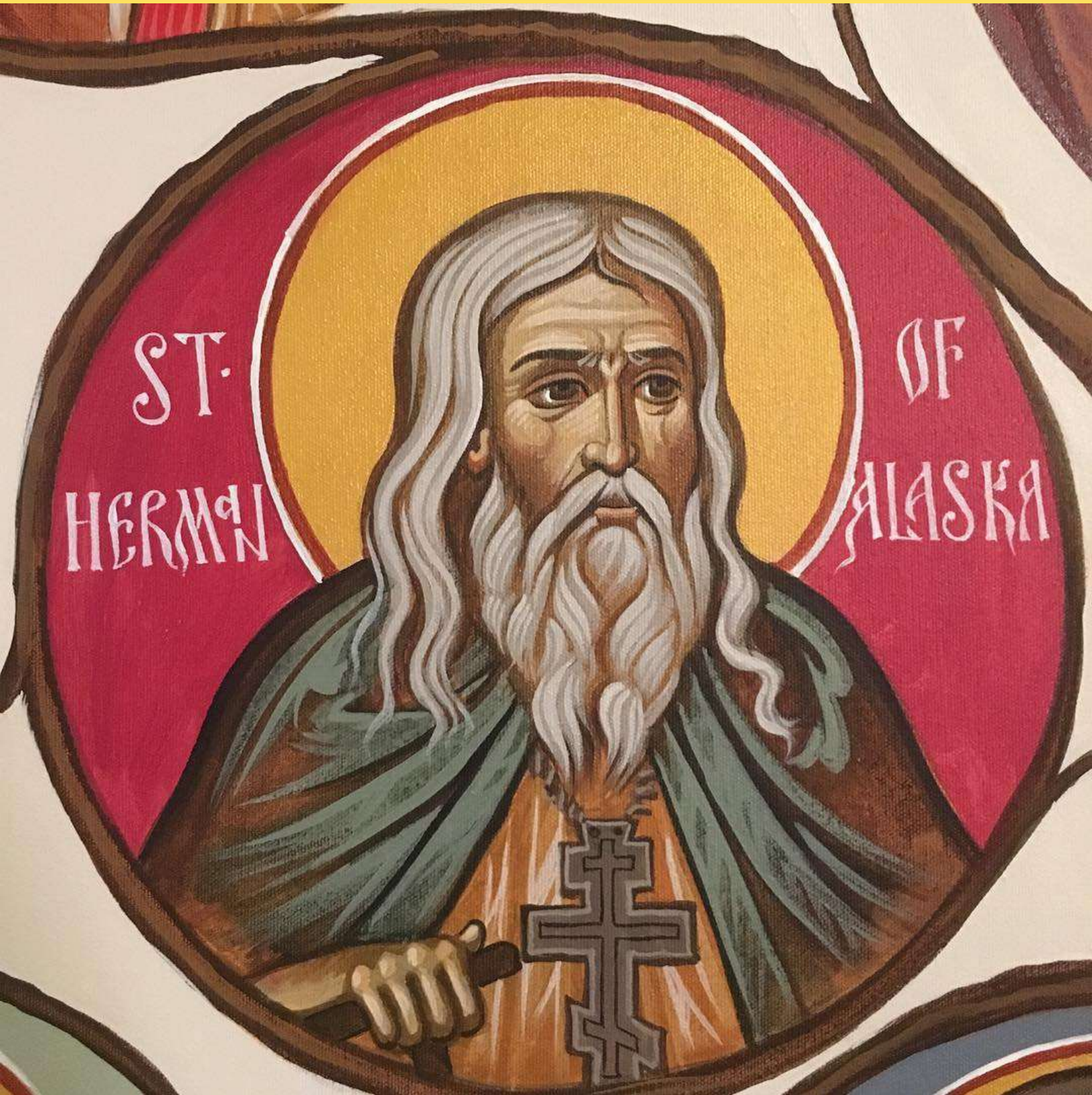
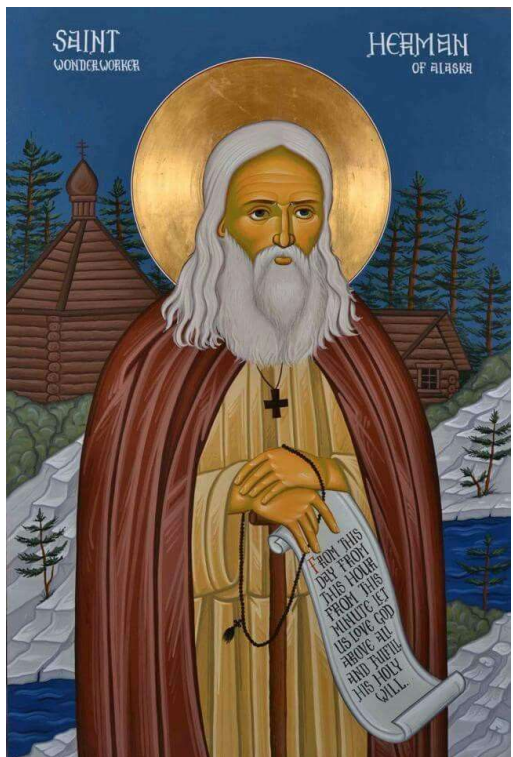


