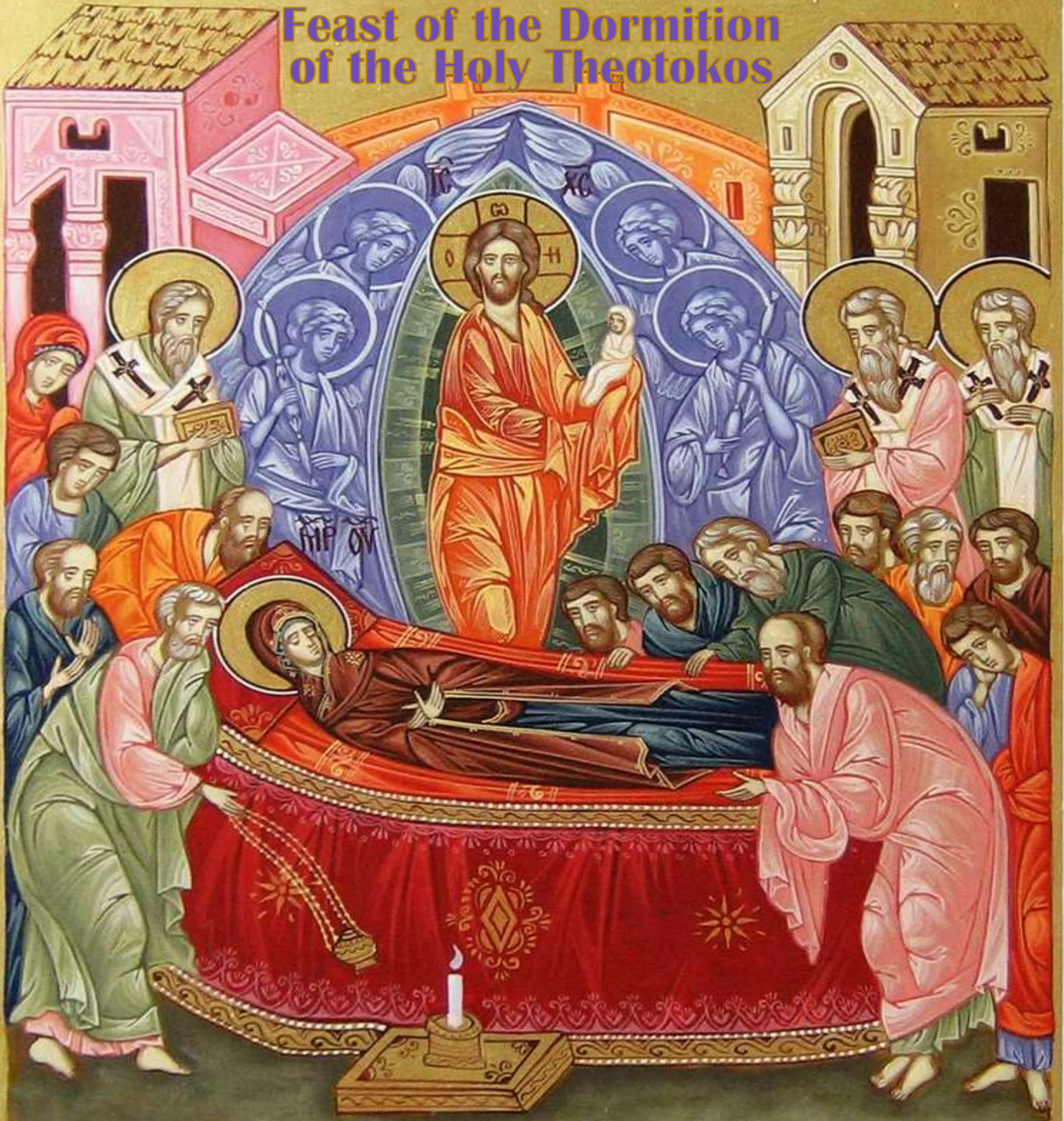


# St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

## Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos




Bulletin for Sunday, August 27, 2023

*Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate (since 2017)*

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# Why Do We Bless Flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos?

*“Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, with the exception of St. Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Mother of God – the Theotokos – as she reposed, and to be present at her burial. When Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the Apostles opened the tomb so that he could kiss her farewell. As the tomb was opened, the body of the Most Pure Virgin was missing, and the cave was filled with flowers and the sweet fragrance of Paradise. This was a sure sign of her great purity and holiness to the faithful.”*

*“Therefore as part of our celebration of Dormition we bless flowers and fragrant herbs – and the faithful traditionally keep them in their homes. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healings and the extraordinary grace bestowed on the pilgrims at the blessed tomb of the Mother of God. During times of family strife or illness, it is a pious custom to place the flower petals in the house censer, together with the incense, and cense the whole house with it.”*

Fr. Andreas Blom, Rector, Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church,  
Ashland, OR – 2013





On Sunday, August 20, 2023, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration, which included the traditional blessing of fruit.





# Schedule of Services

VESPERS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023.



