

## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

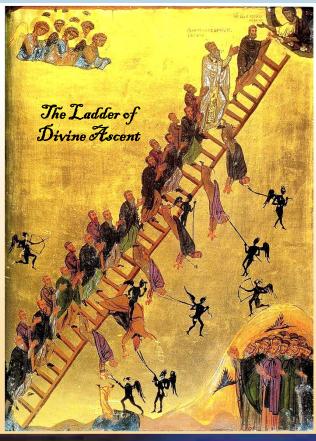
Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, April 3, 2022

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent -- April 3 -- is dedicated to St. John Climacus

(also known as St. John of the Ladder)

St. John Climacus was a monk who spent 40 years in solitude and authored "The Ladder of Divine Ascent." The book is a guide on how to live a God-centered life. There are 30 chapters -- or 30 rungs -- in a divine ascent to Christ. The icon pictured on the cover of this Bulletin was inspired by St. John Climacus' treatise and depicts monks ascending the Ladder. It was painted in the 12th Century at the Monastery of Saint Catherine in Mount Sinai and remains a highly recognizable and graphic work of religious art.



We commemorate the saint on this Sunday because the Orthodox Church wants the ascetic example of St. John Climacus to inspire us in our Lenten journey.



OUR JOURNEY
TO PASCHA
GREAT LENT



#### Bishop Luke's Sermon - Mark 8:34-9:1 Sunday, March 27, 2022

"Take up your cross and follow me," said Jesus Christ in today's Scripture reading. And we should literally and symbolically. do just that: venerate the Holy Cross today on this 3rd Sunday of Great Lent as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross – and also to remind ourselves that this is the goal of our Lenten journey. But we also venerate the cross because Jesus said: "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." It is a simple statement that defines how we must live to be saved. The cross represents Jesus, and I hold it in my right hand so that you see God's power and wisdom are with us in this sanctuary. And you, too, should wear your cross so that everyone can see that you believe in the power of the crucifix and that God is with you always. The cross symbolizes that you are a disciple of Christ, which means you have chosen to follow Him on your journey through life. It is a winding road of bumps and potholes. We try to be obedient to Christ and His teachings, listening to the messages He gives us through the parables -- but we often stumble when we are discouraged or tempted by worldly things. Yet we always get back up because we have faith. You are on your journey as a disciple of Christ. And that is why during Great Lent you deny your SELF. Because only when you deny SELF - or abstain from things during Great Lent -- can you take up your cross and follow Jesus. AMEN.







## from Vicar Bishop Luke

NDRAISING

Since Russia's February 24<sup>th</sup> invasion of Ukraine, and Vicar Bishop Luke announced the Vicariate's fundraising efforts for the purchase of essential items for the Ukrainian people, monetary donations have been pouring in through the DONATE pages on the Vicariate website (uockpusa.org) and the Cathedral website (stnicholaseoc.org); dropped in our plastic HELP UKRAINE canister located by the Cathedral candle window; received in the mail; and delivered to our church office in person.

Please make your checks payable to the Vicariate of the UOC-KP. Cash is also accepted. Donations can be mailed to the Vicariate Office at 820 Hoffman Place, Philadelphia, PA 19123, or left at the Cathedral Candle Room window on Sundays. For donations by credit card: visit uockpusa.org or stnicholaseoc.org/donate (scroll down to the HELP UKRAINE FUND.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
YOU ARE MAKING AN IMMEDIATE DIFFERENCE!

Where Does Your Donation Go?



- For thermal underwear and winterwear plus shipping costs
- Cash Moneygrams to the leader of volunteers to buy food, medical supplies, mattresses, etc. (the leader sends us receipts for purchases)
- Cash Moneygrams to the Patriarch and Clergy for food, gas. The Patriarch has opened a shelter for Kyivans at his residence.
- Cash via Western Union for shelter, food, transportation, visa fees for those Ukrainians fleeing to the USA via Poland

Images from the STAND FOR UKRAINE RALLY at Independence Mall, Philadelphia, Sunday, March 27, 2022, where Bishop Luke prayed a Moleben for the safety of Ukrainians and for restored peace.





# ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE continues...

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Our annual **Endowment Fund Drive** begins simultaneously with the start of Lent. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Cathedral to ensure its future!

Please pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously. You can also give online on our website. Go to **stnicholaseoc.org**; click the DONATE tab at the bottom of the home page; scroll down and click "Endowment Fund."

THANK YOU!

