

**Bulletin for
Sunday,
August 20, 2023**

**St. Nicholas
Orthodox
Cathedral**



"Transfiguration,"
a modern icon by
Ukrainian artist,
Ivanka Demchuk

**On Sunday,
August 20, we will
celebrate the
Feast of the
Holy Transfiguration
(Saturday, August 19)
with the ancient and
traditional blessing
of fruit. The fruit is
symbolic of all
creation being
renewed and
transfigured by
God's grace.**

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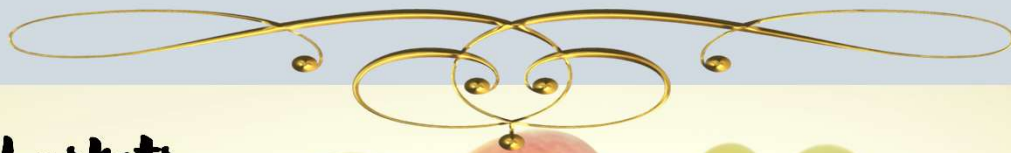
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*Blessing of Fruit
last year on Sunday,
August 21, 2022.*

On Sunday we commemorate the **Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord**, although the actual holiday on the calendar is Saturday, August 19. The Gospels tell that Jesus took three of His disciples – John, James and Peter -- up a mountain where they witnessed His transfiguration – His change -- into divine form: His face shone like the sun, His garments became brilliantly white as snow, and a voice from heaven proclaimed that this was the Son of God. In the Transfiguration, the disciples see the majesty of the Kingdom of God present in the person of Christ. The Church gives us comfort by showing us that after the temporary sorrows with which our earthly life is filled, the glory of eternal blessedness will be ours. And the end of summer is an appropriate time to celebrate this Feast as it is customary to bless the crop of a first harvest on this day.



The blessing of grapes, fruits and vegetables is symbolic of the final transfiguration of all things. Just as fruits ripen and are transformed under the hot summer sun, so is man called to a spiritual transfiguration through the light of God's word. We pray to God to sanctify both the souls and the bodies of those who eat these fruits, to keep their lives peaceful and joyful, and to multiply these fruits abundantly.



*Bring your baskets
of fruit to be
blessed on
Sunday,
August 20.*



Schedule of Services

VESPERS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023.
DIVINE LITURGY STARTS AT 9:00 AM DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

Sunday, August 20



8:45 am: Reading of the Hours
9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration (Saturday, August 19)

Sunday, August 27



8:45 am: Reading of the Hours
9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos (Monday, August 28)

Sunday, September 3

8:45 am: Reading of the Hours
9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 10

8:45 am: Reading of the Hours
9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida

Sunday, September 17

8:45 am: Reading of the Hours
9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 24

8:45 am: Reading of the Hours
9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Annual Meeting and Pierogi Festival prep session



God loves
a
cheerful
giver!

2 Corinthians 9:7

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Alla Pukhtetska with congratulations on passing the driver's test and getting her license, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
2. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family



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**MESSAGE FROM CATHEDRAL
COUNCIL PRESIDENT: TOM HANNEY**



Greetings! I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. There's never summer vacation at St. Nicholas Cathedral. It's business as usual, all year round. We are even busier in the summer as that is when the Festival Director, Judy Hanney, and her team, start preparing for our biggest annual fundraiser of the year: the **PIEROGI FESTIVAL, this year on Saturday, November 4, and Sunday, November 5.**

Published next to this message is the food prep schedule for the Festival. We expect to have dozens of parishioners at every session.

Most of the year we come and go as individuals, with very busy everyday schedules. But at this time of the year, we ask you to perform a Labor of Love for God and your Church. This is about working as a team and having the dedication of a team to succeed. Do this now! Mark it a Priority! Make Saint Nicholas a Priority! Choose as many dates as possible and dedicate yourself to being there for your team.

Showing up when there is work to be done says you are truly a member of Saint Nicholas. Not showing up says you are just a visitor.

The money raised from the Festival will pay the utility bills for the Cathedral and the Rectory. The true cost of operating the Cathedral is approximately \$16,000 per month. If you are unable to put anything in the collection basket, this is the time to contribute to the Cathedral with your labor – and chop onions, steam cabbage, pinch pierogi. And work at the Festival. If you attended Divine Liturgy and find serenity and a heightened spirituality, this is the time to give thanks and work as a team to achieve our financial goal.

If it were not for the Festival, the parking lot rentals and the Hall rentals, we would have to close our doors. Parishioner contributions would not sustain the Cathedral.

As your President and head coach, I thank you in advance for lending a hand and giving the Cathedral a few extra hours of your time during September and October.

God bless you. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10

**PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2023
- PREP DATES**

- Sunday, September 10: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 1:00 PM
- Saturday, September 16: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, September 17: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 1:00 PM
- Sunday, September 24: immediately following Annual Mtg. until 4:00 PM
- Saturday, September 30: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 1: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 1:00 PM
- Saturday, October 14: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, October 21: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 22: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 4:00 PM
- Saturday, October 28: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 29: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 4:00 PM

Tom

**Homemade in Our
Cathedral Kitchen!**



PIEROGI Festival 2023

Saturday, November 4, noon-9pm

Sunday, November 5, noon-5pm

...or until food runs out!

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Event details: @stnicholaseoc or call 215-922-9671

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

CHOIR: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

READER: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

CHOIR: He has become my salvation.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Philippians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. **(1 Corinthians 9:2-12)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!
Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call.