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a  
cheerful  
giver!

2 Corinthians 9:7



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 and Pierogi Festival prep session

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 and Elevation of  
the Holy Cross (actual date: September 27), followed  
by Annual Meeting and Pierogi Festival prep session



Parishioners:

At our Annual Meeting on Sunday,  
September 24, we will solicit your  
thoughts on possibly starting  
Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9:00 am.

## SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Barbara and George Latsios on their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Love, Barbara
2. For the health of Barbara and George Latsios on their anniversary, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
3. For the health of Barbara and George Latsios on their anniversary, Love, Ellen and Phil
4. For the health of Ron Healey, Love, Mom and Dad
5. For the health of Ron Healey, Love, Barbara and George
6. For the health of Olya, Love, Ellen and Phil
7. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
8. For the health of Robert and Marianne Wohar on their 52nd anniversary, offered by their children
9. For the health of Robert on his 75th birthday, offered by Michael, Andrew, Amy and Anastasia
10. For the health of my Grand Pop Robert, love, George
11. For the health of V. Rev. Borys Tabachek on his birthday, August 28



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# Sunday's Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:16-26

Sunday's Scripture reading is the story of a young man, a good man, who followed God's commandments and who had everything -- except one thing: the assurance of eternal life.

He was not absolutely sure that he was "right with God." And his worry was justified. Whatever you love the most, serve most, seek out most, give to the most, worship the most and care about the most is your god. Your "god" can be your career, your bank account, the way you look, a particular status, influence, power, or physical pleasure. Your "god" is whatever you allow to control you, to be the ultimate guide to decision-making, the place of your supreme loyalty, and the source of your self-worth. Jesus revealed to the young man that he was NOT good enough for God, despite his wealth. And sadly, after hearing this, the man then made the wrong decision. He walked away from Jesus. Jesus summarized the man's actions perfectly with these familiar words: it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into Heaven. In astonishment, the disciples asked: who then can be saved? "....with God all things are possible," answered Jesus.



With  
God  
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Possible

Matthew 19:26

**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](https://www.instagram.com/stnicholaseoc) or call 215-922-9671

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior!

**CHOIR:** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior!

**READER:** For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden;

For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. My soul magnifies the Lord.

**CHOIR:** And my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. **(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)**

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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope. Let me not be put to shame!  
Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

**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 Matthew.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." **(Matthew 19:16-26)**

**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



**Dear Parishioners:**

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

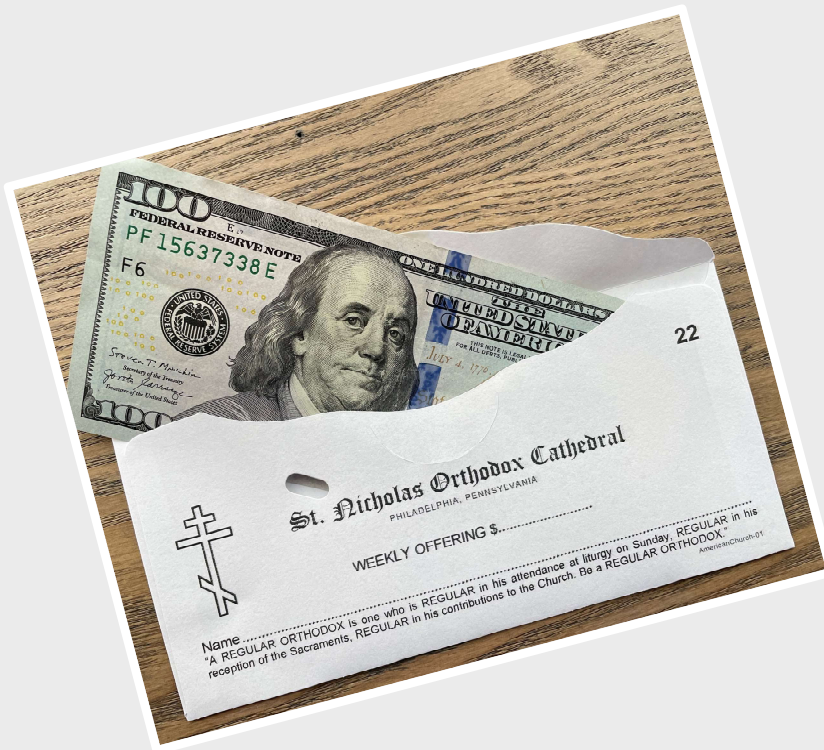
**Long-standing Members: Your boxes are marked with your names.**

**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.**



If you prefer a more “21<sup>st</sup> Century” method of giving:

Simply go to our Cathedral website  
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- 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!*





- **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

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE?**

Cathedral members will elect one new Endowment Fund Committee member at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 24, 2023. If you are interested in being nominated for the open Endowment Fund Committee member position and serving a 5-year term, please email Endowment Fund Committee Chairman: Tom Hanney, [teetomhanney@yahoo.com](mailto:teetomhanney@yahoo.com).



## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

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