

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

*Stavropigia of the
Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Kyivan Patriarchate*



On Sunday,
August 30,
Father Bohdan
will bless flowers
and herbs in
commemoration
of the Feast of
the Dormition
(Falling Asleep)
of the
Mother of God
Theotokos on
Friday,
August 28.

The Icon of the Feast of the
Dormition shows Jesus Christ
standing in the center looking at
His mother. He is holding a small
child clothed in white representing
the soul of the Virgin Mary.



St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church
Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector
817 N. 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 - stnicholaseoc.org

Schedule of Services

Saturday, August 29	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 30	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos
Saturday, September 5	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, September 6	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 12	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, September 13	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida
Saturday, September 19	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, September 20	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 26	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, September 27	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Annual Meeting in the Church Hall

We are renting our "south lawn" to Citylight Church on a week-to-week basis. Weather permitting, CLC will hold its worship services Sunday mornings on our grass from 8 am-9:30 am and 11:00 am-12:30 pm. This is a TEMPORARY situation. CLC will stop renting our outdoor space when Philadelphia transitions to the Green Phase. CLC has congregational singing accompanied by a keyboard. Pastor Mike Anderson said he expects up to 50 people to attend each service. Everyone will follow COVID-19 safeguards. (CLC is NOT using our parking lot; the CLC congregation will park on 7th Street.)

Looking ahead at our Church calendar.....our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020. A boxed lunch will be served to all attendees. President, Tom Hanney, will lead the meeting. This is your opportunity to hear about our accomplishments this past year and future projects. Members will vote for Council Members. We invite you to ask questions. (You may recall that our semi-annual update meeting scheduled for March 29 was canceled because of the quarantine, so there will be a lot of information to share at the September meeting.)

ANNUAL MEETING



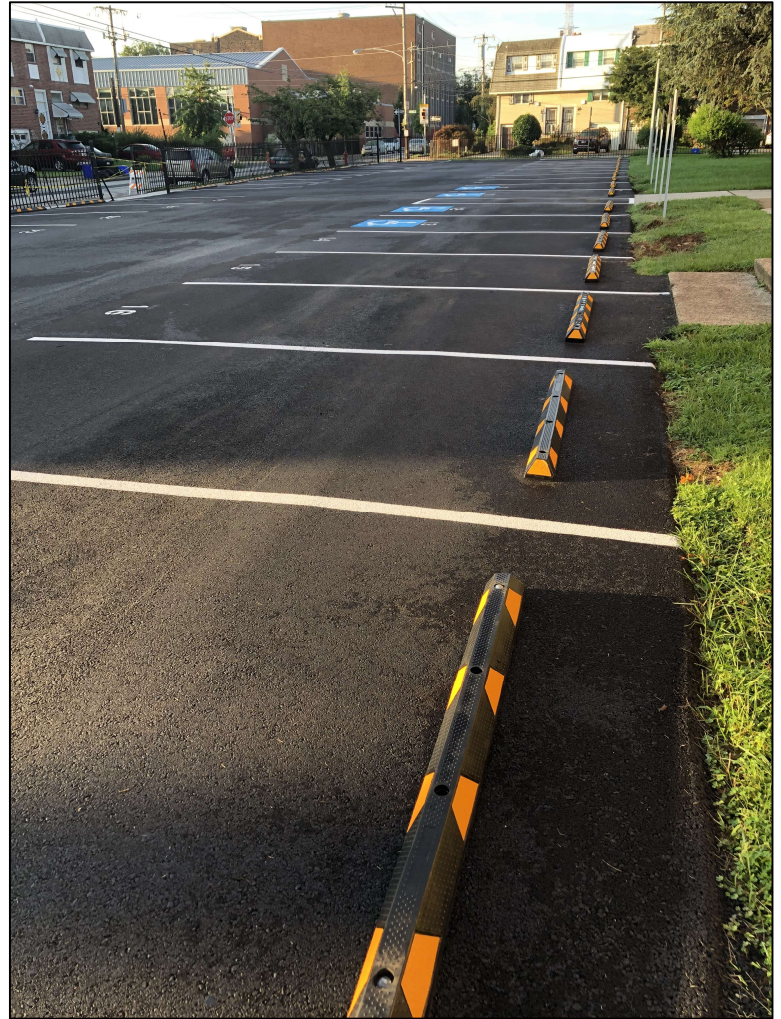
Preparing for General Confession

Until further notice, Father Bohdan will give absolution at General Confession during Divine Liturgy just prior to Communion. However, *it is essential that you properly prepare for Confession*: fast in the morning; examine your conscience; reflect on your actions and thoughts. The Confession Prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion. Please stand during the reading of this prayer.



DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020

1. **Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello & Gail Osborn**
In Memory of Victoria Patterson
2. **Anna Kuliasha**
3. **Colleen & Nicholas Philipp**
In Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond
4. **Serge & Janet Loginow**
In Memory of Parents, Serge & Anna Loginow Grandparents, Harry & Ksenia Loginow Grandparents, John & Mary Sloma Uncle, Nick Sloma Aunt, Helen Trenchevski
5. **Vicki & Frank Borriello**
In Honor of Susan Guz for all her work for the Church
6. **Vicki Borriello, Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy & Gail Osborn**
In Memory of Karen Niehoff
7. **Barbara McMonigle**
8. **Ellen & Phil Hanavin**
9. **Borriello Family**
10. **John & Susie Sobchak**
11. **Barbara & George Latsios**
In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck
12. **Dawn Healey**
13. **Father Bohdan Zhoba**
14. **Prof. Alexander & Halyna Kachur**
15. **Judy & Tom Hanney**
In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck
16. **Oksana & Victor Voloshnovskyy**
17. **Susan Guz**
18. **Diane Kavchok**
19. **Cassandra & Ray McNulty**
In Memory of Helen Sameruck
20. **Anonymous**
21. **Susan Isaac**



**PROJECT: REPAVING THE PARKING LOT
including re-lining and installation of new
reflective "bumpers"
COMPLETED AUGUST 2020**

Thanks to you!

REMINDER: THE PARKING LOT IS CLOSED THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST.



A long-overdue project at St. Nicholas Church is the redesign of our kitchen in the Church Hall. The cost of this project – \$9,000 – will include new upper and lower cabinets, countertops, and a redesigned layout for a more efficient workspace.

THANK YOU, ELLEN & PHIL, TOM & JUDY FOR LEADING THIS PROJECT! Phil Hanavin will generously donate the labor. And we already have substantial pledges for the CABINETS from Ellen Hanavin (\$2,500) and from Tom and Judy Hanney (\$4,140, *In Memory of Beloved Parents, Helen and Stephen Sameruck*) for CABINETS and COUNTERTOPS.

However, we cannot move forward until we have donations for the balance of the COUNTERTOPS - \$2,000. So, we are asking you to once again dig deep into your pockets and consider a donation to the Building Fund - specifically for the kitchen remodeling.

It is more blessed
to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35

Since this appeal last week, we have received additional substantial contributions towards the countertops from Barbara McMonigle and Susan Isaac. Thank you!

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Bring your fresh flowers and herbs to Church on Sunday, August 30, to be blessed on the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos.



*Attention, Ladies of the Church: Consider joining the **SISTERHOOD**. Annual Dues are only \$10. Contact Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios.*

Please remember our homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Center
470 Manor Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
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CLERGY

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

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Email sneoc100@gmail.com to contribute information to this Bulletin. Info must be received by noon on WEDNESDAY to be published in the Sunday Bulletin.
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CHURCH COUNCIL

- Thomas J. Hanney, President
- Susan Guz, Vice-President
- Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer
- Frank Borriello, Secretary

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

- Thomas J. Hanney
- Frank Borriello
- Susan Guz
- George Latsios
- Serge Loginow

All Church services are being live-streamed. To “attend” a virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg



Imagery
from
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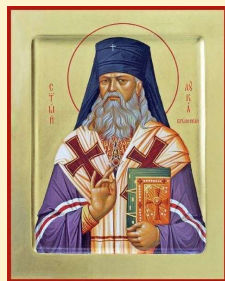
Blessing of
Fruit on the
Feast
of the
Transfiguration





*Imagery from Sunday, August 23, 2020
Blessing of Fruit on the
Feast of the Transfiguration*

On Sunday, August 23, 2020, Father Bohdan congratulated Father Oleksii Kacharai on the 1st anniversary of his emigration to the USA.



Since his arrival, Father Oleksii has served with Father Bohdan and prayed with our congregation at St. Nicholas Church. Thank you, Father Oleksii.

Father Bohdan presented Father Oleksii with an icon of St. Luke on this occasion.



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

ANNUAL VIGILS

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, 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 All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
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. 8/1/21
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
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. 9/18/20
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. 4/19/21
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/21
16. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families, exp. 9/1/21
17. +In loving memory of our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families, exp. 9/1/21
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, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, 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 Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Olga, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan, Volodymyr; +In memory of Anna, Sophya, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunellia, Vasyl, Maria, Pavlo, Maria, Petro, Stepan, Anna, Stepania, Vasyl, Maryna, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/21
21. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20



Father Bohdan's Sermon Sunday, August 23, 2020 – Feast of the Transfiguration

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord. 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. It is the foreshadowing of future glory which is celebrated in this Feast. 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, fruit and vegetables is symbolic of the final transfiguration of all things. Just as fruit ripens and is 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 this fruit, to keep their lives peaceful and joyful, and to multiply this fruit abundantly. AMEN.



