


# ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Stavropigia of the  
*Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate*



**With Apostle Luke looking  
down from above,  
newly-ordained  
Bishop of Philadelphia Luke  
celebrated his first  
Hierarchal Divine Liturgy in  
St. Nicholas Orthodox  
Cathedral on Sunday,  
December 19, 2021, on the  
Feast Day of our Patron Saint  
Nicholas.**

**It was a joyous, historical day  
as the faithful received their  
first blessings from the  
Hierarch.**

**Bulletin for  
Sunday,  
December 26, 2021**

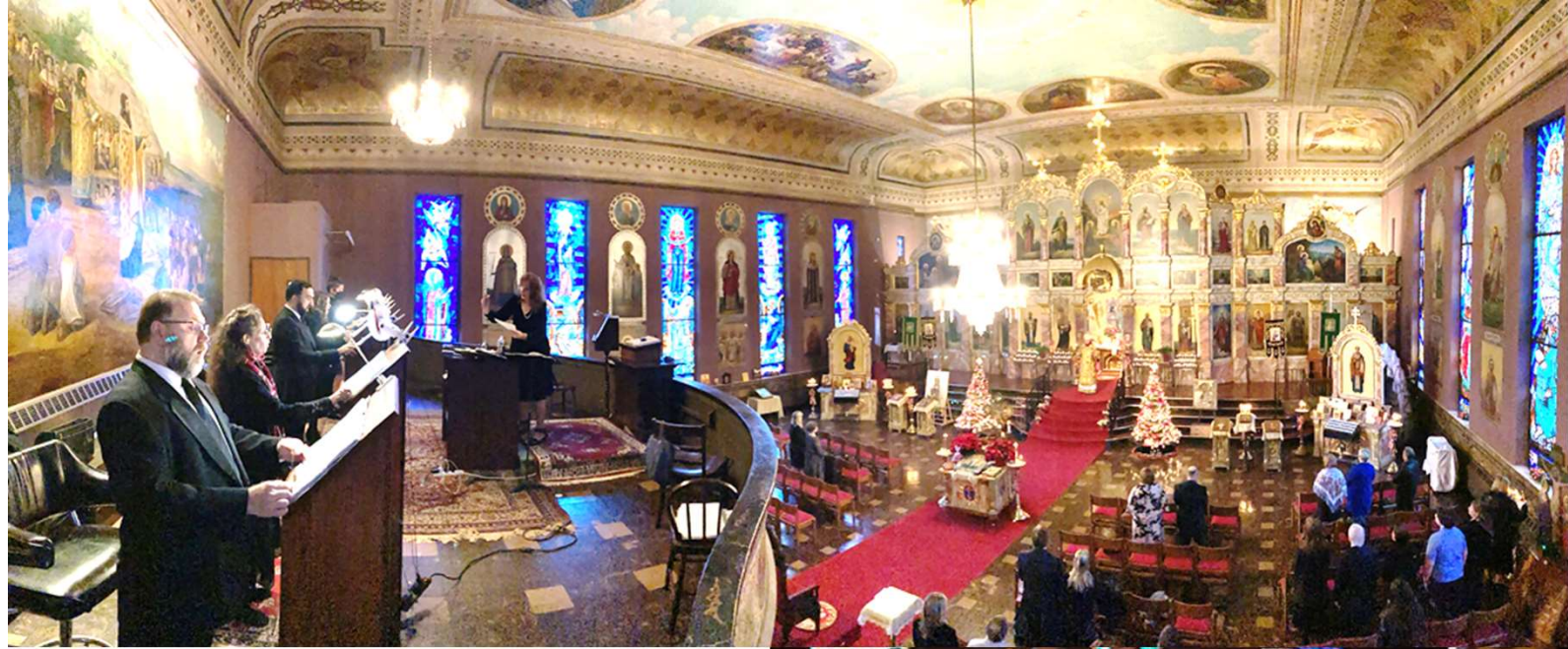




**Preparations for Bishop Luke's first Hierarchal Divine Liturgy began the week before. Christmas trees were decorated, poinsettias adorned the analogi table, the platform for the Bishop's chair was carpeted and the dikirion and trikirion were polished. And finally, the round eagle rug upon which the Bishop stands was positioned on the platform.**

**Sunday, December 19, 2021, began on the front steps of the Cathedral. Following tradition, President Tom Hanney and Judy Hanney greeted Bishop Luke with flowers, bread and salt.**





**As the Bishop entered the narthex, the Choir sang "From the Rising to the Setting of the Sun," and Father Oleksii presented the blessing-cross.**





