

# ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Stavropigia of the  
Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate



## HOLY MARTYRS

On Sunday, December 12, 2021, we commemorate Holy Martyr Paramon and his 370 martyr companions who sacrificed their lives for their enduring, unshakable faith at the hand of a heathen ruler, Governor Aquianus, in the year 250.

*"Oh, how many innocent and righteous men does this foul governor desire to slaughter because they will not bow down to his dumb and dead idols?"*

Refusing to renounce Christ and worship idols and pagan gods, Martyr Paramon and his 370 companions suffered and died for their faith. We remember them today.



**Bulletin for Sunday, December 12, 2021**

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# St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

**Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patron Saint Nicholas**  
*the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra*

270-343

**following Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

**Tickets are \$25 for catered lunch and entertainment**

**(no charge for children under 12) to benefit the Building Fund.**

**Tickets can be purchased at the Candle Room or see Judy Hanney.**

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.”*



On December 19, 2021, Father Luke will celebrate his 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as our spiritual father and Rector of St. Nicholas Cathedral!  
**MANY MORE YEARS!**

And so every year -- for 104 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 19, with a Moleben to St. Nicholas immediately after Divine Liturgy, followed by a fellowship lunch in our Cathedral Hall.

**Please join us!**



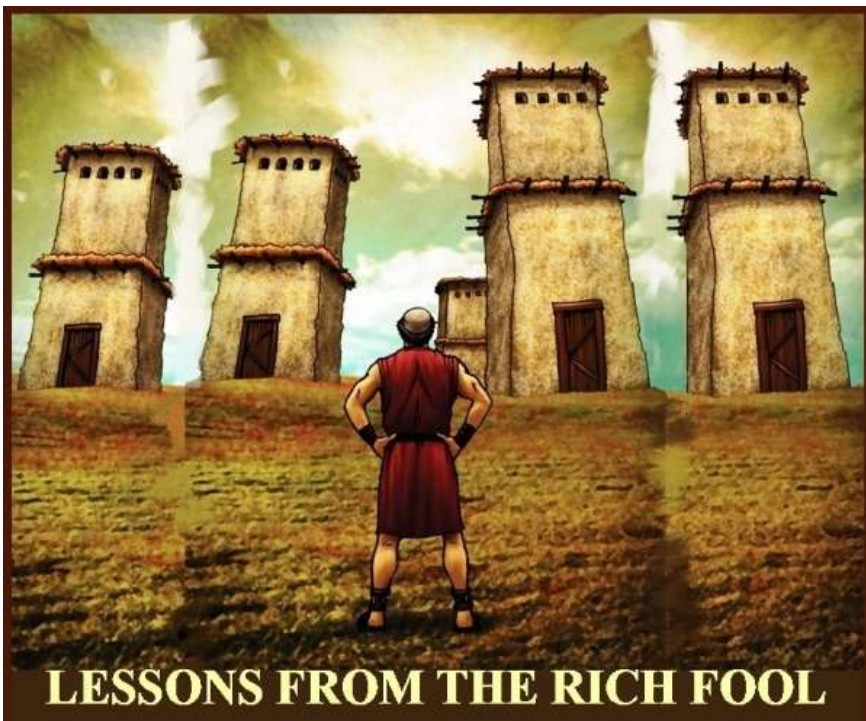


**St. Nicholas was born into a wealthy Christian family. From an early age, he knew that he would devote his life to God. His uncle, Bishop of Patara, ordained him a priest, and he was later consecrated an Archbishop. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, St. Nicholas is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. He is the patron saint of sailors, children, travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty, or any misfortunes. His generosity and gift-giving inspired the creation of Santa Claus.**





**Father Luke's Sermon**  
**Sunday, December 5, 2021**  
**Luke 12:16-22**



**LESSONS FROM THE RICH FOOL**

One day when Jesus preached to His disciples and others, a man asked Him to resolve a dispute between him and his brother about his inheritance. Jesus replied: "Do not be carried away by a great desire of owning things, for life does not consist in the number of things you possess." And to show them what He meant, He told them the story in today's Scripture reading: the parable of the foolish rich man, the man who had so much money that he had to build a bigger and better storehouse to hold it all. 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.

How much wiser the man would have been if he had made a LONG-TERM investment in his ETERNAL life. How many of us have large houses – and then need to rent extra storage units for everything we own? Take care that these things do not control your life. Do not be like the rich fool in today's Bible reading. Jesus teaches us that it is better to be rich towards God, that is, to be rich in things of the spirit, such as good deeds and kindness towards others, rather than to be rich in money and property. So 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.

