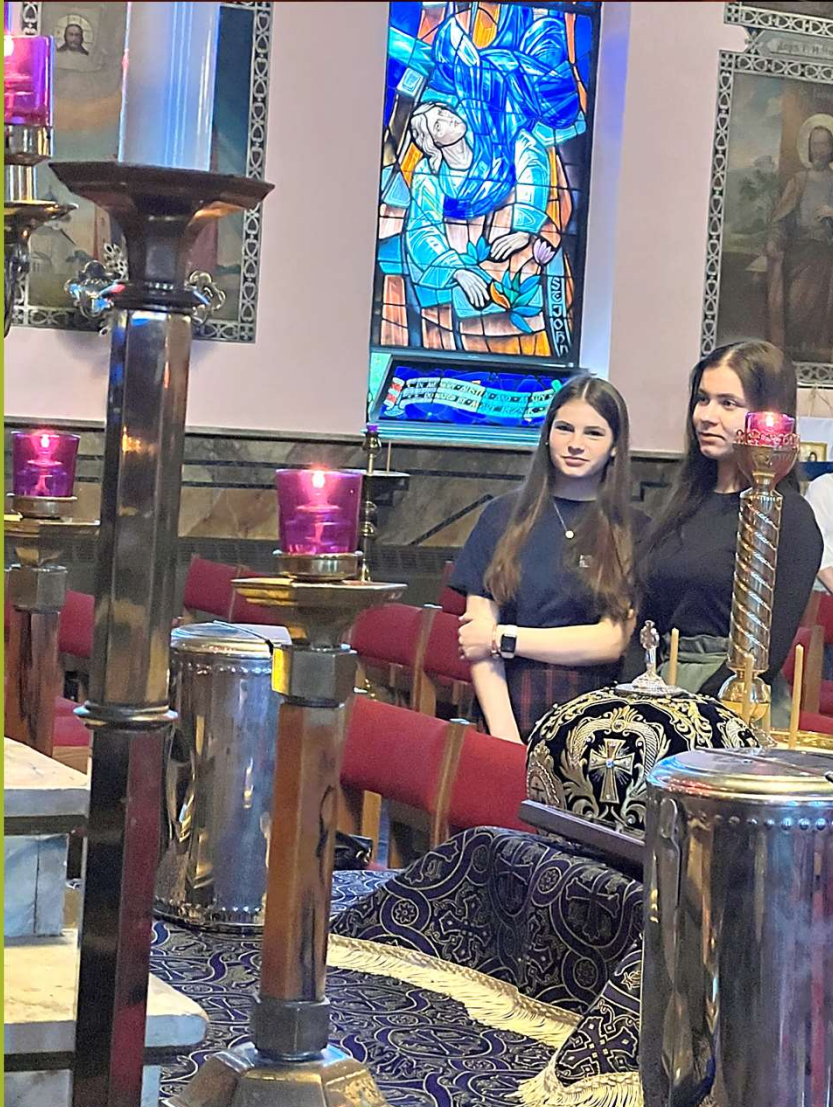
Lent

Holy Week

Easter

Our participation in many various worship services at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral focused on repentance, forgiveness, love and prayer, deepening our spirituality -- and ultimately our celebration of the Resurrection.

Bishop Luke served Divine Liturgies, Presanctified Liturgies, Soul Saturday prayers, Vespers, Holy Week services and a Holy Unction healing service – all leading up to Easter.



