

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyiv Patriarchate

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**WHEN JESUS SAW
HER, HE CALLED HER
FORWARD AND SAID
TO HER:**

**“Woman,
you are set
free from
your
infirmity.”**

Bishop Luke's Sermon

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 asked: 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.

+Bishop Luke

Bulletin for Sunday, December 10, 2023

Schedule of Services



Saturday, December 9	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 10	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida
Saturday, December 16	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 17	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Moleben to St. Nicholas and Patron Saint Lunch in the Cathedral Hall
Saturday, December 23	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 24	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 30	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 31	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy



SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of my nephew, Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
2. In memory of my dad/(great) grandfather, Stephen Sameruck, offered by Judy and Tom Hanney and Family
3. For the health of my wife, Renee, on her birthday, offered with love from Frank
4. For the health of our mother, Renee, on her birthday, offered with love from Alex and Matt
5. For the health of my sister, Renee Murphy, on her birthday, Love, Gail
6. For the health of Renee Murphy on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
7. For the health of Ron Healey and a successful surgery, Love, Mom and Dad



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SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of and speedy recovery of our President, Barbara Latsios, offered by the Sisterhood members
2. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, offered by Judy and Tom Hanney and Family
3. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, offered by Gail Osborn
4. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, offered by Diane Kavchok
5. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, offered by Vicki and Frank Borriello and Family
6. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, offered by Colleen Philipp and Family
7. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, offered by Susan Guz
8. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, Love, Ellen and Phil
9. For the health and speedy recovery of Barbara Latsios, Love, Dawn



On Sunday, December 3, 2023, Bishop Luke and the congregation prayed during Divine Liturgy for the health of Barbara Latsios who recently fell, sustaining lacerations and a broken wrist.



Following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 3, Bishop Luke, Father Oleksii and the congregation sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to Colleen Philipp who celebrates her birthday on Tuesday, December 5. **MANY MORE HAPPY AND HEALTHY YEARS!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NATIVITY FAST



The Orthodox Church prepares its faithful to welcome the Nativity of Christ in a worthy manner by means of a 40-day Nativity fast, which lasts from November 28 to January 7.

Let us journey toward the Feast of the Nativity with joyous hearts! Fast not only from food, but also from hatred and fear. Repent. Do good and be kind to all. Forgive. Be generous. Give alms. In all things, give glory to God.

PIEROGI and HALUSHKI for the holidays – while they last!

Prices: \$12/dozen for potato/cheese pierogi. \$8/quart for halushki.

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Christmas Vigils

- Christmas Vigils will be published in the Sunday, January 7th edition of the Bulletin and lit in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, Saturday, January 6, and Christmas Day, Saturday, January 7.
- For those of you who arranged for Christmas vigils in past years, please look for an email soon from Diane Kavchok confirming your information. For our newcomers: please contact Diane – kavchokd@aol.com – to give her the names for your vigils.

There were 206 Christmas vigils illuminating the Sanctuary last year!



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/24
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/24
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/23
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. 10/1/26
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. 10/13/24
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. 8/1/24
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/23
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. 10/18/24
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. 4/19/24
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/24
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/23
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/24
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/24
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. 11/1/30
18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Bishop Luke and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/23
19. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/24
20. +The Repose of the souls of Mary and Gregory Buckley. Memory Eternal. Offered by the children and grandchildren of the Buckley, Janoczkin and Wojnarowicz Families. exp. 12/31/23
21. +In memory of Alexander and Ewdokia Janoczkin and son Michail, offered by the Janoczkin, Wojnarowicz and Adams families. exp. 12/31/23
22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/24
23. +In loving memory of newly-departed sister-in-law/aunt, Sandra Chelak, who passed away on April 18 and brother-in-law/uncle, George Chelak, who passed away on July 24. Memory Eternal. Offered by Dorothy Chelak, Denise Chelak and Nina Davis. exp. 5/21/24
24. +In loving memory of newly-departed brother-in-law/uncle, Paul Chelak, who passed away on November 17. With prayers for Paul's eternal rest and to comfort his beloved wife of 59 years, Adrienne, and children David, Gregory and Victoria and their families. Memory Eternal. Offered by Dorothy Chelak, Denise Chelak and Nina Davis. exp. 11/30/24

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 2nd 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. **(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 is 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.

*Save
the
date*



St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

Sunday, December 17, 2023

***COME JOIN US at our Annual St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch
Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patron Saint Nicholas the
Wonderworker, Archibishop of Myra***

**This festive annual event will follow Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall on
Sunday, December 17, 2023.**

Tickets are \$25 for adults; children 12 and younger are free.

RSVP to Vicki Borriello - victoria.borriello@yahoo.com

**The event includes lunch prepared by the Borriello Family, music, and most
probably a visit from Santa Claus, too! All ticket sales benefit the Cathedral's
Building Fund.**

***This is such an important annual event
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