

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine  
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The Blessed  
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His Holiness  
Patriarch Philaret

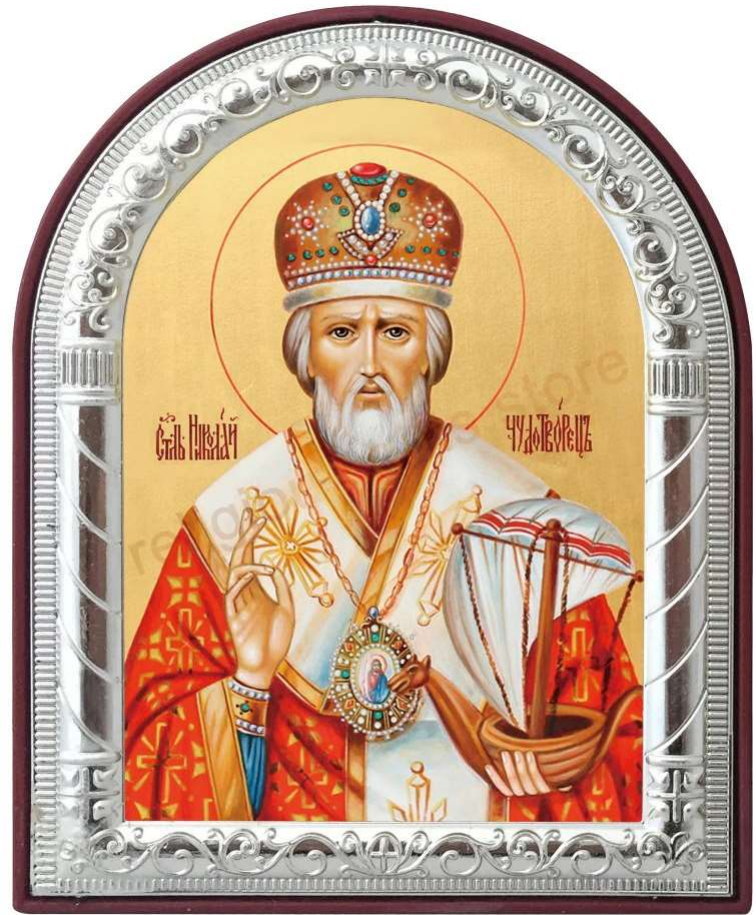
## Bulletin for Sunday, December 22, 2019

- Saturday, December 21: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 22: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, St. Nicholas Feast Day
- Saturday, December 28: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 29: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Sunday, Dec. 22:  
St. Nicholas Feast Day and  
Patron Saint Lunch  
(see p. 3 for details about the  
celebration in our Church Hall)  
Congratulations to Nicholas Philipp,  
Nicholas Borriello, Nicholas Janoczkin,  
& Nicholas Pawlow on their Feast Day!

Sunday, Dec. 29:  
Memorial Lunch in our Church  
Hall for Helen Sameruck on the  
1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her passing.  
Memory Eternal.

Monday, January 6:  
Christmas Eve  
Tuesday, January 7:  
Christmas  
(see details for services on p. 2.)



### Prayer to St. Nicholas

O good St. Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, which the Gospel speaks, and teach me to see happiness around me. You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God made man. You, good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the Holy Gospel. Amen.

# Schedule for January 2020

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

## BLESSING OF HOMES BEGINS WITH HOLY WATER

<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 25:</b>	<b>Vespers, Confession</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>



Christmas Vigils will be published in the January 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 180 vigil candles were lit on Christmas Day!



# ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS Patron Saint Lunch

to benefit the St. Nicholas Church Benevolent Fund

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22



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....!

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!



**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.



**Father Bohdan Is Invited to  
Give the Invocation at the  
Philadelphia Republicans  
Holiday Gala  
Monday, December 16**

Father Bohdan accepted an invitation from the Republican Party to give the Blessing at its Holiday Gala at the Stotesbury Mansion on Rittenhouse Square. Coincidentally, it was exactly one year ago that Father Bohdan became an American citizen. He began the Blessing with this remembrance – and the crowd cheered!

In attendance were notable Republican leaders: Councilman David Oh; Vice Chairman & Committeeman, Rob Jordan; and Michael Cibik, Esq.



Today, on the first anniversary of my becoming a proud United States citizen, I am honored to give this Blessing tonight.

Brothers and Sisters, Let us pray to the Lord: For this wonderful country, the United States of America, for our President, Donald Trump, for our armed forces everywhere, and for all those in civil authority.

In memory of the Founding Fathers and all those who gave their lives for our freedom.

For this beautiful city of Philadelphia, and for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them.

O Christ, Our God, bless the food, drink and fellowship of Your Servants, for You are Holy always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

AMEN.

GOD BLESS AMERICA







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with love,  
IN MEMORY OF BELOVED  
PARENTS/  
GRANDPARENTS  
HELEN & STEPHEN SAMERUCK**

Please remember our homebound  
parishioner:  
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**Father Bohdan's Sermon  
Sunday, December 15, 2019  
Luke 18:18-27**

In today's Scripture reading, we hear about the perils of money and the very familiar passage: it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Money is not evil; wealth is not evil. But money is a great responsibility – to manage it wisely. Think of all the millionaires, the billionaires in the world who have done enormous good with their money. Philanthropists who build hospitals, schools, give to the aid of the needy in the world. And they do this with joy and a pure heart. But for every generous person, there is a hard-hearted stingy miser. A rich person who uses his money for drugs or for gambling. The rich man obsessed with his assets, burdened with his accumulations and possessions that he is blind to his spiritual poverty. Perhaps this is the rich man Jesus refers to in today's Scripture reading. The one who does not act responsibly with his wealth. There is nothing wrong with being wealthy. There is nothing wrong with money. There is nothing wrong with even praying for good fortune. Money sustains our lives, our houses and our church, too. It is important to know that ANYONE can earn eternal life, rich or poor or in between. But if you are blessed with wealth – and that wealth may be a \$100 bonus from your employer – or a \$1 bill you find on the street – use it wisely, spend it responsibly – and for the glory of God. AMEN.

- 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



**Mnohaya Lita! To Ray McNulty on his birthday! Parishioners wished him "Many Years" and enjoyed birthday cake at the Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, December 15.**



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# SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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

## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. In memory of our father/(great)grandfather, Stephen Sameruck, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney & Family
2. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
3. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, offered with love Renee Frank Alex and Matt
4. In loving memory of newly-departed Aunt, Marge Klutchka, offered by with love, Diane Kavchok & Family
5. For the health of Paul Kauriga, and a speedy recovery, offered by Ellen Hanavin
6. For the health of Hryhoriy Zhoba and for a successful surgery, offered by Ellen Hanavin
7. For the health of Ray McNulty on his birthday, with love, Tom and Judy Hanney & Family
8. For the health of my grandson, Sonny DeSimone, on his 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Love, Grandmom
9. For the health of Paul Kauriga, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney & Family

## 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. 12/31/20
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 and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
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, 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
20. 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 Bivoïno. exp. 2/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoïno. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +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
25. 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
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

The West Jersey Chamber Music Society celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Season with a Christmas Concert & Gala Fundraiser on Saturday December 14, 2019, at the Presbyterian Church in Moorestown, NJ.

**Deacon Daniel Terrazas** sings Bass in the Chorale and performed popular carols and new Christmas songs at the Concert, led by Music Director Joel Krott. An audience sing-a-long made it a fun night!





# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

## 27<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 2<sup>nd</sup> t 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 Ephesians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Amen.  
**(Ephesians 6:10-17)**

**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 from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."  
**(Luke 17:12-19)**

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