

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

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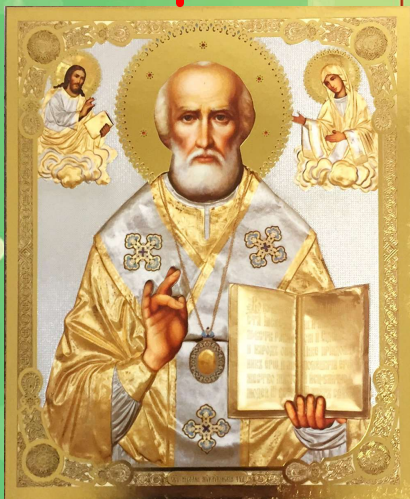
The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



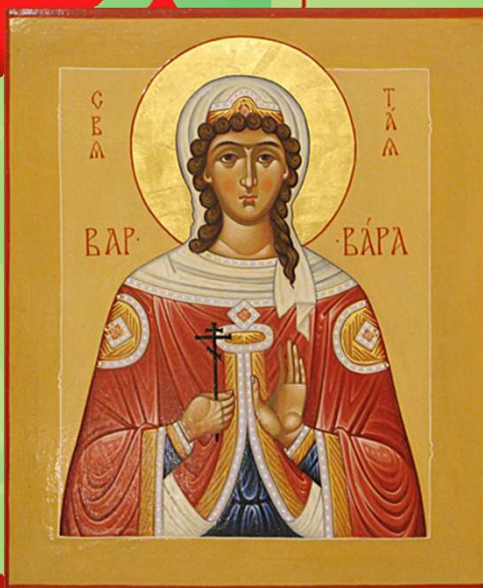
His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

Bulletin for Sunday, December 15, 2019

- Saturday, December 14: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 15: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Saturday, December 21: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 22: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, St. Nicholas Feast Day



Sunday, December 22:
We celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint St. Nicholas with a Fellowship Lunch (and special entertainment) following Divine Liturgy. Details on page 3.



Sunday, December 15: We celebrate the Feast Day of Great Martyr Barbara – and our Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios, will host a Fellowship Lunch following Divine Liturgy. Congratulations to Barbara Latsios, Barbara McMonigle, Barbara Marozzi – and all those named Barbara in our Parish on their Feast Day!



Sunday, December 29: We remember and pray for our beloved long-time former parishioner, Helen Sameruck, on the 1st Anniversary of her passing. Her daughters, Barbara and Judy, and their families will host a Memorial Lunch following Divine Liturgy. Memory Eternal.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, Christmas Eve, January 6: Holy Supper in our Church Hall at 5:00 pm, followed by Vespers and Confession at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, Christmas Day, January 7: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am, followed by a holiday lunch in our Church Hall. (Full Schedule for January 2020 on page 2.)

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Schedule for January 2020

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4:	Vespers, Confession	5:00 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5:	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
MONDAY, JANUARY 6: <u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>	Holy Supper (in Church Hall) Vespers, Confession	5:00 PM 6:30 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7: <u>CHRISTMAS</u>	Confession Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Christmas Lunch (in Church Hall)	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11:	Vespers, Confession	5:00 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12:	Confession Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14:	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Moleben for the New Year	10:00 AM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18: <u>EVE OF THEOPHANY</u>	Confession Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Vespers, Confession Great Blessing of Water	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19: <u>THEOPHANY</u>	Confession Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Great Blessing of Water	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
BLESSING OF HOMES BEGINS WITH HOLY WATER		
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25:	Vespers, Confession	5:00 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:	Confession Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM 9:30 AM



We prayed for the health of **Halyna Kachur** who was recently in the hospital. As the following hymn was chanted at Vespers last Saturday evening, December 7, Halyna and Prof. Alexander Kachur walked in the front doors of St. Nicholas Church! Halyna is recovering and was well enough to come to Vespers service. She also brought two beautiful, festive – blue and yellow – poinsettia plants (thank you!) that adorn our ananoi table. *“This is my home,”* said Halyna. And we are happy to see you again!

“Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord!
Receive the voice of my prayer when I call upon Thee!
Hear me, O Lord!”



ANNUAL St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

*to benefit the St. Nicholas Church Benevolent
Fund*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FOUNDERS OF OUR CHURCH MANDATED IN THE CHURCH BY-LAWS, WRITTEN IN 1917, that the Feast Day of our Church Patron Saint — St. Nicholas — should be CELEBRATED AND HONORED EVERY YEAR.... And that is what parishioners of St. Nicholas Church have done for 102 years!