**ST. NICHOLAS PATRIARCHAL CHOIR**

- Eve Edwards, Soprano
- Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto
- Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor
- Anthony Sinigaglio II, Bass
- Susan Guz, Choir Director

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

- Thomas J. Hanney, President
- Susan Guz, Vice-President
- Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer
- Frank Borriello, Secretary

**ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

- Thomas J. Hanney
- Frank Borriello
- Susan Guz
- George Latsios



**CLERGY**

**The Reverend Hieromonk Luke (Zhoba), Rector**

**V. Rev. Father Oleksii Kacharai**

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# Schedule of Services

Saturday, December 11	NO VESPERS
Sunday, December 12	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida
Saturday, December 18	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 19 - <b>ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY</b>	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Moleben to St. Nicholas, followed by Annual St. Nicholas Patron Saint Gala Luncheon
Saturday, December 25	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 26	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 1	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 2	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Thursday, January 6 - <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	5:00 pm: Holy Supper in the Cathedral Hall 6:30 pm: Vespers, Confession
Friday, January 7 - <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy 11:00 am: Christmas Lunch in the Cathedral Hall
Saturday, January 8 – <b>SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS</b>	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 9	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida
Saturday, January 15	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 16 – <b>SAVE THE DATE - A SPECIAL CELEBRATORY GALA LUNCH IS BEING PLANNED!</b>	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 22	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 23	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 29	5:00 pm: Vespers 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND

2021

- Patricia Walker
- Anna Kuliasha
- Colleen Philipp
- The Borriello Family, In Memory of David Patterson
  - The Murphy Family, In Memory of our Mother/Mom-Mom, Lillian Fox
    - In Memory of Tina Fedec
  - Cassandra and Ray McNulty

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SUNDAY  
VIGIL CANDLES  
LIT TODAY

1. For the health of the Murphy Family:  
Frank, Renee, Alex and Matt
2. For the health of my sister, Renee Murphy,  
on her Birthday, Love, Gail
3. For the health of Renee Murphy on her  
Birthday, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on her  
Birthday, offered by Dawn
5. For the health of Father Luke on his 5<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary as Rector of St. Nicholas  
Cathedral, offered by Dawn
6. For the health of our daughter, Nicki, on  
her Birthday, offered by Mom and Dad  
McMonigle
7. In memory of our father, grandfather and  
great-grandfather, Stephen Sameruck on  
the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his passing, offered  
by Judy and Tom Hanney and family
8. For the health and speedy recovery of  
Nancy Stott Trauger, offered by Susan Guz

ALTAR CANDLES  
lit today

In Memory of Our  
Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather  
STEPHEN SAMERUCK

on the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his passing  
Offered by Judy & Tom Hanney  
and Family

## Christmas Vigils

- Christmas Vigils will be published in the January 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bulletin and lit in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, January 6, Christmas Day, January 7, and Sunday, January 9.
- For those of you who arranged for Christmas vigils in past years, please look for an email from Diane Kavchok confirming your information. For our newcomers: please contact Diane – kavchokd@aol.com – to give her the names for your vigils. Last year there were 177 vigil candles lit on Christmas Day!

**This Week's Bulletin is Sponsored By  
Phil Hanavin**

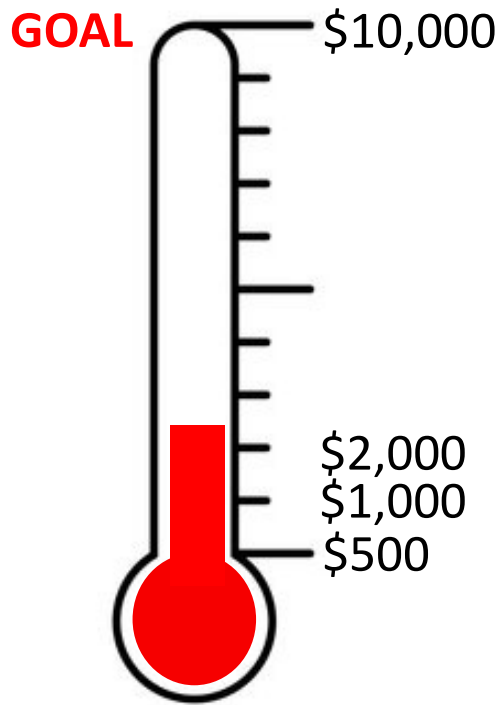
**In Loving Memory of  
PEG and JIM  
- Memory Eternal -**

# EXTERIOR PAINTING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

**Your donation will be matched by an anonymous Private Trust.**

The interior iconography in the Sanctuary is flaking. The interior walls of our stairwells are crumbling. We need to correct this problem immediately. Painting the exterior walls of the building with special elastomeric paint will stop the water seepage. This is the last step in our efforts to WATERPROOF our beautiful Cathedral building. Contractors estimate this job will cost \$20,000.