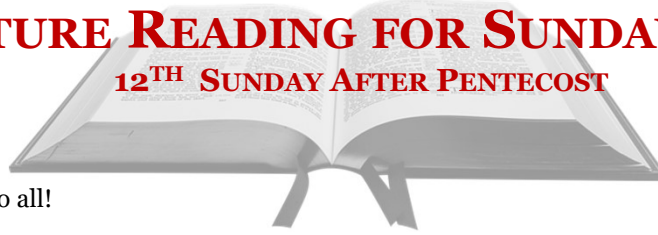
Message from: **Barbara Latsios,** **President of the Sisterhood**

The St. Nicholas Church "Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos" would like you to reserve **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**, for our annual luncheon following Divine Liturgy. The luncheon is our only fundraiser. We use this event each year to raise money for essential items needed in our Church by the Clergy. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults 18 and older. Children 17 and under are free of charge. The luncheon always includes a full course menu. Your attendance makes this event a success and we look forward to seeing you there. Please contact **Barbara Latsios** at 215-814-5384 or at gbcl@comcast.net for reservations or additional information!

Thank you! *Barbara*

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

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.



Dear Parishioners:

Weekly offering envelopes for the Church Year September 2020 to August 2021 are ready for pick-up in the entrance foyer.

Members: Your boxes are marked with your names.

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 Church.
- 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 Church can always use your generous additional help.



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

Simply go to our Church 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 Church’s bank account – and you will be emailed a receipt.

Simple, easy....and greatly appreciated!



PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2020

November 7-8

Parishioner RENEE MURPHY is designing "themed" gift baskets to be raffled at our Pierogi Festival in November. The Festival is our biggest fundraiser for St. Nicholas Church. Please help and donate one or more of these suggested items. Renee will then create beautiful baskets - and the Church will benefit.

TAILGATE FUN BASKET

- Big cooler
- 2-4 12 packs of soda
- Bags of chips and pretzels
- Football
- Yard game (Ladderball)
- Gift card to a grocery store



CHRISTMAS COOKING BASKET

- Cookie pans, cookie cutters, cookie decorating kits
- Sprinkles
- Muffin pans
- Spatula
- Rubber scraper
- Parchment paper
- Spices
- Gift card to a grocery store



FALL TREATS BASKET

- Pumpkin spice coffee
- Pumpkin pancake mix
- Pumpkin muffin mix
- Apple cider mix
- Fall-scented candle



SWEET TREATS BASKET

- 50 full-sized candy bars

"PAMPER ME" BASKET

- Candles, facial masks, loofah, essential oils, bath bombs, etc.
- Gift card for spa service (facial, pedicure, massage)

PHILLIES BASKET

- Anything Phillies or baseball themed
- Peanuts, Crackerjacks
- Gift card to a Phillies game



ITALIAN NIGHT BASKET

- Pasta
- Olive Oil
- Tomato Sauce
- Oregano
- Salami
- Cheese



FUN FOR KIDS BASKET

- Playing cards, games, snacks
- Gift card to RiverRink, Linvilla Orchards, Johnson's Corner Farm, miniature golf
- Gift card for online games
- Microwave popcorn



WINTER SURVIVAL BASKET

- Hot chocolate mix
- Hat, gloves, scarf
- Sled
- Shovel
- Cozy blanket
- Car snow scraper



DONATE A GETAWAY

If you own a time share or rental property, consider donating a weekend getaway

DONATE A ROUND OF GOLF

If you are a member of a golf club, consider donating a round of golf for 2-4 people

GIFT CARDS: Target, ShopRite, Acme, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Amazon gift cards are always welcome!

DATE NIGHT BASKET

- Gift card to a restaurant
- Redbox gift card
- Wine glasses
- Chocolates



EAGLES BASKET

- Anything Eagles themed



FLYERS BASKET

- Anything Flyers themed



OTHER LARGER ITEMS

- Bicycle
- Flatscreen TV
- iPad
- Videogame console
- Cornhole game



DONATE A SERVICE

- 1 hour of cleaning
- Paint a room
- Personal chef for 10 people for breakfast
- Oil changes
- Will preparation
- Simple tax return preparation
- Fall yard cleanup
- Car detailing



Thank You

**Your raffle basket items can be dropped off in the Church Office.
Or contact Renee to make other arrangements: fmurphy5@comcast.net**