

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine
Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

Bulletin for Sunday, December 8, 2019

- Saturday, December 7: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 8: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM & Panikhida
- Saturday, December 14: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, December 15: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

The Baptism of Silvia Anna Vietskaya

“May the Lord give His angel charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.”

Psalm 91:11



St. Nicholas Church Members, Alina Vijetskaja and Grigory Skornyakov, along with Godparents, Erin Venduras and Maxim Skornyakov, family and friends, witnessed the beautiful Baptism of Alina and Grigory's infant girl, SILVIA ANNA.

The Holy Sacrament took place Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019.

Silvia -- baptized by Father Bohdan with the name Anna -- was blessed with Holy Water in the Baptismal font.

The Baptism of
of
Silvia Anna Vietskaya



Welcome to the City of Philadelphia

We welcomed
young adult
visitors –
Oleg, Mykhail,
Tetiana, Iryna,
Volodymyr,
Andrew and
Youriy – from
New York City
on Saturday,
Nov. 30, 2019.



A group of 7 friends, who get together and visit a different city every Thanksgiving, chose Philadelphia this year – and on their agenda was a visit to St. Nicholas Church.

The young adults are all originally from Ukraine (the cities of Lutsk, Lyiv and Ternopil) but have lived in the U.S. for several years. They contacted Father Bohdan last week to arrange the meeting and tour of the church. Before leaving, they gave a \$60 donation to St. Nicholas Church (thank you!) -- and they promised to return to visit us again!



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, December 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.

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

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

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 1, 2019

Luke 12:16-21

Today's Scripture reading tells the story of the rich man: the man who had so much money that he had to build a bigger and better storehouse to hold it all. And then the man relaxed, took it easy and enjoyed thinking about how rich he was. The man was certainly wealthy. But the man was also a misguided fool. His storehouses guaranteed that his money would be secure for a long time. But money was the most important thing in his life – and this was not wise. God asked him a question:



What happens if you die now, this very second? What happens to all your money? You cannot take it with you! How much wiser the man would have been if he had made a long-term investment in his eternal life. Do not reach the point that you covet the money and possessions you have accumulated. Take care that these things do not control your life. Do not be like the rich fool in today's Bible reading. Devise another strategy: invest in your spiritual life, invest in your eternal life. Use your money to honor God. That would be a blessed long-term investment for sure! AMEN.



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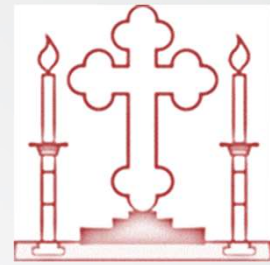
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SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



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

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of my sister, Renee Murphy, on her birthday. Love, Gail
2. For the health of our sister, Renee Murphy, as we celebrate her birthday, Love, Karen and Mike of Yarmouth, Maine
3. For the health of Renee Murphy on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
4. For the health of Paul Kauriga, offered by Ellen Hanavin
5. In memory of Stephen Sameruck, offered by Ellen Hanavin
6. For the health of Halyna Kachur, offered by Ellen Hanavin
7. For the health of cousin Colleen Philip on her birthday, Love the Latsios and McNulty families
8. For the health of Halyna Kachur from the Latsios and McNulty families
9. For the health of our choir director, Paul Kauriga, from the Latsios and McNulty families
10. For the health of all St. Nicholas Clergy and Parishioners, from the Latsios and McNulty families

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 Bivoïno. Exp. 2/1/20
20. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoïno. 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 Voloshnovsky. 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 8

25TH 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 Ephesians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Amen. **(Ephesians 4:1-6)**

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 from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound-think of it-for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath? And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him. **(Luke 13:10-17)**

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