Soul Saturdays



On Soul Saturdays, Bishop Luke prays for the souls of your departed loved ones, reading aloud the names on the lists you provided. The list of names of your beloved departed is kept in a book in the Candle Room. If you want to include someone dear to you, please send an email to sneoc100@gmail.com or just mark the book that is in the Candle Room.

The special Soul Saturday Panikhida follows Vespers. The remaining Soul Saturdays during Lent are March 26 and April 2. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for the reading of your beloved departed names. Thank you. (There are no monthly Panikhidas in March and April.)

## The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Parish took place on Sunday, March 27, 2022.

Bishop Luke blessed the meeting with an opening prayer. President, Tom Hanney, addressed the congregation. Highlights included a recap of all accomplishments since the Annual Meeting last September 2021: the Sisterhood's 90th Anniversary celebration in October; a new website for Liberty North Hall – libertynorthhall.com – launched in December; the success of the first Gala Fundraiser for the Vicariate this past January; increased revenue from the Mercy Fleet vans renting our parking lot; the resurfacing of the northside ground; plans to move forward next month with the exterior painting project; and an update by Festival Director, Judy Hanney, on the Spring Pierogi Fest taking place on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Bishop Luke, in his "Pastor's Report," extended blessings from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret. The Patriarch, a true "hero of Ukraine," remains in Kyiv despite the perils of war. Bishop Luke informed us that the Patriarchate is growing. Thanks to the Bishop's efforts, the Patriarch decreed last week 7 parishes and 4 monasteries in Australia now under his protection – omophor.

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**Congratulations to Stephen** Mandell and Frank Murphy, the two newest members of the Endowment Fund Committee, as affirmed at the parish's Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 27, 2022. Both Frank and Stephen possess the qualifications and commitment to serve on the Endowment Fund Committee. We thank Frank Borriello who vacates his position after having served on the Endowment **Fund Committee for the** past 5 years. His advice and expertise were greatly appreciated during his tenure.



#### PREPARING FOR EASTER

Just as you prepare yourself spiritually for Easter, we all need to prepare for the complete experience of Easter, and that includes flowers, vigils, and the Agape Breakfast.

#### **FLOWERS**

In preparation for Holy Friday, the Tomb of Jesus will be set up in the Sanctuary Holy Thursday night, April 21, following the Holy Passion service of the reading of the Twelve Gospels.

A variety of seasonal, potted, flowering Easter plants will decorate the Tomb. This year again, instead of pre-ordering, you will be able to select from the plants and take one or more home after Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, April 25 – FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$15.

BASKETS of fresh cut flowers, however, will still need to be pre-ordered. Please give your basket order to Ellen Hanavin in the Candle Room. The baskets are \$40 each and are beautifully arranged by our florist for decades, Carroll's Flowers.

#### **EASTER VIGILS**

Diane Kavchok will be contacting you by email for any revisions to your Easter vigil list. To our new parishioners: please contact Diane by email, kavchokd@aol.com, if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.



#### **AGAPE BREAKFAST**

We will be passing the basket following Divine Liturgy on Sundays to collect donations for the Agape Breakfast, organized once again by Vicki Borriello and Marcia O'Connor. If you want to bring your favorite Pascha dish for the breakfast, PLEASE SIGN THE SHEET IN THE CANDLE ROOM. And of course we will be accepting donations, too! THANK YOU!



## CONFESSIONS



Bishop Luke will hear your confession every Sunday morning between the start of Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM and the Entrance Hymn "O Come Let Us Worship." If you want confession, you can approach Bishop Luke during this time, and he will walk from the Bishop's Chair in the center of the Sanctuary to the confessional area at the far left of the altar. Confessions are also heard every Saturday at 5:00 PM at Vespers.



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	Schedule of Services
Friday, April 1	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 2 – SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers and Panikhida
Sunday, April 3	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by a Moleben of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Veronika Matviienko and Alla Pukhtetska from Ukraine. A Fellowship "Welcome" Lunch follows in the Cathedral Hall
Friday, April 8	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 9	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 10	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 15	6:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 16 – LAZARUS SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers & Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 17 – PALM SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by a traditional "Potato Pancake" Fellowship Brunch in the Cathedral Hall
Wednesday, April 20	6:30 pm: Holy Unction Healing Service
Thursday, April 21 – HOLY THURSDAY	9:15 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 22 – HOLY FRIDAY	3:00 pm: Vespers 6:30 pm: Funeral Service and Procession with Plaschanitsa
Saturday, April 23 - HOLY SATURDAY Sunday, April 24 – EASTER-PASCHA	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, followed by Blessing of Baskets in the Sanctuary at approximately 11:00 am  11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets and Agape Breakfast in the Cathedral Hall at approximately 1:30 am, Sunday, April 24
Monday, April 25 – BRIGHT MONDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Procession



# ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY FOR THE HEALTH OF SUSAN ISAAC

with appreciation for helping Julie, offered by Ellen and Phil

### SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

For the health of Julie Zayon, offered by Susan Guz

For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, offered by Barbara and George, Cassandra and Ray

For the health of my nephew, Matthew Murphy, on his 18th birthday, Love, Aunt Gail

For the health of and speedy recovery to Julie Zayon, offered by Diane Kavchok

For the health of Susan Issac for her heroic emergency assistance on Sunday, offered by Diane Kavchok.

For the health of Julie. Love Dawn & Ron Healey

For the health of my aunt/godmother Barbara Marozzi on her birthday. Love Dawn & Ron xoxo

For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday. Love Dawn & Ron Healey

In memory of mother/

grandmother/great grandmother Helen Doukakis on her birthday and 14th anniversary of her passing offered by the Wohar Family. Memory Eternal!

For the health of our daughter/sister/aunt Anastasia Wohar on her birthday offered by Robert, Marianne, Michael, Andrew, Amy and George.

In memory of our father, grandfather, great grandfather George Wohar on the anniversary of his passing offered by the Wohar family.

For the health of Julie Zayon, offered by the Murphy Family

For the health of Susan Isaac, offered by the Murphy Family

For the health of and congratulations to our husband/Dad, Frank Murphy, Love, Renee, Alex and Matt.

For the health of Julie Zayon, offered by Gail Osborn

For the health of Susan Isaac, offered by Gail Osborn

For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil

For the health of my sister, Barbara Marozzi, on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil

For the health of Julie Zayon, Love, Ellen

For the health of Susan Isaac, and with appreciation for coming to the immediate aid of Julie, Love, Ellen and Phil



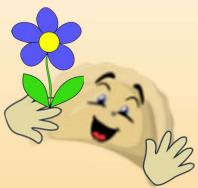
For the health of Julie Zayon, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney

For the health of Barbara Marozzi, on her birthday, offered by the Hanney and Whitmer Families









Saturday
May 14, 2022
12 noon-9 pm

Proceeds from the sale of pierogies made by volunteers at St. Nicholas Patriarchal Orthodox Cathedral will help support the Vicariate of the UOC-KP in the USA & Canada, St. Nicholas Cathedral and the HELP UKRAINE FUND.

Please mark your calendars! We need you on May 14.

How can you help? Please contact Bishop Luke or Judy Hanney,
Festival Director, tjahanney@yahoo.com.



As we are approach Easter during a challenging time for the world, the **St. Nicholas Cathedral Youth Organization** invites children and families to a traditional Ukrainian egg-coloring class – PYSANKY -- to bring joy to one of our most special holidays.

Join us on **Sunday, April 10, 2022**, promptly after Divine Liturgy, from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, in our Cathedral Hall for a PYSANKY class. Materials will be provided. Event tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children; children under 12 are free. A portion of the ticket contributions will be donated to our **HELP UKRAINE FUND**. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by April 3 to st.ncyo@gmail.com or 623-760-7427. Seating is limited to 20 attendees.

# PYSANKY



Ukrainian Easter Eggs



# 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 Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, 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.11/1/22
- 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. 12/31/22
- 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. 10/13/22
- 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. 8/1/22
- 8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/22
- 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. 9/18/22
- 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. 4/19/22
- 11.+In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
- 12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/22
- 13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
- 14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family, exp. 12/31/22
- 15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/22
- 16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/22
- 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, Father Bohdan Zhoba 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. 12/31/22
- 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. 9/1/22
- 20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/22
- 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. 12/20/22
- 22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/22

## THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

**PRIEST**: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit. **PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER**: The Prokeimenon in the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

CHOIR: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

**READER:** In Judah God is known. His Name is great in Israel! Pray and make your vows.

**CHOIR**: Before the Lord our God!

**PRIEST**: Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Hebrews.

**PRIEST**: Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. **(Hebrews 6:13-20)** 

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

**READER**: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

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 Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not. He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." (Mark 9:17-31)

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



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