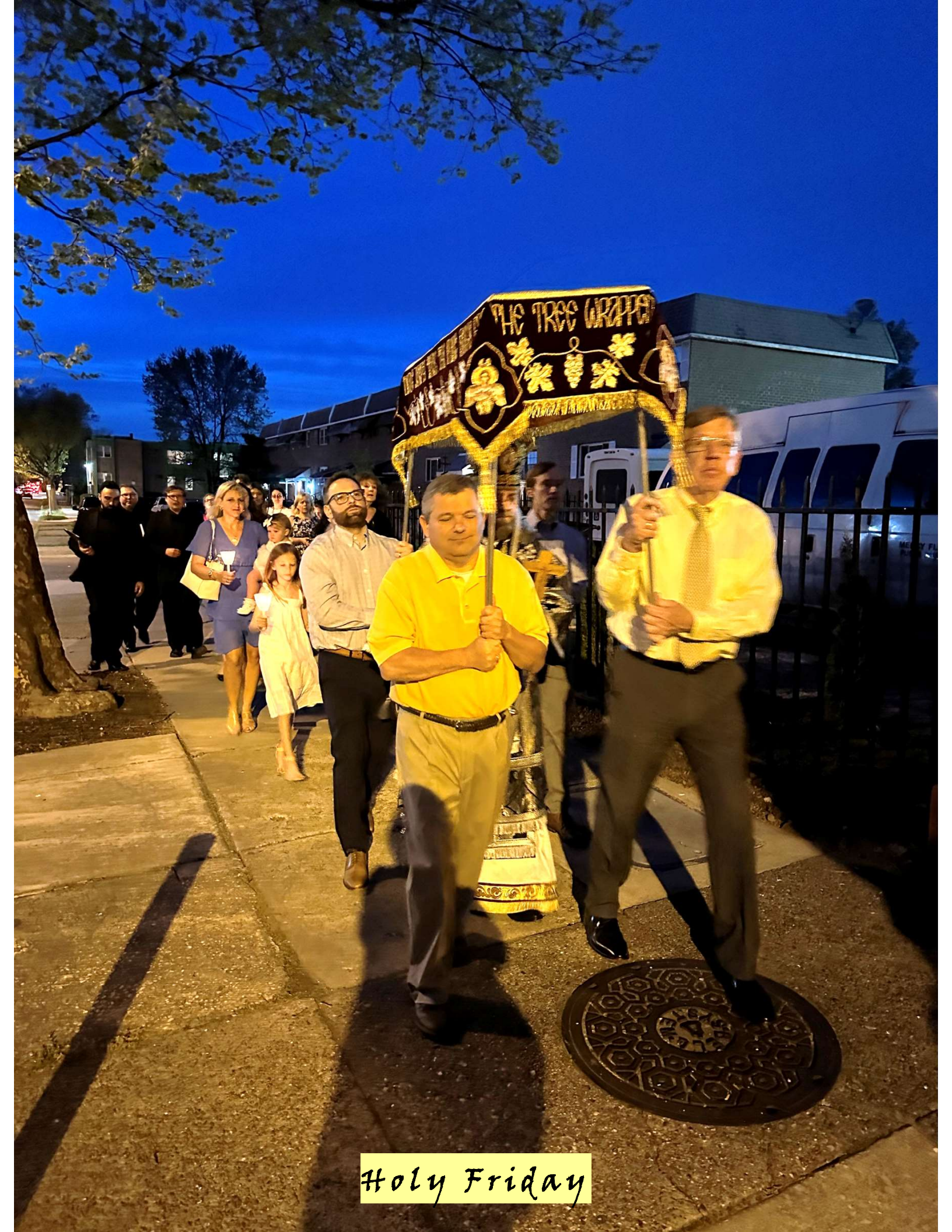


12 dozen eggs were donated – and colored on Holy Thursday, April 13, in preparation for Easter. Eggs are the symbol of resurrection and eternal life. All present at Resurrection Services on Easter, April 16, were given an egg following Dismissal. Thank you to Alla Pukhtetska, Veronika Matviienko and Susan Guz for their assistance.

Then on Holy Thursday evening, 12 men held pillar candles during the reading of the “Passion Gospels” -- the 12 Gospels of the Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

(John 13:31-38; 14-18:1; John 18:1-28; Matthew 26:57-75; John 18:28-40; 19:1-16; Matthew 27:3-32; Mark 15:16-32; Matthew 27:33-54; Luke 23:32-49; John 19:25-37; Mark 15:43-47; John 19:38-42; Mathew 27:62-66)





Holy Friday



Holy Friday



Morgan and Julia Borriello, Celia Snoke and Helen Whitmer – dressed in traditional white – were Myrrh Maidens and Flower Girls on Holy Friday. During the Procession, they carried the flowers which were then placed in the tomb.



