

# St. Nicholas

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# Saint Mary of Egypt

**On the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of  
Great Lent,  
April 5, the  
Church  
commemorates  
the life of  
St. Mary of  
Egypt, who  
formerly a  
great sinner,  
is intended to  
serve as an  
example of  
true  
repentance  
and convince  
us of the  
profound  
compassion  
of God.**

**The history of this  
Saint was related  
by Hieromonk  
Zossima when he  
met her during a  
Great Lenten  
journey in the  
wilderness.**

St. Mary was born in Egypt, and for 17 years from the age of 12, had lived as a prostitute. While in Jerusalem, she attempted to enter a church but an unseen power prevented her from doing so. She turned to an icon of the Mother of God at the entrance, prayed before it and then entered without fear. Upon leaving, she heard a voice, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find true peace." She then retreated to the desert, renounced her worldly desires and lived as a hermit in penitence for the next 48 years. Her life story reminds us how the Lord glorifies repentant sinners.



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. This seems so far away, but it is only 6 Sundays. We all hope -- pray -- that we will be able to re-open the Church sooner.

We began live-streaming services this past Sunday, March 29, at Divine Liturgy. Details about our new Virtual St. Nicholas Church are on page 4.

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

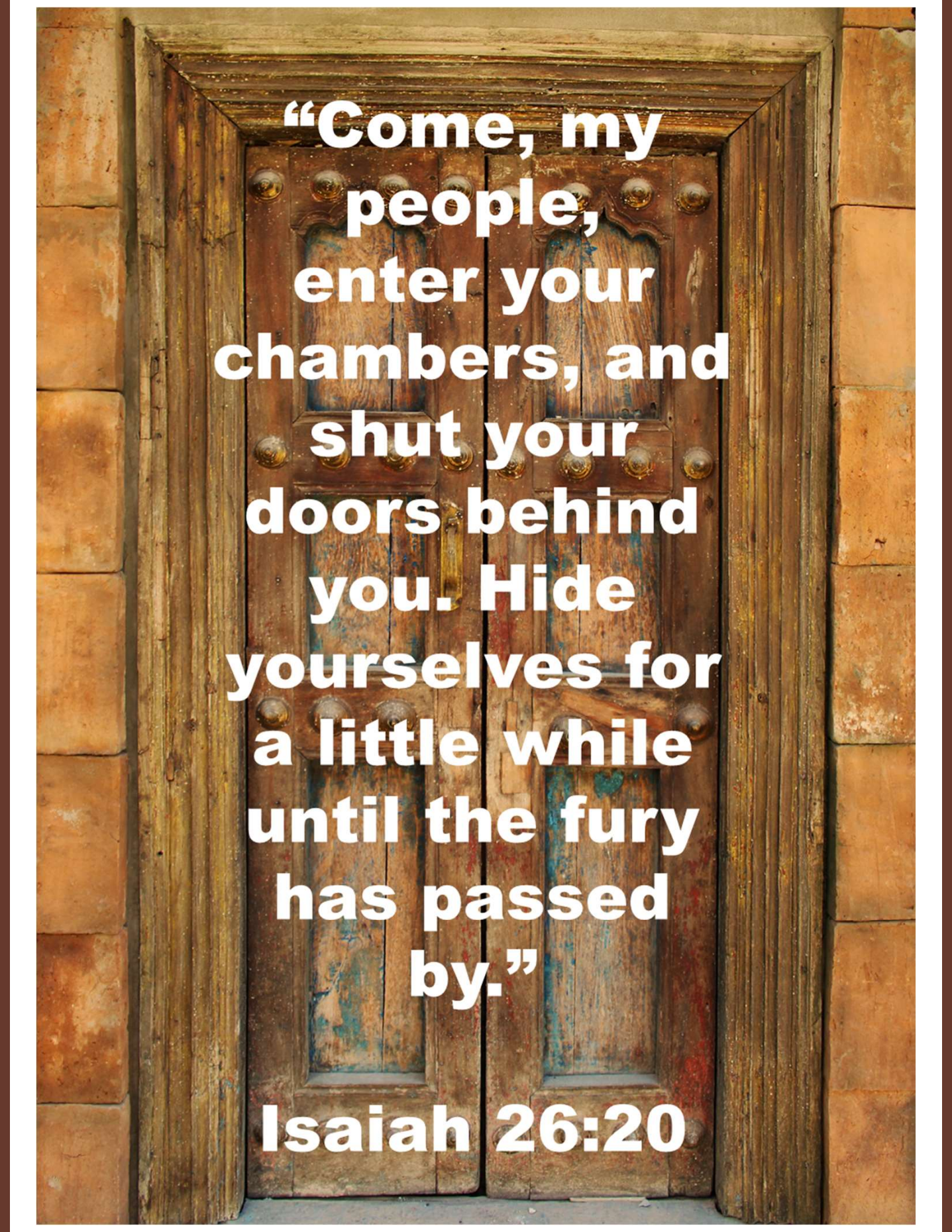
There will be no Easter Flower orders this year.