**Bishop Luke walked from the narthex and ascended the steps of the altar.**

**Removing his klobuk, he venerated the icons of Christ and the Theotokos as the Choir sang the "Hymn to the Theotokos."**

**After venerating the icons, Bishop Luke blessed the people, with the Choir singing "Ton Dhespotin."**

**Bishop Luke then walked to the middle of the nave, giving his staff to the staff-bearer, at which time the "Vesting of the Bishop" commenced.**



# Vesting of the Bishop







**Vesting concluded with the placing the miter on the Bishop's head.**  
*"The Lord has set upon thy head a crown of precious stones; thou asked life of Him, and He gave thee length of days, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen."*








After blessing the faithful with the candles, Bishop Luke remained in the Bishop's chair until the Entrance Hymn: "O Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ; O Son of God..."

Bishop Luke and Father Oleksii sang together and then the Bishop proceeded to the altar for the remainder of Divine Liturgy.







Moleben  
to  
St. Nicholas

Immediately  
following Divine  
Liturgy, Bishop Luke  
and Father Oleksii  
prayed a Moleben to  
St. Nicholas and a  
Panikhida.





Bishop Luke with Tom and Judy Hanney who donated Bishop Luke's new gold vestments.

**Bishop Luke thanks everyone who gave generously to prepare him for his elevation to Bishop and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy:**

**DONATION OF VESTMENTS:** His Holiness Patriarch Philaret (white); Father Oleksii (blue); Tom & Judy Hanney (gold); Ellen Hanavin (purple); Susan Guz (red); Frank & Renee Murphy (green); Steve & Julie Mandell-Zagon (black)

**DONATION OF PECTORAL CROSS:** Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy

And to everyone who prayed for Bishop Luke's well-being, **THANK YOU!** **THANK YOU,** too, to the altar servers, and to all the parishioner photographers who contributed photos to this Bulletin.

*"We pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable house; for those who labor and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy."*

*Prayer from Litany of Supplication, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*



Five well-deserving parishioners received awards on Sunday, December 19, 2021, from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, presented by Bishop Luke.

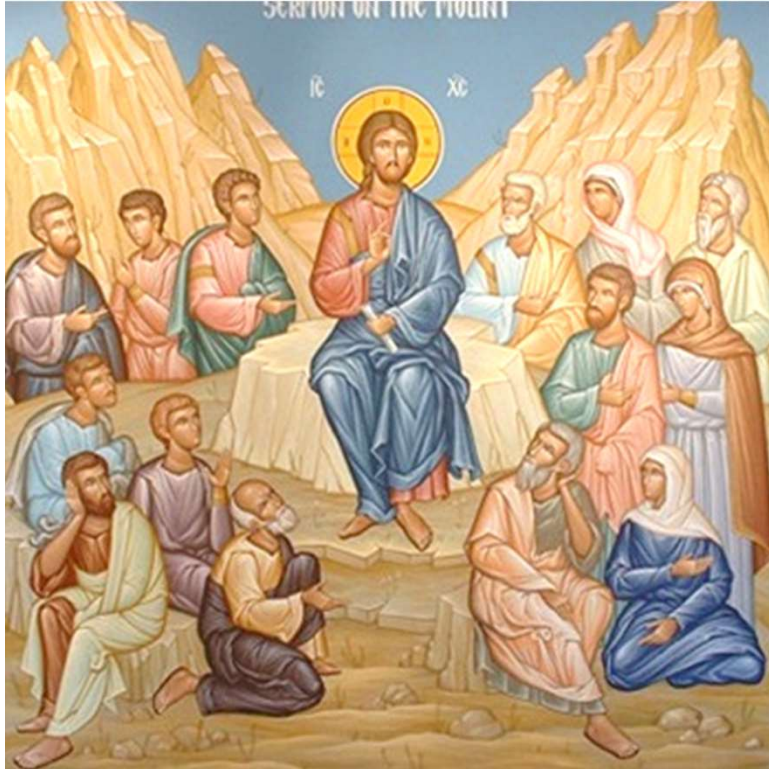
*Generosity.....Service...*

Dksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy received Gramotas.  
 Colleen Philipp received the St. Barbara Medal.  
 Marcia Zaruba O'Connor received the St. Nicholas Medal.  
 Dawn Healey received the St. Barbara Medal.