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 Luke.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses. **(Matthew 18:23-35)**

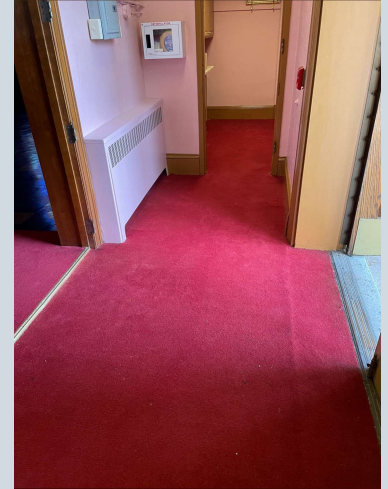
CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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

ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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. 8/1/24
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko 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. 4/19/24
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/24
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
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. 5/31/24
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. 5/2/24
24. +In loving memory of newly-departed sister-in-law/aunt, Sandra Chelak, who passed away on April 18 and brother-in-law/uncle, George Chelak, who passed away on July 24. Memory Eternal. Offered by Dorothy Chelak, Denise Chelak and Nina Davis. exp. 5/21/24

Completed Projects



BEFORE

In our July 2, 2023, Bulletin, we announced several Summer projects: the removal of the large tree on the south lawn; installation of protective corner moldings on the Hall columns; new tile floors in the stairwells, elevator corridor, Sanctuary foyer and Candle Room. And now we are pleased to report that all projects have been completed -- in plenty of time prior to the start of a new liturgical year on September 14, 2023.

The projects were paid for by the Hall Fund and donations from Barbara and George Latsios and Susan Guz. THANK YOU!

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:27

AFTER





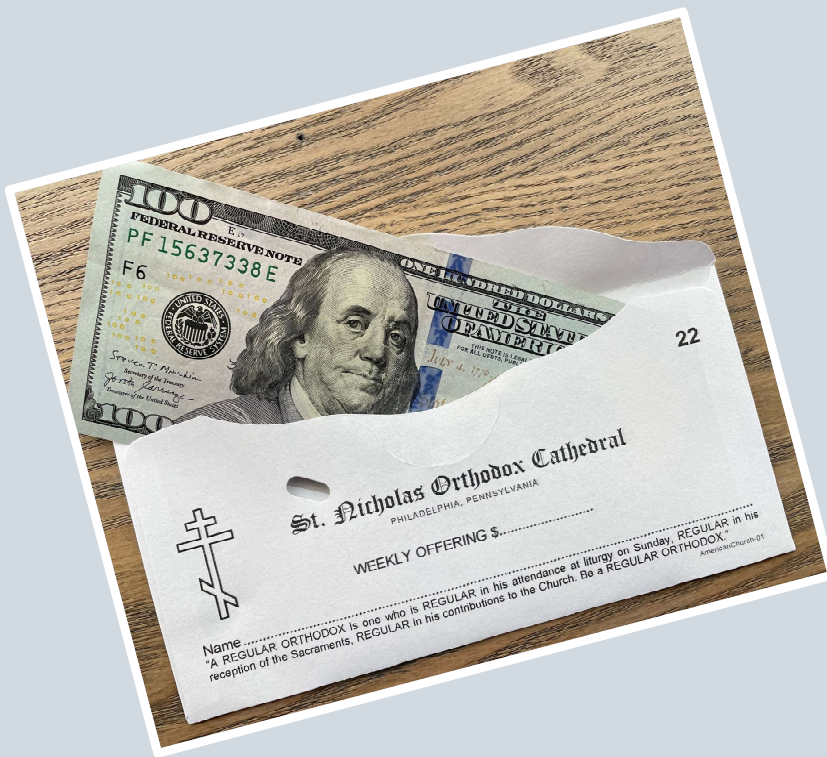
By now, this logo should be very familiar to you. It is how the public knows our Cathedral Hall, and it caught the eye of the After-School All-Stars group, a national non-profit organization “*working to close the opportunity gap for low- income youth.*” afterschoolallstars.org

ASAS partners with schools, and it is currently using our Hall for several weeks as an all-day training site for Philly school teachers.

What this means to St. Nicholas Cathedral was an unexpected windfall and the opportunity to complete several church building and grounds improvement projects. So we are extremely grateful to ASAS and hope it continues to use the Cathedral Hall – **Liberty North Hall** – as its training site. We also wish ASAS success in accomplishing its mission!



Liberty North Hall set up on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, for the After-School All-Stars training session.



If you prefer a more “21st Century” method of giving:

Simply go to our Cathedral website
stnicholaseoc.org/donate

- Scroll down to choose the Fund you wish to support (*Benevolent Fund, Building Fund, Choir Fund, Endowment Fund or Operating Fund. You can even pay your Annual Membership Dues online*).
- Your contribution is automatically deposited into the Cathedral’s bank account – and you will be emailed a receipt.

Simple, easy....and greatly appreciated!

Dear Parishioners:

Weekly offering envelopes for the **Church Year September 2023 to August 2024 are ready for pick-up by the Candle Room.**

Long-standing Members: Your boxes are marked with your names.

New Members and Other Parishioners: Please let Diane Kavchok -- kavchokd@aol.com -- know if you want a box of envelopes assigned to you as we have extra available.

Advantages to using envelopes:

We keep track of your donations and at tax time, Diane can provide you with an accurate accounting of your tax-deductible contribution to the Cathedral.

Included in the box of envelopes are envelopes for specific events/needs, e.g., Sunday School Offering, Patron Saint, Christmas, Easter, Air Conditioning ...gentle reminders that your Cathedral can always use your generous additional help.



- **Sunday, September 24: Annual Parish Meeting**
- **Sunday, October 15: Sisterhood Annual Luncheon**
- **Saturday, November 4-Sunday, November 5: Pierogi Festival**
- **Sunday, December 17: St. Nicholas Patron Saint Luncheon**

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