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





**“Come, my  
people,  
enter your  
chambers, and  
shut your  
doors behind  
you. Hide  
yourselves for  
a little while  
until the fury  
has passed  
by.”**

**Isaiah 26:20**

# The Virtual Church

## St. Nicholas

Our first real-time webcast of Divine Liturgy was Sunday morning, March 29. This was a first step in live-streaming, and Father Bohdan was anxious to proceed in an effort to keep the congregation connected.

And to that end, the webcast was a success despite the choppy transmission and sometimes distorted image and sound. But this will be corrected once stores re-open and we can purchase a better quality webcam and external microphone.

So, webcasts are here to stay – through the pandemic – and even after the health crisis is behind us. Please “attend” as many virtual services as you can.

A big THANK YOU to our webmaster, Kirk Whitmer, who was a great help – remotely – in setting up The St. Nicholas VIRTUAL Church!

To “attend” a virtual service, simply click on the  
YouTube channel link:

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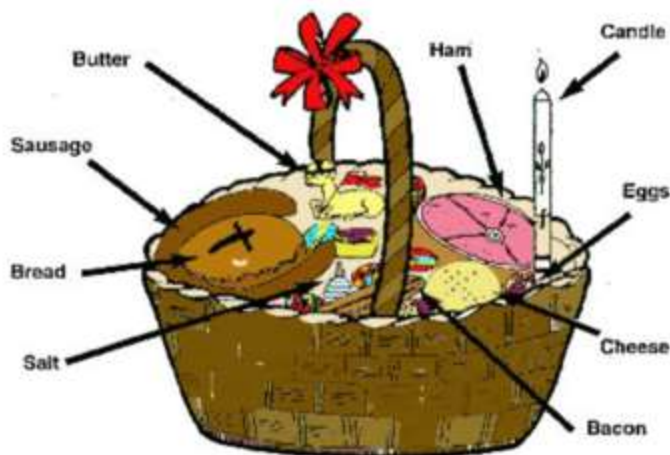


**Schedule of Services**  
**to be served by Father Bohdan**  
*with the Congregation praying at home*  
**ALL SERVICES WILL BE WEBCAST**

Friday, April 3	9:00 am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 4	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 5	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
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 Plaschanitz
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

## 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](mailto:kavchokd@aol.com), if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.*