**The Private Trust will match every dollar you give! Help us reach our goal!**

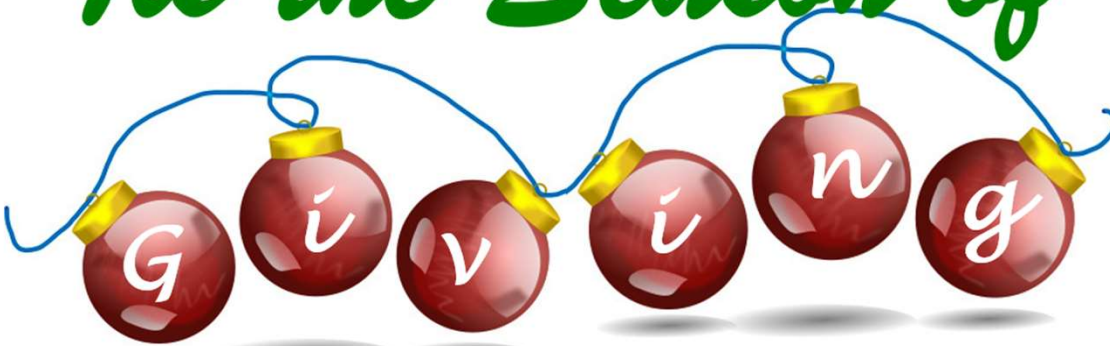


**! Double YOUR Dollar\$**

**THANK YOU!**

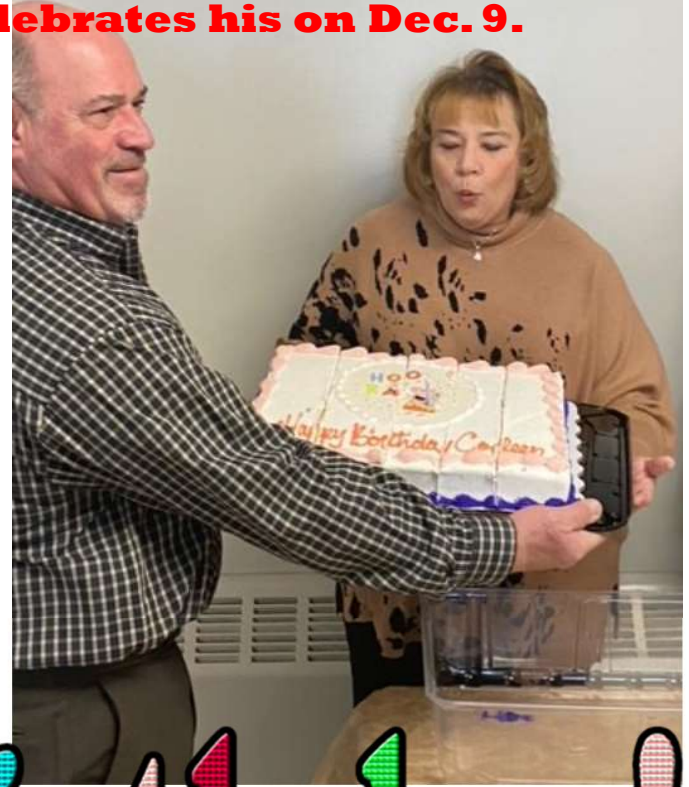
Share your blessings during ADVENT, a season of charitable giving.