*Volunteerism...*

## Bishop Luke's Sermon – Sunday, December 19, 2021 Luke 6:17-23



The verses in today's Scripture should sound familiar to you. They are the Beatitudes, and you hear the Choir sing them at the beginning of Divine Liturgy every Sunday. "Blessed are the poor; blessed are the hungry; blessed are those who weep; blessed are those who are hated...." Today I am giving my first blessing to you, the faithful, as Bishop -- not elevated on the stairs of the altar -- but here in the center of the Sanctuary, on the same level as you -- just as Jesus did. Luke says: "And He came down....and stood on a level place...with His disciples and a great multitude of people" who were healed as they listened to Jesus. Why did Luke think it important to tell us this? Because the Beatitudes speak to all of us, to you, to me, to everyone. We are equal, all on the same level. The next time you hear the Choir sing the Beatitudes, listen closely. We are all promised

spiritual blessings. The final verse tells us so: "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in Heaven." As you know, today is the Feast Day of our Patron Saint Nicholas. Prior to sainthood, Nicholas was a very generous man, a priest and then a Bishop. So virtuous and giving was St. Nicholas that his life was the inspiration for Santa Claus. Teach your children to believe in St. Nicholas, his generosity and kindness -- and that every day is an opportunity to give gifts to others. The gift of kindness, empathy, compassion, forgiveness, friendship, love and prayer -- things not material -- are the blessed way to eternal rewards, just as the Beatitudes teach us. AMEN.



### CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### ST. NICHOLAS PATRIARCHAL CHOIR

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

### ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

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



### CLERGY

**Bishop Luke (Zhoba) of Philadelphia,**  
Vicar of the Kyiv Diocese  
Rector, St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral  
**V. Rev. Father Oleksii Kacharai**

St. Nicholas Patriarchal Stavropigia Orthodox Cathedral  
817 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123  
stnicholaseoc.org

Bishop Luke of Philadelphia, Secretary  
Vicariate of the UOC-KP in the USA & Canada  
820 Hoffman Pl., 1<sup>st</sup> Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19123  
uockpusa.org

Ms. Anna Kuliasha  
St. Martha Center  
470 Manor Avenue  
Downingtown, PA 19335  
Tel: 610-873-8490



Cell: 215-479-1010

Church Office: 215-922-9671

Vicariate Office: 215-922-2062

# Schedule of Services

Saturday, December 25	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 26	9:00 am: Reading of The Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 1	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 2	9:00 am: Reading of The Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal 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>	9:00 am: Reading of The Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 11:00 am: Christmas Lunch in the Cathedral Hall
Saturday, January 8 – <b>SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS</b>	9:00 am: Reading of The Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 9	9:00 am: Reading of The Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida
Saturday, January 15	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 16 <b>GALA LUNCH, A FUNDRAISER FOR THE VICARIATE, HONORING NEWLY-ORDAINED BISHOP LUKE</b>	9:00 am: Reading of The Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by a Gala Lunch Honoring Bishop Luke

**ATTENTION, PARISHIONERS:** Please observe the **RESERVED PARKING** signs in our parking lot. **#1, #2 and #19** parking spots are **RENTED**. Please do **NOT** park in these spots at any time. Thank you!

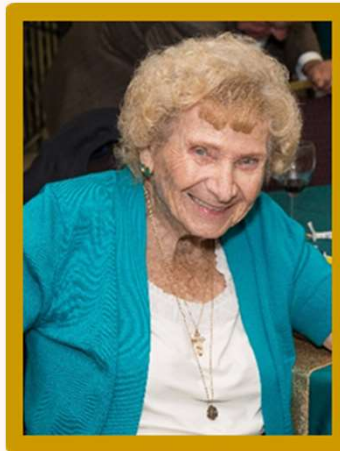
## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2021**

- 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

Email [sneoc100@gmail.com](mailto:sneoc100@gmail.com) to contribute information to this Bulletin. Info must be received by noon on WEDNESDAY to be published in the Sunday Bulletin.  
Publisher: Susan Guz; Editor: Fr. Luke

SUNDAY  
VIGIL CANDLES  
LIT TODAY

1. For the health of the Murphy Family: Frank, Renee, Alex and Matt
2. In memory of the newly-departed Kevin Brown, offered by the Murphy Family
3. In memory of my mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Helen Sameruck, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of her passing, offered by Judy and Tom Hanney and Family
4. For the health of our children: Dawn, Theresa, John, Jennifer, Megan and Alyson, Love, Ellen and Phil
5. For the health of Susan Guz, for all she does, Love, Ellen and Phil
6. For the health of our son-in-law, Ray McNulty, on his Birthday, Love, Barbara and George
7. In memory of my Mother and Father, Helen and Stephen Sameruck, Love, Barbara and George



This Week's Bulletin is  
Sponsored by  
Judy and Tom Hanney  
and Family  
In Memory of  
Mother, Grandmother,  
Great-Grandmother

**HELEN SAMERUCK**  
- Memory Eternal -

## 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  
for the health of beloved wife  
ELLEN HANAVIN**





**The Patriarchal Choir with Bishop Luke  
Eve Edwards, Soprano; Clifford Bechtel, Tenor; Alicen Ragonese, Alto; Susan Guz, Choir Director; Anthony Sinigaglio II, Bass; Megnot Toggia, Alto  
Absent: Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor; Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto**





**Bishop Luke blessed Ray McNulty who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday, December 21. Happy Birthday, Ray!**



**The banner hung in our Cathedral Hall on Sunday, December 19, said it best!**

Imagery from  
Our St. Nicholas  
Patron Saint  
Lunch  
Sunday,  
Dec. 19, 2021



Santa Claus Came to Town!