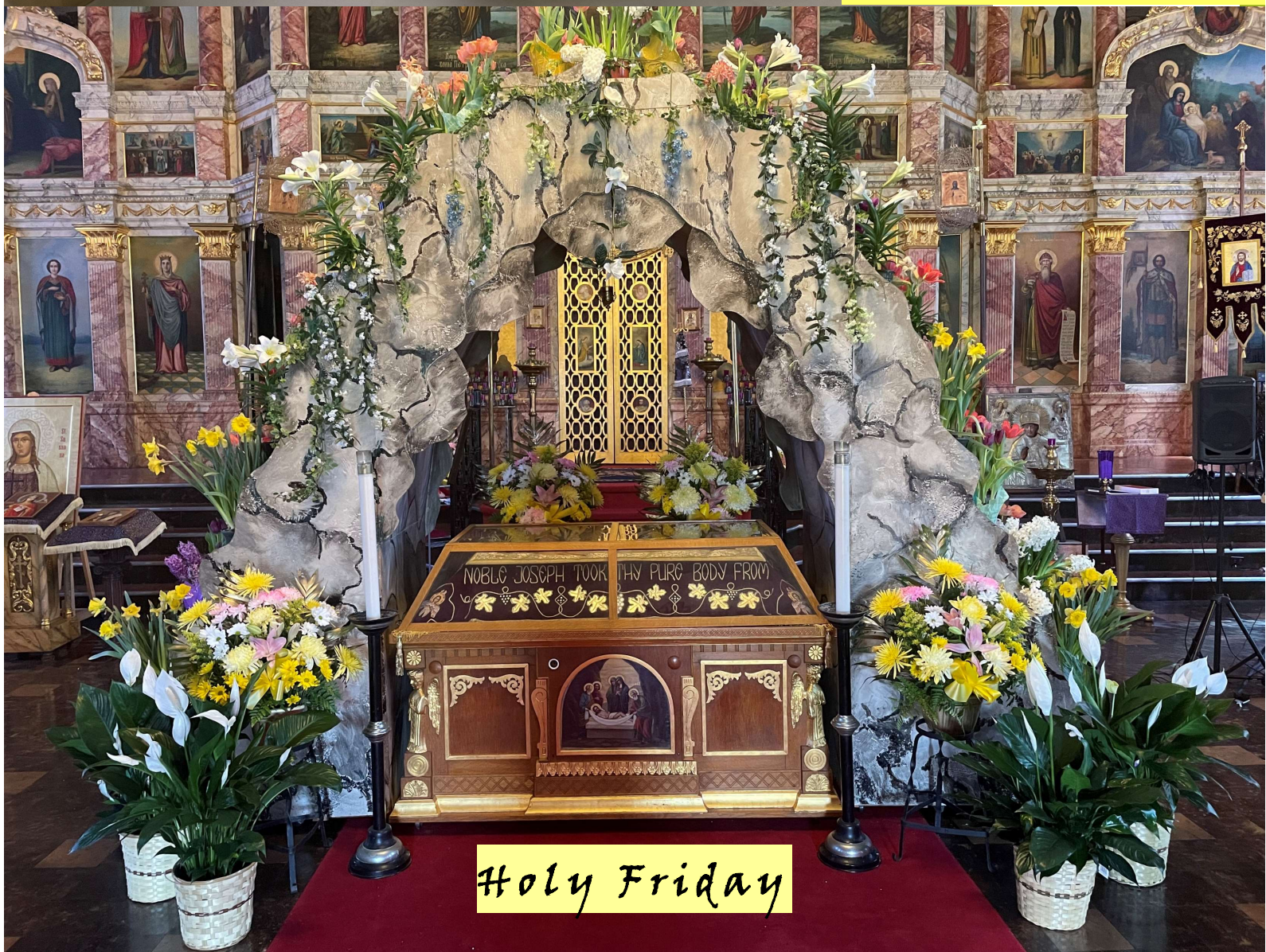
Holy Friday



Eight flower baskets and four peace lilies were donated to adorn the altar and tomb. Thank you to: Ellen Hanavin, Judy Hanney, Barbara Latsios, Oksana Kikelia, Barbara McMonigle and Susan Guz.

In addition, the more than 100 assorted potted plants for the tomb were donated by Tom and Judy Hanney and Colleen Philipp. They shopped for the plants, delivered them to the church, and stayed after service on Holy Thursday night to set up and decorate the tomb.

Thank you to everyone for beautifying the Sanctuary during the most holy of days. The recreation of the tomb was a striking, tangible image to help all those present reflect upon the Passion of Christ.



Holy Friday



The custom of blessing a basket of special food to be eaten on Easter Sunday continues at St. Nicholas Cathedral!

