

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate

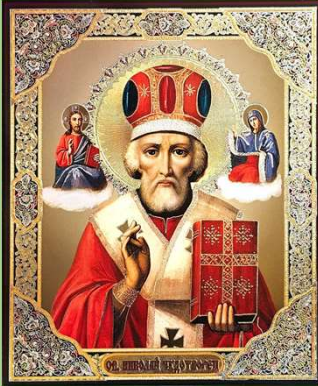
BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020



СВ. НИКОЛАЙ ЧУДОТВОРЕЦ

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 103 years -- the St. Nicholas Church Parish has honored our forefathers' mandate. As a congregation we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, our Patron Saint, on Sunday, December 20, with a Moleben to St. Nicholas immediately after Divine Liturgy, followed by a fellowship lunch in our Church 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 20, we also celebrate

***Father Bohdan's
25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
and
4th Anniversary as Rector of St. Nicholas Church***

You are invited to this joyous celebration!

❧ PROGRAM ❧

In the Sanctuary

- ❖ Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM
- ❖ Moleben to St. Nicholas
- ❖ Presentation to Father Bohdan by the Church Council
- ❖ St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir Sings 'Many Years'
and Hymns to St. Nicholas

In the Church Hall

- ❖ St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir Sings 'The Lord's Prayer'
 - ❖ Blessing of Food by Father Bohdan
- ❖ Gala Patron Saint Nicholas Lunch catered by Bell's Market
 - ❖ Music by Dimitri Kauriga
 - ❖ Performance by Simon Shargo, clown and magician
 - ❖ Santa Claus is coming to town!

Tickets: \$25 for lunch and show.

Children up to 18 years of age are FREE!

All tickets sales will benefit the St. Nicholas Church Benevolent Fund

Altar Candles Lit Today
for the Health of
Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba
commemorating

His 25th
Anniversary of
Ordination to the
Priesthood

and

His 4th
Anniversary as
Rector of
St. Nicholas Church



Offered by
The St. Nicholas Church Council and Congregation
Многая Лита!
God Grant You Many Years!



Christmas Vigils

- Christmas Vigils will be published in the January 3rd edition of the Bulletin and lit in church on Christmas Eve, January 6, and Christmas Day, January 7.
- 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 175 vigil candles lit on Christmas Day!

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!



Schedule of Services

Saturday, December 19	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 20	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Moleben to St. Nicholas, followed by Patron Saint Gala Lunch and Commemoration of Father Bohdan's 25 th Ordination Anniversary in the Church Hall
Saturday, December 26	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 27	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 2	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 3	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, January 6	CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 pm: Holy Supper in the Church Hall 6:30 pm: Vespers, Confession
Thursday, January 7	CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 11:30 am: Christmas Lunch in the Church Hall
Saturday, January 9	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 10	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida



"FOLLOW ME"

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

**Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, December 13, 2020
John 1:35-51**

In today's Scripture reading, Jesus invites us to follow Him as a disciple follows his teacher. When we follow, we trust that Jesus will give us all that we seek, that Jesus will have all the answers. And He assures us that this will be so. "Come, and you will see," He says in today's Scripture reading.

Most of us begin our life following Jesus when our parents bring us to church as babies and we are baptized. And there are others who make a conscious decision when they are older to follow Jesus and they are baptized to begin a new life.

Although baptism is the beginning, it is certainly not the end of our relationship with Jesus. Throughout our lives, when the trials and tribulations of everyday existence sometimes pull us away from church, and we start to follow others, making other things in our life more important than a Christian life – you need to get back on track and begin anew to follow Jesus.

**In today's Scripture reading, we heard about Saint Andrew, the First-Called disciple of Christ. Let Saint Andrew inspire you to follow Jesus every day of your life – just as he did. After the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, St. Andrew preached the word of God in the Eastern lands and in the hills and region in Ukraine where the city of Kyiv now stands. And on his journeys, although St. Andrew endured many sufferings and torments from pagans, he continued to preach relentlessly. So today, Saint Andrew's Feast Day, is the perfect day to pray to be restored to a life following Jesus.
AMEN.**



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SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary. Many Years! Offered by the Murphy Family
2. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Gail Osborn
3. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Yaroslav Shevchenko. Mnohaya Lita!
4. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Susan Guz
5. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Tom & Judy Hanney. Congratulations!
6. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Kirk & Anastasia Whitmer
7. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Lloyd, Alexandra & Aidan Bennett
8. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Diane Kavchok
9. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Barbara and George Latsios
10. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Cassandra and Ray McNulty
11. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Dawn and Ron Healey
12. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered with love from his
"Godmother" Ellen and "Godfather" Phil
13. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Barbara and Bob Marozzi
14. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Colleen, George, Nicholas,
Jennifer & Cory
15. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Frank and Vicki Borriello & Family
16. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Nicholas and Krissy Borriello & Family
17. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy.
Mnohaya Lita!
18. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by the Sisterhood
19. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by the Pierogi Festival Team!
20. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Susan Isaac
21. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Father Oleksii and Matushka Oksana
22. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family
23. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by John and Susie Sobchak
24. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Marcia, Zachary and Mike O'Connor
25. For the health of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary, offered by Oksana and Andriy Khanas



26. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by Susan Guz
27. For the health of my grandson, Sonny DeSimone, on his 11th Birthday, Love, Grandmom
28. For the health of Ray McNulty on his Birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
29. For the health of Ray McNulty on his Birthday, Love, Barbara and George
30. For the health of my husband, Ray, on his Birthday, Love, Cassandra
31. For the health of Ray McNulty, on his Birthday, Love, Tom, Judy & Family
32. For the health of my granddaughter, Devon, offered by Barbara Marozzi
33. For the health of Devon, offered by Ellen Hanavin

Altar Candles: \$35; Analoj Candles: \$25; Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100; Bulletin Sponsor: \$25



**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. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/21
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. 12/31/21
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. 10/1/21
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. 10/13/21
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. 8/1/21
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/21
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. 9/18/21
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. 4/19/21
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/21
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
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. 5/31/21
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families, exp. 9/1/21
17. +In loving memory of our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families, exp. 9/1/21
18. +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
19. 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, Hrustyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Olga, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan, Volodymyr; +In memory of Anna, Sophya, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunellia, Vasyl, Maria, Pavlo, Maria, Petro, Stepan, Anna, Stepania, Vasyl, Maryna, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/21
21. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/21

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On Sunday, December 13, 2020,
Father Bohdan baptized infant Daniel.

*Congratulations to Parents
Liliia Yeliseitseva
and
David Peter Mosendz*

The Baptism of Liam Daniel Mosendz



*Godparents
Danniel Roman Mosendz
and
Irina Yeliseitseva*

“O Master, Lord our God, call
Thy servant, Daniel, to Thy holy
Illumination, and grant to him that
great grace of Thy holy
Baptism.”

TIME TO *decorate for* CHRISTMAS!

...and that is what Tom Hanney, Kirk Whitmer and John Sobchak did after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 13. The St. Nicholas Church Sanctuary is resplendent with two sparkling Christmas trees, garlands and evergreen boughs. Thank you, gentlemen! Beautiful job!





**Blessings on
His Holiness
Patriarch
Philaret
on the
Feast Day of
Saint Philaret,
December 14.
Many More
Healthy &
Happy Years!
from your
Stavropigia in
Philadelphia!**



Father Bohdan presented John and Susie Sobchak with an icon of St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 13 – as a parting gift with his blessings. The Sobchaks are relocating back to California next month and will be resuming attendance at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church in Roseville, California.



Receiving the icon of St. Nicholas was especially meaningful to John and Susie as they had named one of their daughters Nicole to honor St. Nicholas.

We will miss you, Susie and John! Thank you for all your help and generous contributions to our beloved St. Nicholas Church while you were with us.



DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020

1. Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy,
Vicki Borriello & Gail Osborn
In Memory of Victoria Patterson
2. Anna Kuliasha
3. Colleen & Nicholas Philipp
*In Memory of Parents/Grandparents
Pauline and Charles John Redmond*
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5. Vicki & Frank Borriello
In Honor of Susan Guz for all her work for the Church
6. Vicki Borriello, Diane Kavchok,
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13. Father Bohdan Zhoba
14. Prof. Alexander & Halyna Kachur
15. Judy & Tom Hanney
In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck
16. Oksana & Victor Voloshnovskyy
17. Susan Guz
18. Diane Kavchok
19. Cassandra & Ray McNulty
In Memory of Helen Sameruck
20. Anonymous
21. Susan Isaac
22. Borriello Family
In Memory of Daniel Clark



Preparing for General Confession

Until further notice, Father Bohdan will give absolution at General Confession during Divine Liturgy just prior to Communion. However, *it is essential that you properly prepare for Confession*: fast in the morning; examine your conscience; reflect on your actions and thoughts. The Confession Prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion. Please stand during the reading of this prayer.

Please remember our homebound parishioner:

Ms. Anna Kuliasha
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CHURCH KITCHEN REMODELING PROJECT: PROGRESS REPORT



After Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 13, the major donors of the Kitchen Remodeling Project – Judy and Tom Hanney, Ellen Hanavin and Susie and John Sobchak -- grabbed a photo op with Father Bohdan, with the new kitchen cabinets as the backdrop. Phil Hanavin will finish installing the cabinets this week.

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

(Hebrews 13:17-21)

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope. Let me not be put to shame!
Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

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. And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. **(Luke 6:17-23)**

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

Coming in February
2021...

Valentine's
LUNCH *and* DANCE