### 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.**

## ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

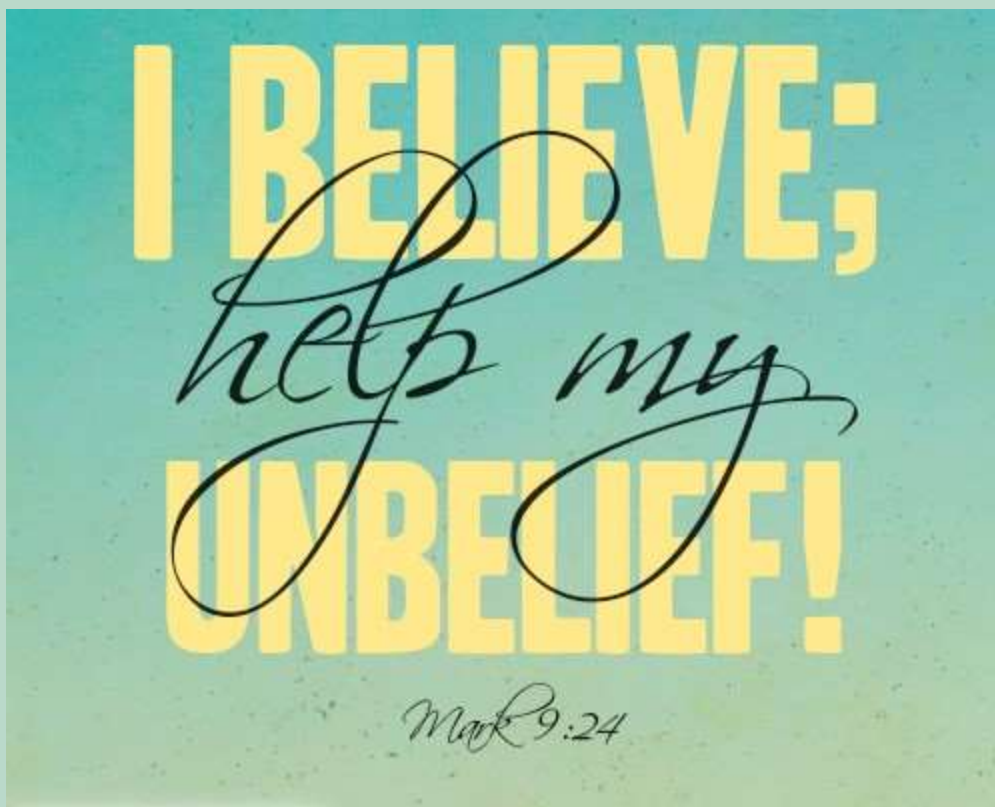
*2 Corinthians 9:7*

*“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** began 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 Church to ensure its future!*

*Please give online: [stnicholaseoc.org/donate](http://stnicholaseoc.org/donate); scroll down and click “Endowment Fund.”*

**THANK YOU!**



**Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, March 29, 2020**  
Mark 9:17-31

In Biblical times, there were no names for the many physical and psychological ailments that our bodies and minds suffer from. And so the word “demons” described the disturbing and confusing maladies that struck people – as we hear in today’s Scripture reading. And Jesus Christ said that only through prayer and fasting could the demon be cast out and the soul and body healed.

Think of prayer and fasting as “spiritual first aid” – treating the whole person, that is, body, soul, and spirit. Prior to casting out the demonic spirit, Jesus looked at the father in today’s Scripture reading and said, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” The father was completely and totally honest admitting that he had unbelief, that he did not have complete faith and trust. ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’, he cried. Yet Jesus healed his son without there being the type of faith that you would think you need for this miracle to happen. The father clearly said that he had doubts. So why did Jesus heal this man’s son? Perhaps because the man was honest. Once we are honest about our doubts, we must, like the father in today’s Scripture reading, confess them. Confession begins the process of turning away from doubts -- to believing and having unwavering faith. And that is called repentance. AMEN.