Through the centuries St. Nicholas has been venerated by all Orthodox. By his example of generosity to those in need, especially children, St. Nicholas is a model for a compassionate life. At the beginning of Advent, he admonishes us to be good and prepare our hearts for a blessed and holy Christmas.

Without a doubt, St. Nicholas is the favorite saint of children and we want his Feast Day to be a memorable day for the children of our parish. So, this year, at our Patron Saint Lunch on Sunday, Dec. 22, we will give the kids – and our young-at-heart adults – a special treat!

SIMON SHARGO, clown, magician, dancer, comedian, mime – and graduate of the Moscow State Theater and Circus College -- will entertain us with a variety show. Come and enjoy the fun! Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends....!



**Adults: \$25 for lunch
and show
Children up to age 18:
free!**

**TO RSVP: CONTACT
VICKI BORRIELLO BY
DECEMBER 15.**

If you look at the Liturgical Calendar, the month of December is all PINK, signifying the NATIVITY FAST which lasts until Christmas on January 7, 2020.

DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND

1. In Memory of Helen Sameruck
2. Colleen Philipp – In Memory of Charles, John, Pauline, Charles, Michael, Thomas & Timothy
3. In Memory of Olga Zuzulock
4. Anna Kuliasha
5. Susan Isaac – In Memory of Paul Stetsuk

**This Week's Bulletin is
Sponsored by the Latsios &
McNulty Families
with love,
IN MEMORY OF BELOVED
PARENTS/
GRANDPARENTS
HELEN & STEPHEN
SAMERUCK**

Please remember our homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Rehabilitation Center
470 Manor Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Tel: 610-873-8490

Father Bohdan's Sermon

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - Luke 13:10-17

In today's Scripture reading Jesus was criticized because he healed a sick woman on the Sabbath – on a Sunday – the day we devote to worshipping God. He was told that His act of healing was in fact work -- and He broke the Sabbath rules. Jesus responded by calling His accuser a hypocrite and asks: which is lawful on the Sabbath -- to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it? So what can we learn about the Sabbath in this Scripture reading? First, that Sunday is not an ordinary day and we must respect its sanctity. And second, doing good for others on the Sabbath is condoned. In this fast-paced, modern world, sometimes we are called upon to work on a Sunday. Think of hospital workers, emergency response teams, businesses, newspapers, utilities. For those Sunday workers who have faith, they know to start the day with prayer, and to thank God for their jobs. On the other hand, there is no condoning those who are sleeping Sunday morning.

Or those who are watching television or playing games on the internet. Those individuals who know that Divine Liturgy is being celebrated and do not take a moment to pray even in their own house on a Sunday morning. Those individuals who should know better because they were raised in the Orthodox faith. So the message in today's Scripture reading is that when you are a believer, you are held to a higher standard. Keep the Sabbath holy. And if you find yourself working on Sunday – do an honorable job – with prayer – for the glory of God. AMEN.



Christmas Vigils will be published in the January 5th edition of the Bulletin and lit in church on Christmas, January 7.

For those of you who arranged for Christmas vigils in past years, please look for an email from Diane Kavchok to confirm your information.

For our newcomers: please contact Diane – kavchokd@aol.com – to give her the names for your vigils. Last year there were 180 vigil candles lit on Christmas Day!



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SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



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

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. In Memory of my Dad, Stephen Sameruck, on his birthday, Love, the Latsios and McNulty Families
2. For the health of Ray McNulty on his birthday, Love, Barbara and George
3. For the health of Nicki McMonigle on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
4. For the health of our daughter, Nicki, on her Birthday, offered by Mom and Dad McMonigle
5. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
6. For the health of our wife/mother, Renee, on her birthday, offered with love, Frank, Alex and Matt
7. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, offered with love Renee Frank Alex and Matt

ANNUAL VIGILS

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/20
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. 12/31/19
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, Susan and Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/19
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/19
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/19
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
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, 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 and newly-departed Anna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/19
19. 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. 2/1/20
20. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
22. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
23. +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
24. 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
25. +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, DECEMBER 15

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 1st 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 Ephesians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Amen. **(Ephesians 5:8-19)**

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 from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

(Luke 18:18-27)

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



It's time to start practicing your Christmas carols!

Remember "Nebo i Zemlya"...? Here is the traditional carol in English.



Heaven and Earth

Carol

Verse 1

Refrain

Verse 2