Thank you to all who came to enjoy our St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch. 100% of your ticket benefited the Cathedral as the entire event - food and decorations - was DONATED by parishioners.





# *His Holiness Patriarch Philaret*



*Ruling Bishop*

*Vicariate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
Kyiv Patriarchate in the USA & Canada*

**REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE**  
*at a*

**GALA LUNCH FUNDRAISER**

*honoring*

*Vicar Bishop Luke (Zhoba)*

*newly-ordained by*

*His Holiness Patriarch of Kyiv and All-Rus Ukraine Philaret*

*Sunday, January 16, 2022*

**12:00 Noon, following Hierarchal Divine Liturgy**

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral*

**Liberty North Banquet Hall  
817 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia PA 19123**

**Catered Lunch and Live Music  
Tickets: \$50 per adult; children under 12 free  
100% of ticket sales benefit the Vicariate.**

**RSVP by January 3, 2022 to [uockpusa@gmail.com](mailto:uockpusa@gmail.com)  
and for info about table discounts.**



**Tickets to the Gala Lunch Fundraiser can be purchased at the  
Cathedral Candle Room by cash or check payable to the  
Vicariate of the UOC-KP**

**or by mailing your check to the**

**Vicariate of the UOC-KP  
820 Hoffman Place  
Philadelphia, PA 19123**

**Unable to attend? Please consider a donation to the Vicariate.  
Thank you!**



**The Board of Directors  
Vicariate of the UOC-KP in the USA & Canada  
Archimandrite Pytyrym (Cherviatuk)  
Very Reverend Father Oleksii Kacharai  
Thomas Hanney  
Susan Guz  
Ellen Hanavin  
Frank Borriello**