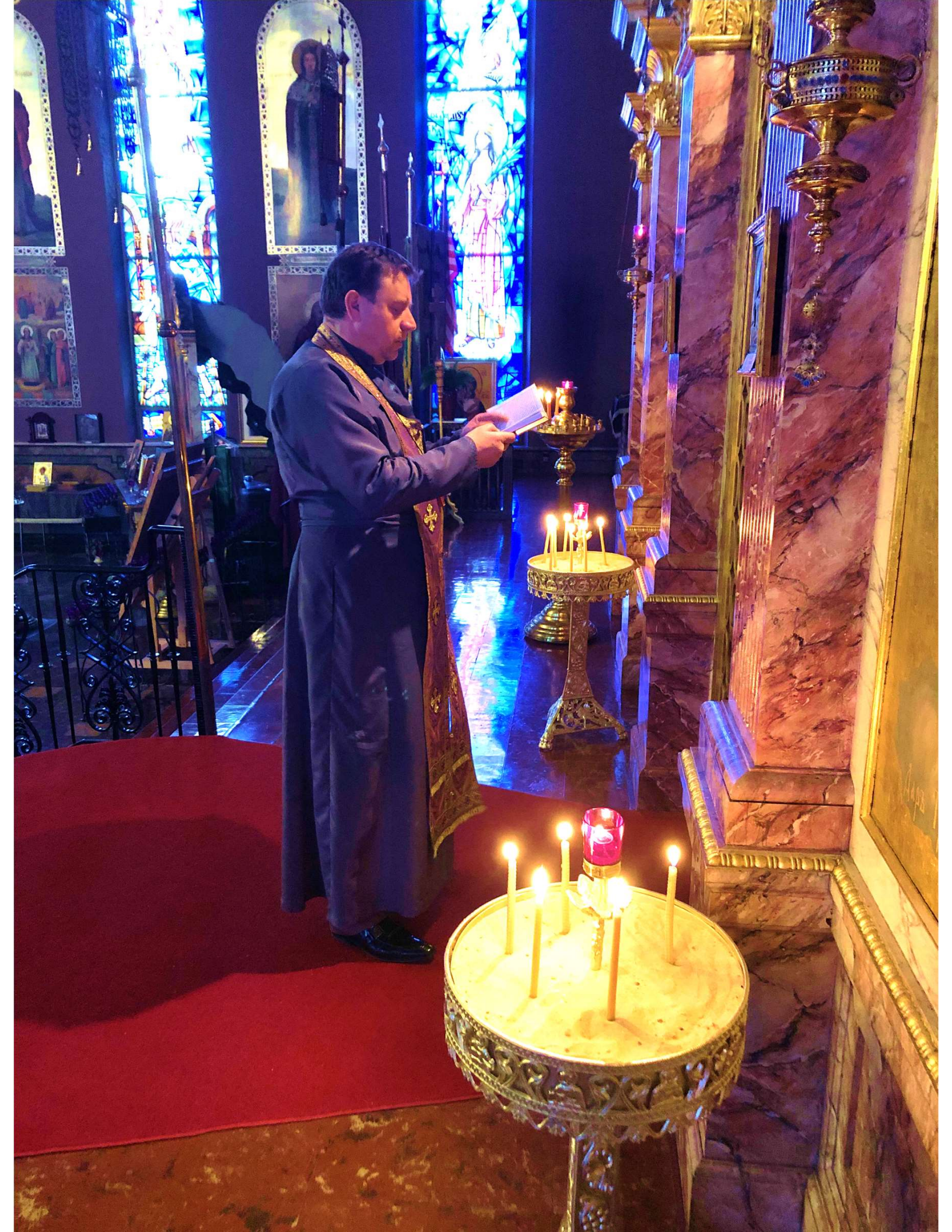




**The  
Beginning  
Prayers of  
Presanctified  
Liturgy,  
Friday,  
March 27, at  
9:00 AM**

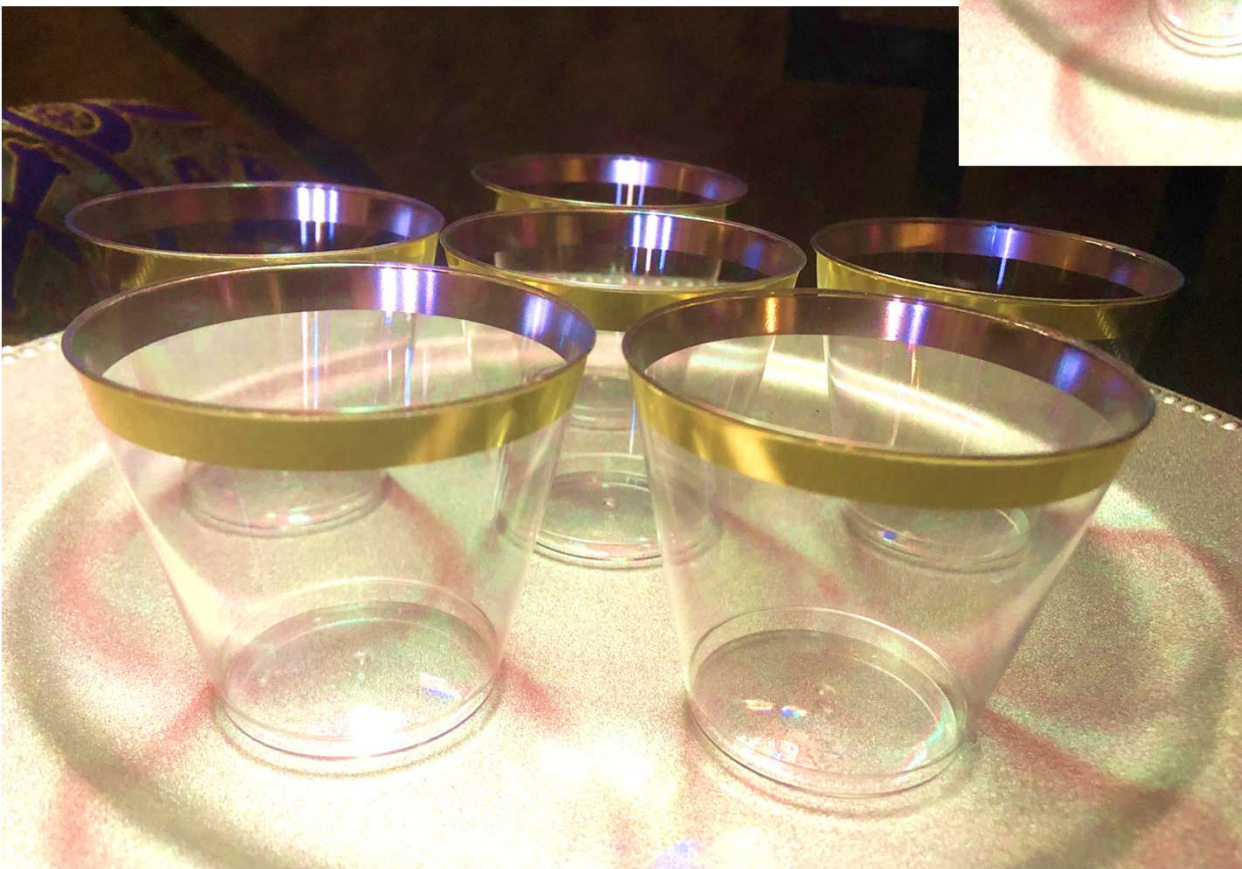