St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church - Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, August 9, 2020





Saint Herman of Alaska c. 1750s-1836

In 1793, the Valaam Monastery in Russia organized a spiritual mission to Northwestern America (now Alaska). Saint Herman was among the members of this mission. They were sent to preach the Word of God to the native inhabitants in that territory, who only ten years before had come under the sovereignty of Russia.

Father Herman gave 40 years of his life to the service of people in Alaska. He is remembered by hierarchs, priests and believers as an intercessor before God. Saint Herman was canonized on August 9, 1970, and is considered to be the Patron Saint of North America.



Great Martyr & Healer Panteleimon

Saint Panteleimon was born in 275 AD and was educated as a physician. However, he soon devoted all his talent to serving the poor, dedicating his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon is invoked in the Mystery of Anointing the Sick, at the Blessing of Water, and in Prayers for the Sick.



**On Sunday, August 9,
we commemorate
Saint Herman of Alaska
and the
Great Martyr and Healer
Panteleimon.**

Schedule of Services

Saturday, August 8	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 9	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 15	5:00 pm: Vespers
* Sunday, August 16	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 22	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 23	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration
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

*Beginning Sunday, August 16, we will return to normal hours and begin Divine Liturgy once again at 9:30 am. We are making this change now because we have just rented our "south lawn" to Citylight Church on a week-to-week basis. 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.

Looking ahead at our Church calendar.....our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020. This year – weather permitting – we will hold the meeting **OUTSIDE** on our North Lawn. A lunch from the grill 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.

In Orthodoxy we believe that through our prayers, those “who have fallen asleep in the faith and the hope of the Resurrection” continue to have the opportunity to grow closer to God. Death alters but does not destroy the bond of love and faith. That love is evident in the perpetual vigils, candles and prayers our parishioners offer in memory of their beloved departed.

And so, following in the Orthodox tradition of remembering and praying for our beloved departed family and friends, this week’s Bulletin is:



**In Memory of Beloved
Grandmother**

**PARASKEVA
BERUK**

**on the
55th Anniversary
of her passing
1892-1965**

**Offered With Love By
Gail Osborn,
Renee Murphy,
Vicki Borriello
and Families**

**May Her Memory Be
Eternal!**

Paraskeva with her daughter, Lillian, and granddaughter, Karen.

Remembering Paraskeva Beruk offers a glimpse into our Church's rich, 103-year history.

Paraskeva was born in 1892 in Rasna, Volenska, Russia – and her long journey across the world led her to Philadelphia, where she lived right next door to St. Nicholas Church, sharing the same address as the Church. Yes, at one point in our history, there were two clusters of tightly-grouped “trinity houses”* on both sides of our building. Paraskeva lived in one of them, with her daughter, Lillian, son-in-law, Harry Fox and their first two children, Karen and Gail. They moved when Gail was 5 years old.



In this historic photo of St. Nicholas Church, you can see the trinity houses on both sides of the Church building. Paraskeva Beruk lived in one of them with her family.

But Gail remembers the narrow alleyway that separated the small house – with no hot water or indoor bathrooms – from the Church. The outhouses were at the end of the alley. On the rare Sundays when the family did not go to Church, they simply opened their windows and they could clearly hear the Priest praying and Choir singing as the services wafted into their home.

**“These structures, called ‘trinity houses,’ are typically very small three- or four-floor townhouses of well under a thousand square feet in which, bizarrely, each individual floor contains only one room, connected by a spiral staircase. The name comes from the classic three floors and three rooms, plus Philadelphia’s extensive Catholic history: the father, son, and holy ghost house.”*

Excerpt from atlasobscura.com
“Philadelphia’s Trinity Houses are the Original Tiny Houses,”
by Dan Nosowitz, 3/10/2016

**And now in the year 2020,
FIVE GENERATIONS
of Paraskeva Beruk's family
have called St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox
Church their spiritual home.**



In this historic photo of St. Nicholas Church, you can see that originally there were 3 sets of front doors.

NOW





Father Bohdan proudly – and humbly – wears the badge from Chaplains international Inc. for his work as a Chaplain in Ukraine and the USA. Father Oleksii did the honor of pinning the medal on Father Bohdan following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 2.





