

Bulletin for Sunday, December 18, 2022

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Stavropigia of the
Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate



We
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our
PATRON
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today.

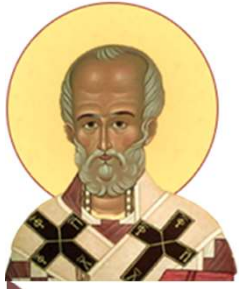
Come join us
as we
celebrate
Divine
Liturgy,
pray to
St. Nicholas
in a Moleben
and celebrate
him at our
annual
St. Nicholas
Patron Saint
Lunch in the
Cathedral
Hall.

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Feast Day Of Our Patron

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra

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More than 100 years ago, our ancestors composed documents to establish, incorporate and govern St. Nicholas Church. Among those documents are our Church'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!



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.

On Sunday, December 18, we also celebrate the

**105th Anniversary of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral
and**

**6th Anniversary of Bishop Luke as Rector
of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral; and his
1st Anniversary of Ordination to Vicar Bishop**



*You are invited to this
joyous celebration!*

❧ PROGRAM ❧

In the Sanctuary

- ❖ Vesting of Bishop Luke at 9:15 AM
- ❖ Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM
- ❖ Moleben to St. Nicholas following Divine Liturgy
- ❖ Presentation to Bishop Luke by the Cathedral Council
- ❖ St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir Sings 'Many Years'
and Hymns to St. Nicholas

In the Cathedral Hall

- ❖ Blessing of Food by Bishop Luke at 11:30 AM
 - ❖ Patron Saint Nicholas Lunch
 - ❖ Santa Claus is coming to town!

Tickets: \$25

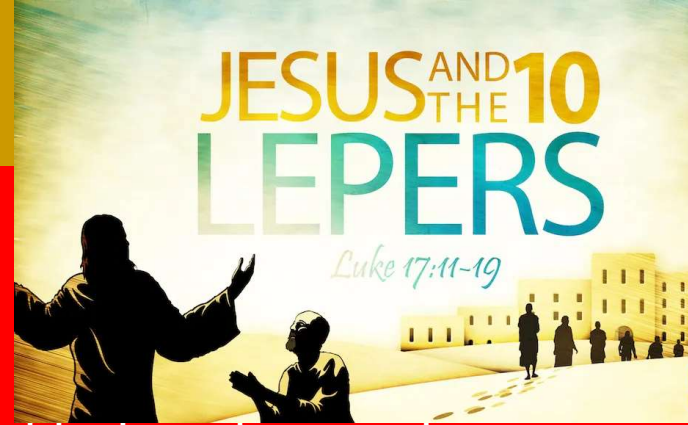
No charge for children under age 12

All ticket sales benefit the St. Nicholas Cathedral Building Fund

**THANK YOU to Vicki Borriello, her family and
friends for donating and preparing the meal.
Please text or call Vicki to RSVP: 610-357-5474**



The Scripture Reading for
 Sunday, December 18, 2022
 Luke 17:12-19



Today's Scripture reading is about being thankful. Ten lepers encounter Jesus and ask for mercy. Jesus shows them mercy, heals them – and the men go on their way. However, one of them returns to Jesus, overwhelmed and overjoyed that his health was restored -- and eager to give thanks and glorify God. **BUT WHERE ARE THE OTHER NINE?** Jesus asked. And this rhetorical question makes us contemplate and wonder what is Jesus really thinking? He does not preach that the nine lepers He healed were ungrateful. Rather, the Scripture reading encourages us to learn from these nine lepers – or rather learn from that one leper who made the effort to **RETURN** to Jesus to thank Him. How often do we fervently pray for something: restored health, good fortune, a promotion, a new house or car, a new opportunity – and then when our prayers are answered, we move on like the **NINE** and ignore the blessings of the Lord. Or do we stop and offer thanks to the Lord like the **ONE**? Today's Scripture reading reminds us to do this: thank the Lord. It is vitally important to be sincerely thankful and express gratitude for your blessings. This spirit of gratitude can deepen your spiritual life. And your gratitude and thankfulness can influence others around you to thank the Lord as well!

Schedule of Services

Saturday, 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
Saturday, January 14 MOLEBEN for the New Year	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Moleben for the New Year

Bishop Luke Is On The Radio

“The Bishop Luke Radio Hour”

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Immediately following Divine Liturgy, on the second Sunday of every month, Bishop Luke serves a memorial prayer service -- a Panikhida -- for the repose of the souls of Orthodox Christians, as he did on Sunday, December 11, 2022. The next Panikhida is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2023. You can include your beloved departed in the prayers by leaving a list of first names in the Candle Room. The donation for the Panikhida is \$20.

