

### **OUR ADVENT** "GIVING" TREES

Advent is a time to celebrate God's great gift of love by giving gifts to others. This year we are starting a new tradition at St. Nicholas Cathedral. Buy and hang an angel ornament on our Christmas trees in the Sanctuary. **Handwrite your personal** message: In Memory Of Beloved Mother... For the Health of My Dear Friend... Each angel ornament is \$20 and your purchase benefits the Cathedral. Buy 1, 2 or 3 ornaments! And be as creative as you want to be! Color the ornament with markers so parishioners will notice your angel, remember your loved ones, too -- and know that you generously support the Cathedral. Ornaments and markers are available at the Candle Room window.





The Scripture Reading for Sunday, December 11, 2022

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 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.

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Saturday, December 10	5:00 pm: Vespers	
Sunday, December 11	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida	
Saturday, December 17	December 17 5:00 pm: Vespers	
Sunday, December 18	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and Moleben to St. Nicholas, followed by St. Nicholas Patron Saint Luncheon in the Cathedral Hall	
Monday, December 19	Feast Day of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	
Saturday, December 24	5:00 pm: Vespers	
Sunday, December 25	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy	
Saturday, December 31	5:00 pm: Vespers	
Sunday, January 1	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy	
Friday, January 6 CHRISTMAS EVE	5:00 pm: Holy Supper in the Cathedral Hall 6:30 pm: Vespers; Confession; followed by the Patriarchal Choir singing Christmas Carols	
Saturday, January 7 CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by the Patriarchal Choir singing Christmas Carols 11:00 am: Christmas Lunch in the Cathedral Hall	
Sunday, January 8	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida	

# Bishop Luke Is On The Radio

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On Sunday, December 4, 2022, the congregation and clergy sang a resounding "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" to Colleen Philipp and George Zervos. Their birthdays are Dec. 5 and Dec. 9.

MANY MORE HAPPY
& HEALTHY YEARS!







### SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

- 1. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
- 2. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
- 3. In memory of my dad, (great) grandfather, Stephen Sameruck, on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing, offered by Judy and Tom Hanney and Family
- 4. For the health of my sister, Renee Murphy, on her birthday, Love, Gail
- 5. For the health of my beloved wife/our mother, on her birthday, Love, Frank, Alex and Matt
- 6. For the health of Renee Murphy, on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
- 7. For the health of George Latsios, Love, Ellen and Phil
- 8. For the health of Colleen Philipp on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
- 9. For the health of George Zervos on his birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
- 10. For the health of Renee Murphy on her birthday, Love, Ellen









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## St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patron Saint Nicholas

the Wonderworker, Archibishop of Myra

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# following Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall Sunday, December 18, 2022

Tickets are \$25 (no charge for children under 12) to benefit the Building Fund,

More than 100 years ago, our ancestors composed documents to establish, incorporate and govern St. Nicholas Cathedral. Among those documents are our Cathedral's By-Laws and Statutes.

Article 3, THE CHURCH'S PATRON SAINT, states:
"The day in commemoration of

St. Nicholas....should be regarded as the Church Patron's Feast and should be solemnized and respected as such

every year."

And so every year -- for 105 years -- the St. Nicholas Cathedral Parish has honored our forefathers' mandate. As a congregation we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, our Patron Saint, on Sunday, December 18, with a Moleben to St. Nicholas immediately after Divine Liturgy, followed by a fellowship lunch in our Cathedral Hall.

Please join us!

Vicki Borriello and her family will be preparing the meal. Please text or call Vicki to RSVP: 610-357-5474



# ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil: \$2
Analoi Candles: \$25
Altar Candles: \$35
Annual Vigil: \$100
Bulletin Sponsor: \$25

- 1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
- 2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp.11/1/23
- 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. 10/13/23
- 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. 8/1/23
- 8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/22
- 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. 9/18/23
- 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. 4/19/23
- 11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
- 12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/23
- 13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
- 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. 5/31/23
- 16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/23
- 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. 12/31/22
- 19. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Olga, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Bogdan, Iryna-Olesia. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Petro, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Stepan, Anna, Volodymyr, Stepania, Maryna, Vasyl, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/23
- 20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/23
- 21. +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. 12/20/22
- 22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/23
- 23. +In memory of Tatiana, Alexander, Sergey, Nadezhda, Alexander and Anna, offered by Anton Spassky. exp. 6/12/23
- 24. For the health of soldier Olexiy, Loubov, Vadym, Olexander, Iryna, George, Svilana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23

### THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

26<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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **(Ephesians 5:8-19)** 

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

READER: 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 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.

# Christmas Vigils



Last year 200 vigils were lit on Christmas Day!

- Christmas Vigils will be published in the Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bulletin and lit in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, Friday, January 6; Christmas Day, Saturday, January 7; and Sunday, January 8.
- 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.



Bridges

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