*'Tis the Season of*





**We celebrated two Birthdays on Sunday, December 5, 2021:  
Colleen Philipp, whose "special" birthday was Dec. 5  
and George Zervos, who celebrates his on Dec. 9.**



# Happy Birthday!



**A spontaneous group photo of Father Luke, Father Oleksii, parishioners and the Patriarchal Choir following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 5, 2021.**

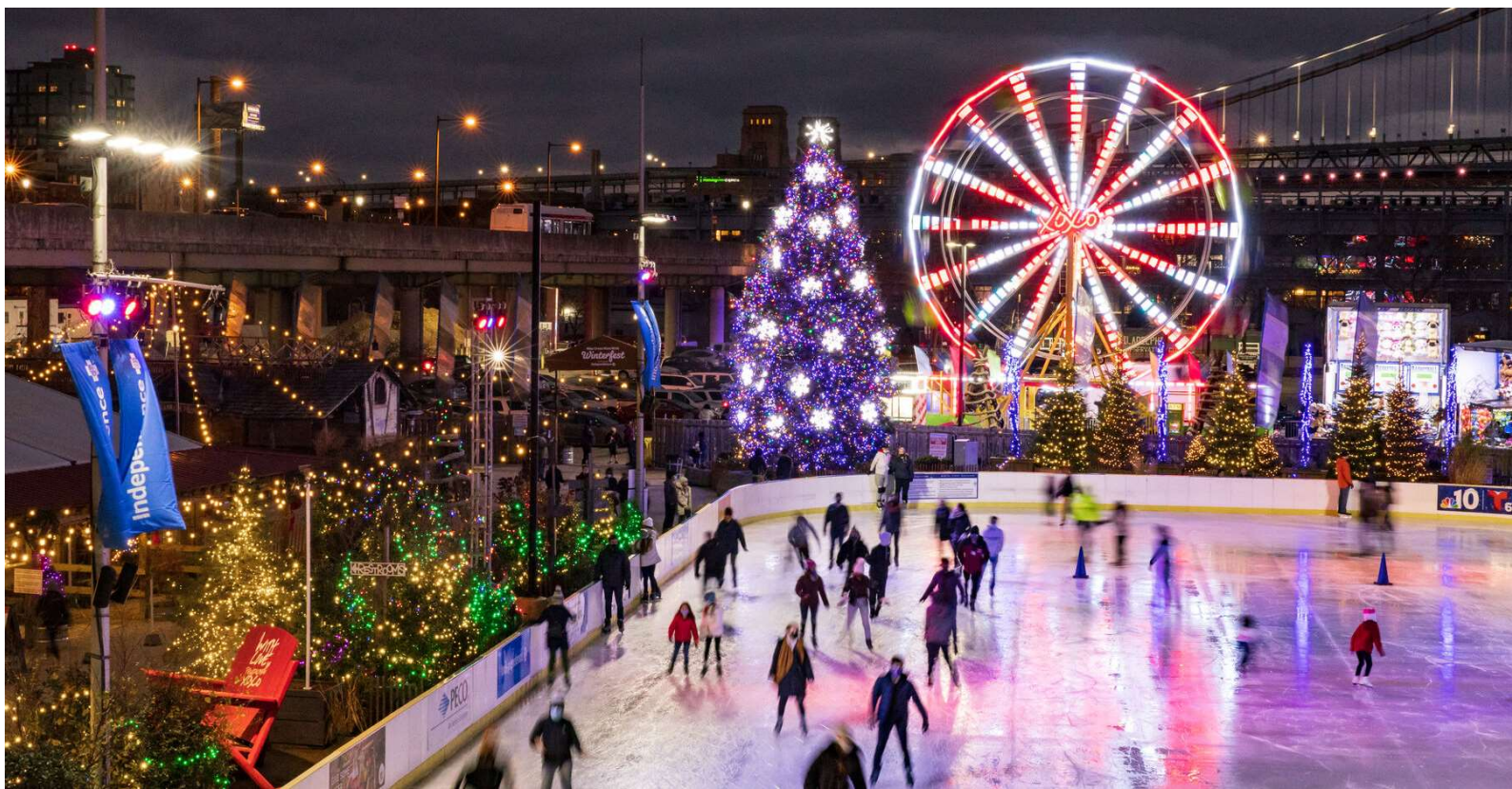


Blue Cross RiverRink  
*Winterfest*



**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!**

You are invited to a parish ice-skating outing on **Sunday, December 26, 2021, at 1:30 PM**, at the Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest at Penn's Landing! Please call/text Olya Kovalova at 623-760-7427 by Sunday, December 12, if you would like to attend and will be skating. Please let her know how many adults and children will be attending, and if they will need to rent skates. We will be purchasing tickets at a group rate at a cost of approximately \$6/person (skating admission) or \$16/person (skating admission + skate rental). If you would like to enter Winterfest, but not skate, the non-ice-skating areas of the facility are open and free to walk around, as long as the site is not at full capacity.







# ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

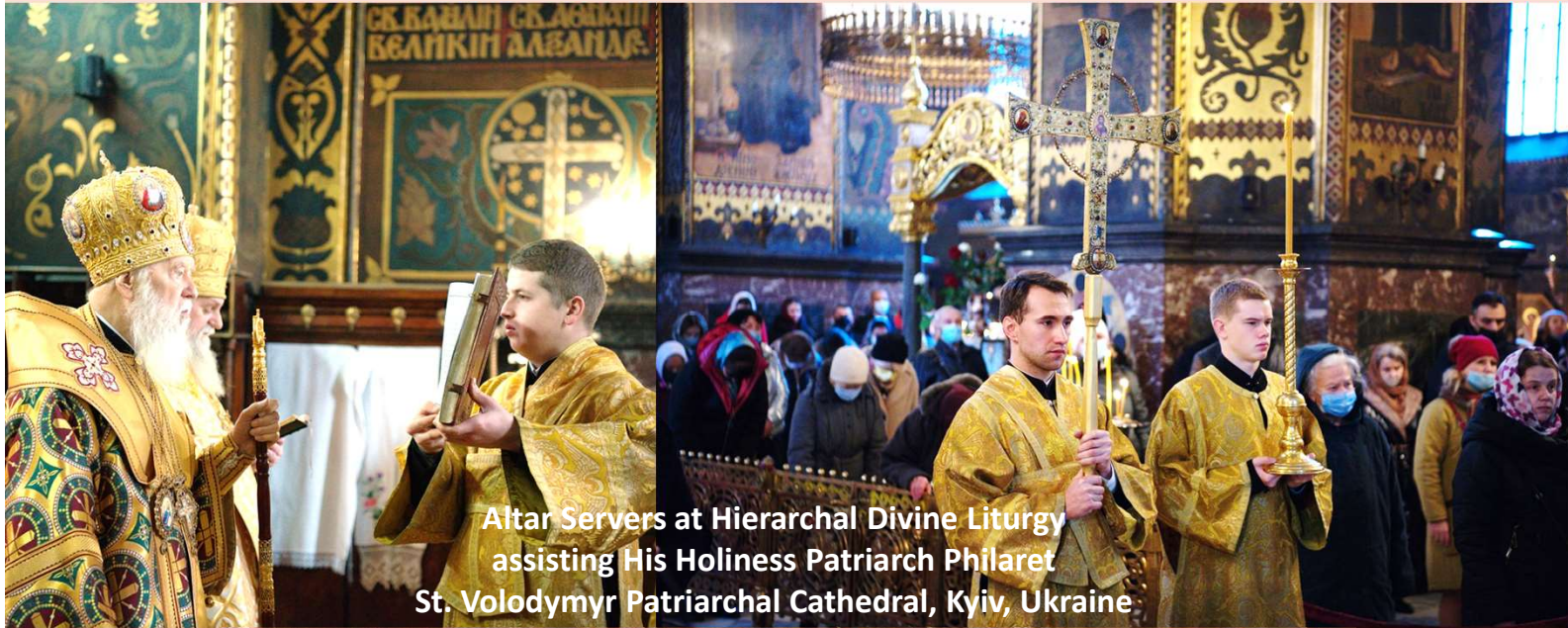
<b>Sunday Vigil:</b>	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Analoi Candles:</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Altar Candles:</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Annual Vigil:</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Bulletin Sponsor:</b>	<b>\$25</b>

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, 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. 11/1/22
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. 12/31/22
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. 10/13/22
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. 8/1/22
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko 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. 9/18/22
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. 4/19/22
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/22
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/21
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/22
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/22
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, Father Bohdan Zhoba 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. 12/31/21
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. 9/1/22
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/22
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. 12/20/21
22. +In memory of newly-departed Alice (Lesya) Orlan, our beloved "Forever Friend," offered by Dorothy Chelak and Family. exp. 1/24/22
23. For the health of Vasyl, Paraska, Roman, Oksana, Andriy, Volodymyr, Orusya, Maria, Vitaliy, Taras, Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Ivan. +In memory of Paraska, Vasyl, Ivan, Vasyl, Evdokia, Maria, Paraska, Oksana. Offered by the Khanas and Petriv Families. exp. 3/1/22
24. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/22



# Altar Servers Altar Boys

are always needed at every worship service to assist the Clergy.  
But Father Luke is announcing a special appeal for altar servers/boys on  
Sunday, December 19, 2021, at Divine Liturgy – and every Sunday thereafter.





# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

25<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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. **(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 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.