**[uockpusa.org](http://uockpusa.org)**



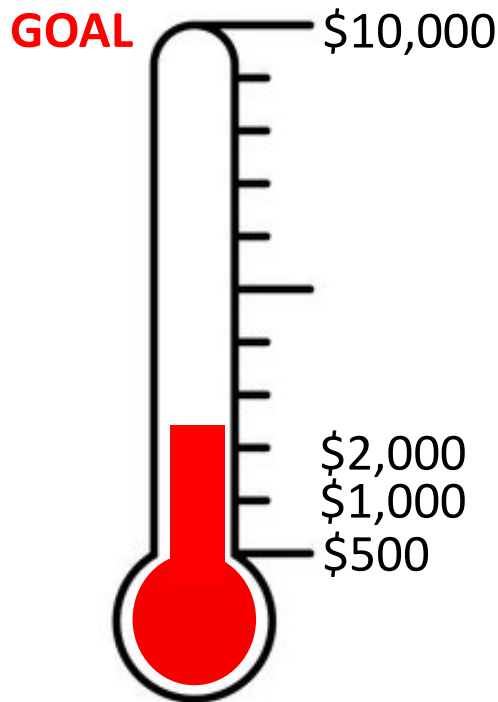


# EXTERIOR PAINTING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

**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!**

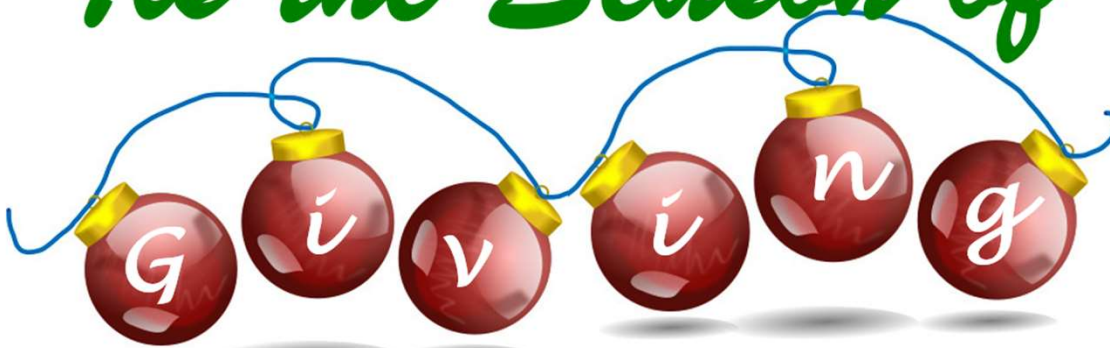


**! Double YOUR Dollar\$**

**THANK YOU!**

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

*'Tis the Season of*

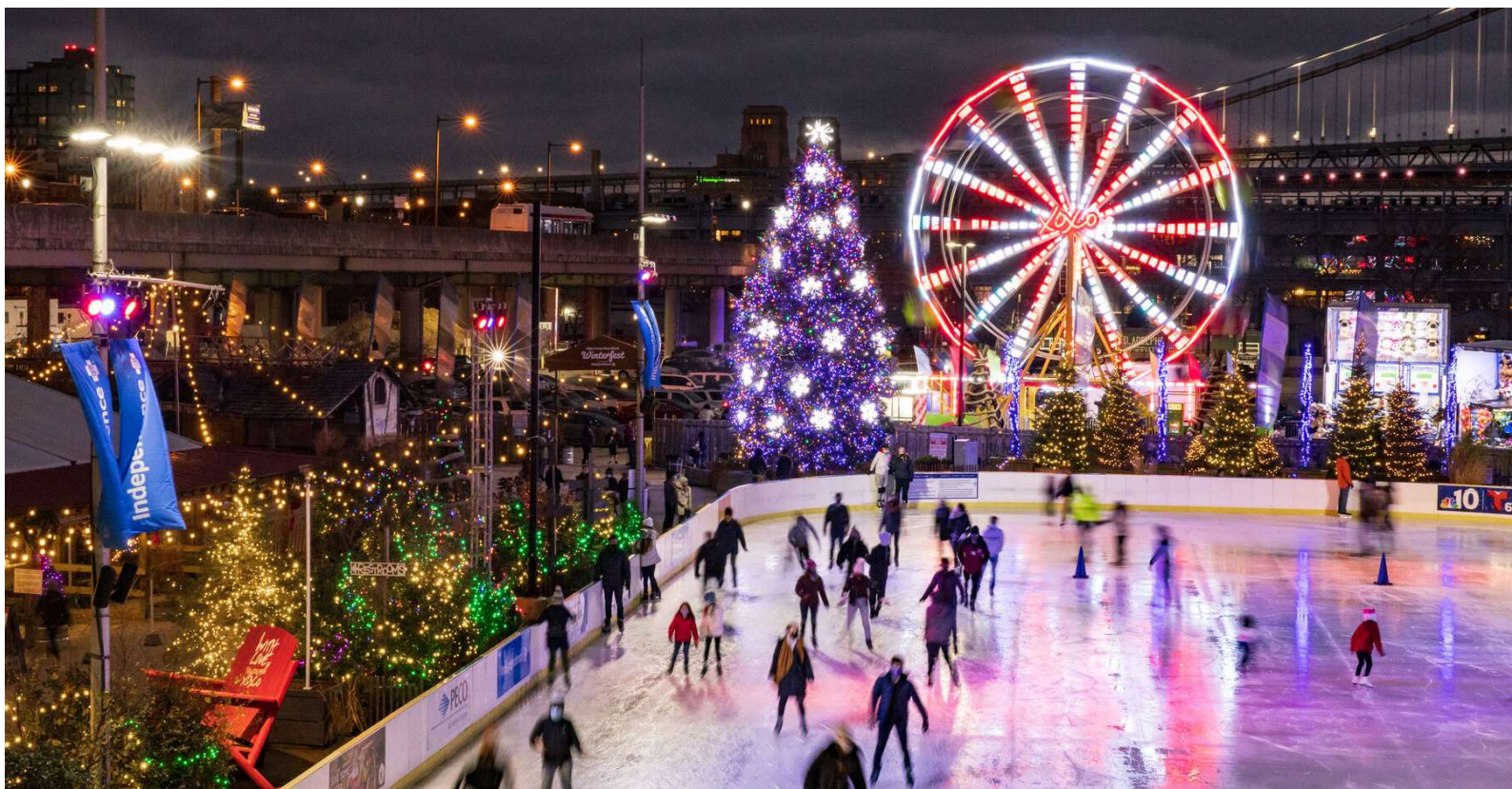


Blue Cross RiverRink  
*Winterfest*



**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 as soon as possible 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. 12/31/22
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. 9/1/22
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. 12/20/22
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

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

27<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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Colossians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. **(Colossians 3:4-11)**

**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 He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' " **(Luke 14:16-24)**

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