On Holy Saturday, parishioners brought their decorated baskets, filled with pascha, eggs, ham, cheese, horseradish, sausage, butter and smoked bacon, to church to be blessed.

On Easter, the Lenten Fast was broken with the eating of the blessed food. The candles placed in the middle of the table symbolize Jesus as the true light who brightens the whole world through the radiance of His Holy Resurrection.



Holy Saturday



Holy Saturday

His Holiness Patriarch Philaret's EASTER MESSAGE (excerpts)

Dear Brothers and Sisters! Christ is Risen!

Again this year, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Ukraine and our entire people celebrate Easter in conditions of suffering and war. Suffering is an integral part of human life. One cannot live on earth and not experience suffering....

Jesus Christ conquered death. As God, united with human nature, He rose from the dead, and thus put death and sin to death....

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Christ is truly risen! That's why when we say "Christ is risen!" we answer: "He is truly risen!" -- testifying to the truth! For if Christianity were not a true religion, it would not have conquered paganism. Pagans accepted Christianity because they saw in it truth and miracles. And only God performs miracles....

On these joyful Easter days, I heartily congratulate you, Brothers and Sisters, on the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. I congratulate the greatest Christian holiday to the entire Ukrainian people and all Ukrainians who are outside Ukraine on all continents. Love Ukraine and help it in difficult conditions created by external aggression.

We believe in our victory, because the truth is with us, and where there is truth, there is God and victory. May the merciful Lord, who defeated sin and death by His resurrection, grant everyone spiritual renewal and lead us all to peace and unity, and at the end of life to eternal bliss, for which He died and rose again. Truly Christ is risen!

**Philaret
Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus-Ukraine
2023
Kyiv, Ukraine**





Easter! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



AXIOS!

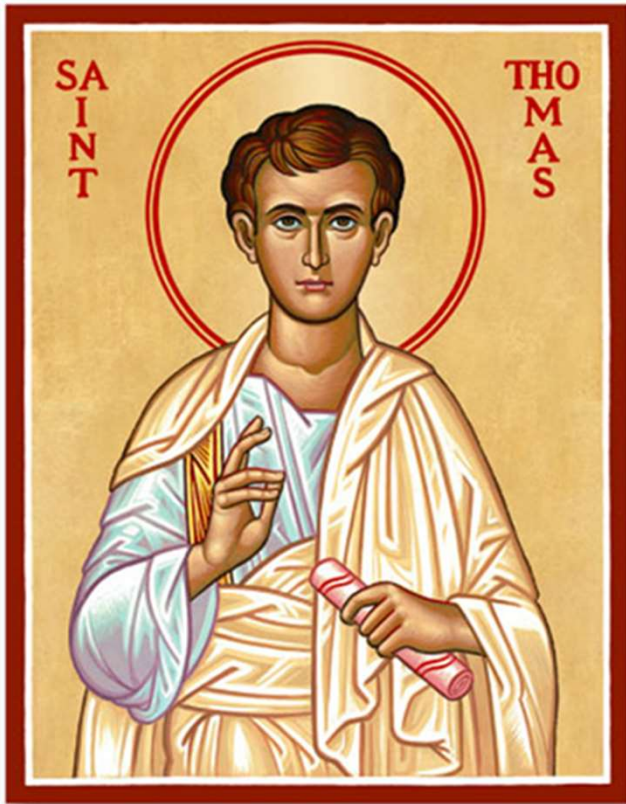
With the blessing
of His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret,
Bishop Luke
presented an
ecclesiastical
award to
Very Reverend
Oleksii Kacharai
during
Divine Liturgy on
Easter.



Agape Breakfast



Following dismissal at 3:00 am, Easter morning, April 16, parishioners attended our **AGAPE EASTER BREAKFAST** in the Cathedral Hall where they feasted on traditional Easter food blessed by Bishop Luke. A big **THANKYOU** to Vicki Borriello and her son, Christopher, and to Marcia Zaruba O'Connor for organizing the fellowship meal, their donations of delicious prepared food -- and to all parishioners who brought their favorite specialty dishes to the table for the joyous communal breakfast!



St. Thomas Sunday, April 23

This is the day we share the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with our beloved departed.

Bishop Luke and parishioners will leave immediately after our Fellowship Brunch for Oakland Cemetery on Sunday, April 23.

Grave blessings at St. Vladimir's Cemetery at Rova Farm in Jackson, NJ should be arranged by appointment.