When the Congregation returns  
to St. Nicholas Church:  
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wine following Communion.

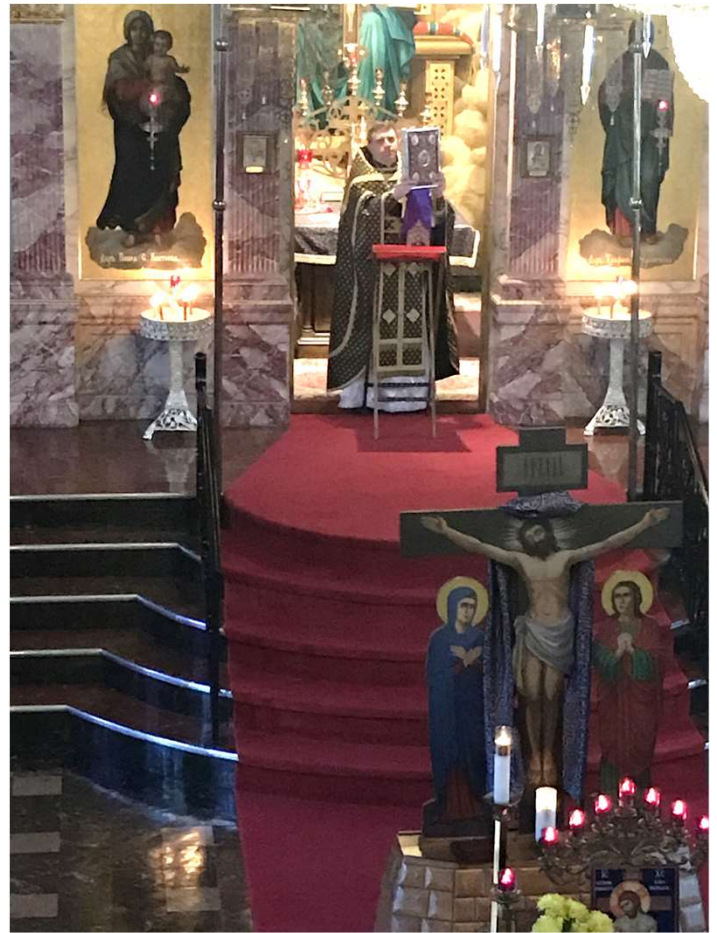


*L*ove your neighbor  
as yourself.