**Following
Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, August 2,
Father Bohdan and
Father Oleksii
blessed two new
cars for:
Frank & Vicki
Borriello
and
Victor & Oksana
Voloshnovskyy.
Safe travels!**

*“O Lord our God,
Who makes the clouds
Thy chariot and Who
walks on the wings of
the wind, Who has
sent to Thy servant,
the Prophet Elias, a
chariot of fire, Who
has guided man to
invent this vehicle
which is as fast as the
wind. We thank Thee
for Thou hast
provided Thy servants
with this vehicle to
serve their various
needs....”*



Our **Building Fund** drive continues through the summer – and you continue to be MOST GENEROUS! This week we thank

John & Susie Sobchak,
Barbara McMonigle
and

Father Bohdan, Ellen & Phil Hanavin, Dawn Healey,
Barbara & George Latsios, Susan Guz, and the Borriello Family for donating
15 Vehicle Parking Blocks for our parking lot. Only 24 more to go!
Each one is **\$55.00**. Please buy one...or more!

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PARKING LOT UPDATE

- Last week, two days were spent milling the surface, scraping through several layers of asphalt and removing all the loose debris.
- On THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, the surface will be pre-filled and the new asphalt poured and spread – all done in one day.
- And then next week, the parking spot lines will be painted; and parking spot numbers and handicap decals stenciled.

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



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**

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CHURCH CALENDAR 2020

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

SISTERHOOD OF THE PROTECTION (POKROVA) OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7-
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy

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
Tel: 610-873-8490

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



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

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of Father Bohdan and a speedy recovery.
2. In memory of my grandmother, Paraskeva Beruk, Love, Gail
3. In memory of Nancy Mickie, Love, Barbara and George Latsios
4. For the health of Dawn Healey, Love, Mom and Dad
5. For the health of Susan Guz, Love, Ellen and Phil

ANNUAL VIGILS

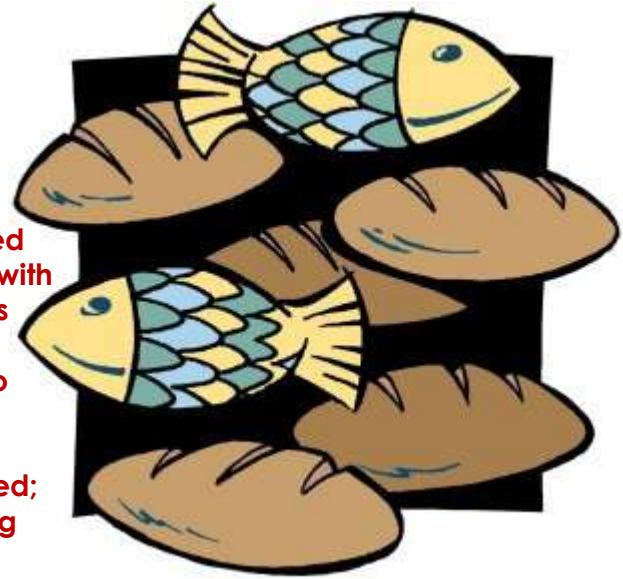
1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by 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 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, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
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. 11/1/20
18. 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, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrustyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
19. 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
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

Five Loaves, Two Fish, and Jesus

Matthew 14:13-21

Today's Scripture reading is about another miracle Jesus performed and one that has been told to us often: Jesus feeds 5,000 people with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. How was this possible? In God's kingdom there is enough of everything for everyone. In our daily lives, Jesus always seems to be asking more of us than we have to give--- as spouses, as parents, as students, as workers, as a congregation...and on and on. He calls on us to love, even when love is difficult; to forgive, even when we have been badly wronged; to hold fast and firm to our principles, even when it means standing alone. And those things are not easy to do. After all, we are not Jesus, and our powers are limited. We have only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish!

But God's abundance is right here, right now, with us ALL THE TIME! Even though we think we don't have enough -- enough strength, enough faith, enough energy, enough love -- God will give us what we need when we need it. Always think of the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish feeding 5,000 people! The disciple Matthew counsels us in Chapter 6: "Do not be anxious saying what shall we eat? what shall we drink? what shall we wear? Your heavenly Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and all these things shall be yours." 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 9

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 8th 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 Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. **(Corinthians 3:9-17)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! 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 Matthew.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. **(Matthew 14:22-34)**

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 Church Office.

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



Thank
You

THINKING AHEAD: Because the basket raffle at our Pierogi Festival last year was such a success, parishioner Renee Murphy had an idea how to make this year's raffle *even better*.

Starting NOW, Renee is collecting your unwanted gifts and gift cards. Then, over the next 3 months she will create attractive gift baskets using your donations to raffle off at our

Pierogi Festival 2020

November 7-8

our biggest annual fundraiser!

Please help and donate GIFT CARDS for the baskets from these stores: Target, ShopRite, Acme, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Amazon, or any other local Philadelphia establishment.

**Your raffle basket items can be
dropped off in the
Church Office.**