Scripture Reading

for Sunday, April 23 - John 20:19-31

St. Thomas Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter, also called "Antipascha," is the first opportunity we have to commemorate the departed, as panikhidas are forbidden in the Orthodox Church from Holy Thursday through today, a period of 11 days. Therefore, today is when we can finally announce the Resurrection of Christ to those who have departed this life before us. It is a joyous day known as Radonitsa, or "Day of Rejoicing," as we eagerly and happily share the great joy of Pascha – the celebration of the Resurrection – with those who have left this life with the hope of their own resurrection. How do we greet the dead with news that Christ has risen? By devoting time to tend to their graves, adorning them with flowers, laying Easter eggs on top with pascha bread and praying fervently for life everlasting. We have a responsibility to continue this tradition. We cannot – and should not – ever forget our beloved families and friends who depend on our prayers in the hope of resurrection and life eternal. Today in cemeteries around the world, imagine the sight of Orthodox priests, surrounded by the faithful, blessing hundreds of graves, as Easter eggs and bread are placed on the graves. On this joyous day, we also traditionally give alms in memory of the deceased. Such charitable acts are virtuous...an expression of love...symbolic of Jesus' sacrifice for us...and our Christian duty. So today, our pilgrimage to the cemeteries and blessing the graves is a beautiful, important custom in our Orthodox church, and one that parents should teach their children. Everyone should make the effort to visit the graves of our beloved departed, for they depending on us. They should never be forgotten. Memory Eternal! Christ is Risen!





The contributions received during this year's **Endowment Fund Drive** (from Lent to Easter) totaled \$2,665.00. This sum will be matched by the Cathedral Operating Fund for a grand total of \$5,330.00. Thank you to the parishioners who contributed for the future financial health of the Cathedral.

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
2. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
3. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
4. For the health of our friend Lisa Gess, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
5. For the health of Ellen Hanavin on her birthday, offered by Gail Osborn
6. For the health of Ellen Hanavin on her birthday, love, Susan
7. For the health of Ellen Hanavin on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
8. For the health of George Latsios on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
9. For the health of George Latsios, on his birthday, love Tom, Judy and family
10. For the health of Goddaughter, Vlada Radziuk, on her birthday, love, Aunt Judy and Uncle Tom
11. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, on her birthday, love, Judy, Tom and family
12. For the health of George Latsios on his birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
13. For the health of my husband, George Latsios, on his birthday, Love, Barbara
14. For the health of my Dad, George Latsios, on his birthday, Love, Cassandra and Ray



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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

ANTIPASCHA – ST. THOMAS SUNDAY



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

CHOIR: Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

READER: Praise the Lord for it is good to sing praises to our God! Great is our Lord and abundant in power!

CHOIR: His understanding is beyond measure!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life. **(Acts 5:12-20)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

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, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. **(John 20:19-31)**

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



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoi Candles:	\$25
Altar Candles:	\$35
Annual Vigil:	\$100
Bulletin Sponsor:	\$25

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/23
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/23
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. 10/1/26
5. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/23
6. +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
7. +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. 8/1/23
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/23
9. +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. 9/18/23
10. +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. 4/19/23
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/23
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/23
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/23
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/23
17. +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. 11/1/30
18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Bishop Luke and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/23
19. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Olga, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Bogdan, Iryna-Olesia. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Petro, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Stepan, Anna, Volodymyr, Stepania, Maryna, Vasyl, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/23
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/23
21. +The Repose of the souls of Mary and Gregory Buckley. Memory Eternal. Offered by the children and grandchildren of the Buckley, Janoczkin and Wojnarowicz Families. exp. 12/31/23
22. +In memory of Alexander and Ewdokia Janoczkin and son Michail, offered by the Janoczkin, Wojnarowicz and Adams families. exp. 12/31/23
23. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/23
24. +In memory of Tatiana, Alexander, Sergey, Nadezhda, Alexander and Anna, offered by Anton Spassky. exp. 6/12/23
25. For the health of soldier Olexiy, Loubov, Vadym, Olexander, Iryna, George, Svilana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23

Invitation

Please join
Bishop of Philadelphia Luke
and leaders of
Government and
local businesses



at

UKRAINIAN GENEROSITY EVENING A GALA CHARITY EVENT

Friday, May 5, 2023
6:00 pm

The Pyramid Club
1735 Market Street, 52nd Floor, Philadelphia

Host

*Mr. Thomas J. Hanney, President,
St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral Council*