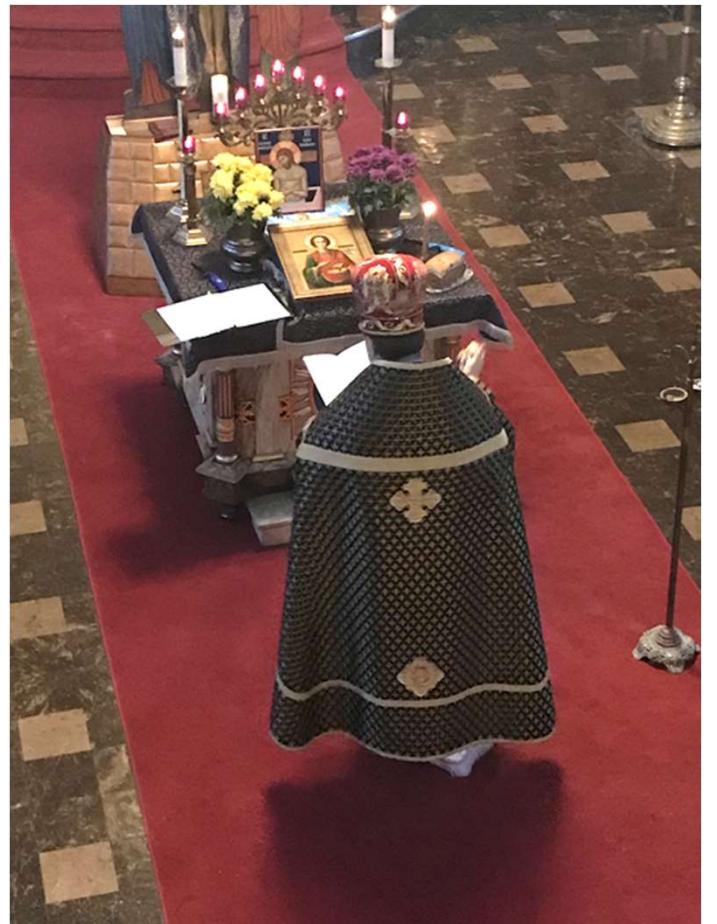
Matthew 22:39



**Soul Saturday, Divine Liturgy, at 9:30 AM, March 28  
Reading of the Holy Gospel**



**Panikhida following Divine Liturgy  
for the repose of the souls of your beloved departed**





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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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# SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY



Altar Candles: \$35; Analoj 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 Kirk Whitmer, with appreciation. Offered by Susan Guz
3. For the speedy recovery of Dawn Healey. Offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of our sister/ Aunt Karen Niehoff, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
5. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
6. For the health of my nephew, Matthew Murphy, on his 16th birthday, Love, Aunt Gail
7. For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
8. For the health of Barbara Marozzi on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
9. For the health of our daughter/sister, Anastasia Wohar, on her 34th birthday offered by Mom, Dad, Michael, Andrew and Amy
10. For the Memory of mother/grandmother, Helen Doukakis, offered by Robert, Marianne, Michael, Andrew, Amy and Anastasia Wohar
11. For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
12. For the health of my aunt/godmother, Barbara Marozzi, on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
13. For the health and safety of all parishioners of St. Nicholas Church. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
14. For the health of my mom and dad and all of their support, love, prayers and vigils. Love, Dawn xoxo
15. For the health of Father Bohdan and all of his support, special prayers, text messages. Love, Dawn xoxo
16. For the health of Susan Guz and all that she does for St. Nicholas. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
17. For the Health of our Granddaughter, Kaylee, on her 17th Birthday offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
18. For the Health of our Granddaughter, Jessica, on her 20th Birthday offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
19. For the health of our son/brother, Matt Murphy, on his 16th Birthday, love Mom, Dad and Alex
20. In memory of our Mom/Grandmom, Dorothy Murphy, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt

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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

## ANNUAL VIGILS

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 5

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT



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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

**CHOIR:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

**READER:** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye Righteous! Praise befits the just! Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

**CHOIR:** As we have set our hope on Thee.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **(Hebrews 9:11-14)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** God gives vengeance unto me and subdues people under me!  
He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully with Christ, with David and his seed forever.

**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. Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but 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, and to give His life a ransom for many. **(Mark 10:32-45)**

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