Ἡ Panikhida



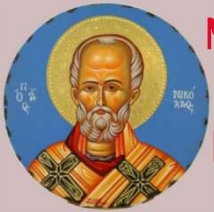
Give rest, to the souls of Thy servants, O Savior, preserving them in the blessed life which is with Thee, who loves mankind.

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. For the health of Ray McNulty, on his birthday, Love, Judy, Tom and Family
4. For the health of my grandson, Santino DeSimone, on his 13th birthday, Love, Grandmom, Gail Osborn
5. For the health of our daughter, Nicki, on her birthday, offered by Barbara and Jim McMonigle
6. For the health of Nicki McMonigle on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
7. For the health of Dawn, Love, Mom and Dad
8. For the repose of the soul of the newly-departed Natalie Sobchak, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
9. For the repose of the soul of the newly-departed Natalie Sobchak, offered by Susan Guz

Congratulations to Nicholas Philipp, Nicholas Borriello, Nicholas Janoczkin, Nicholas Pawlow and all those named Nicholas in our Parish and in our lives on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas!



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**ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY
In Memory Of Beloved
Parents, Sister and Brother**

**HELEN and STEPHEN SAMERUCK
CAROL IRENE KAURIGA
STEPHEN MICHAEL SAMERUCK**

*Offered by Judy and Tom Hanney
and Family*



Memory Eternal



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Natalie Sobchak

*Beloved Mother
and Grandmother
1928-2022*



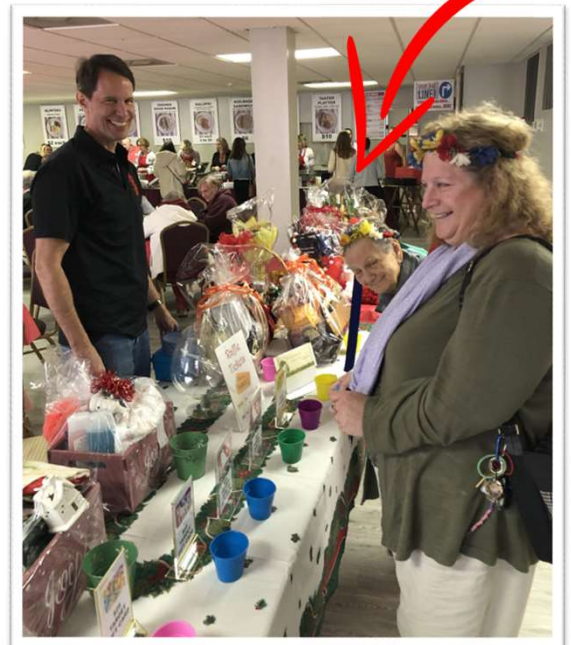
With sadness, we share news of the passing of John Sobchak's mother, Natalie, age 94, on Sunday, December 11, 2022, having suffered a stroke nine days earlier.

We extend deepest sympathy to John and Susie, their daughters, John's sister, Stephanie, and their family.

Natalie visited St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral occasionally after John and Susie joined our parish. She is pictured here at the Pierogi Festival in 2019, and John reports that she always looked forward to receiving our weekly Bulletins, too.

- ***Friday, December 16, 3-5 pm; 7-9 pm
Viewing and prayer service at
Frederick Funeral Home, Flushing, NY***
- ***Saturday, December 17, 10:15 am
Funeral service at St. Nicholas Orthodox
Church, Whitestone, NY. Burial at
Mount Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth, NY***

**Donations can be made in Natalie's memory to
the Ukrainian Relief Fund,
International Orthodox Christian Charities,
iocc.org/nataliesobchak**





ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoï 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 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. 9/18/23
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 18, 2022

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. 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.

Christmas Vigils



**Last year 200
vigils were lit on
Christmas Day!**

- Christmas Vigils will be published in the Sunday, January 8th 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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR "DINNER FOR DONORS"

A Fundraiser organized to provide financial assistance to the Ukrainian refugees in Philadelphia

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 2:30 pm-5:00 pm
Conversation Hall, City Hall, Philadelphia

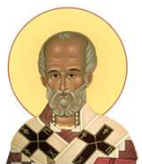
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