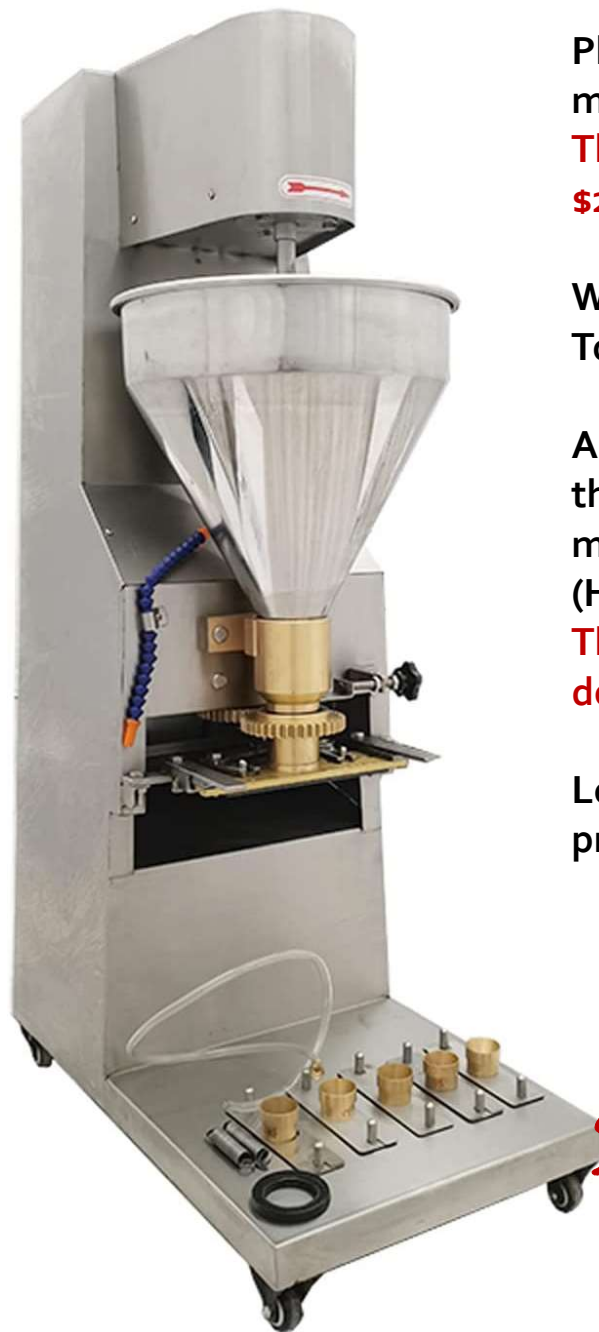
Hostess

Ms. Alla Pukhtetska, Professor of Law

Special Ticket Price for St. Nicholas Cathedral Members: \$75

Pierogi Festival News

Judy Hanney, Festival Director, is always looking for ways to improve pierogi production. The Omcan Dough Sheeter and Hobart Mixer were wise investments in 2021 and proved to be great time savers. Generous donations from the Hall Fund (\$7,199.00), the Sisterhood (\$3,000.00), Judy and Tom Hanney (\$1,000.00) and Susan Guz (\$1,000.00) paid for the machines. Now we are planning to purchase a commercial meatball-forming machine. Anyone who has spent hours during Festival food prep in past years knows what a tedious, time-consuming job it is to scoop the potato-cheese filling into uniformly sized balls. This machine could be used for the filling, potentially cutting our current production time in half.



Please consider a donation to help pay for this machine. The cost is \$1,350.00.

Thank you, Alex Janoczkin, for your donation of \$250 towards the purchase of the machine!

We also need a sponsor for the tent (see Tom Hanney for the cost).

AND we want to buy NOW those food products that can keep or freeze well for the next 7 months, specifically 40 (2-lb) bags of Kissling's (Habbersett or Dietz & Watson) Sauerkraut.

Thank you, Renee Murphy and Susan Guz, for donating 24 bags of noodles!

Look for announcements in the Bulletin for food prep dates! We need everyone's help!

Pierogi Festival 2023

Saturday, November 4

Sunday, November 5

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