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Today we celebrate the **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**, the Old Testament Saints who prophesized the coming of Jesus Christ.

1 – 5: left to right: Adam, Enoch, Patriarch Abraham, Isaac and Abraham's grandson Jacob (holding a cloth containing his twelve sons: the Twelve Tribes of Israel).

6 – 10: left to right: Jeremiah, Prophet Elijah, Melchizedek, Righteous Noah (holding the Ark), and Zechariah (holding a seven-branched candle stand).

11 – 14: left to right: Samuel, Ezekiel, Elisha, and Moses.

15 – 22: left to right: Isaiah, King David, Daniel, Three Holy Youths (Ananias, Azarias and Misael), Aaron the Levite and Joshua.



Parishioners and Father Bohdan enjoyed an especially merry **St. Nicholas Feast Day** on Sunday, December 20, 2020, as we celebrated our Patron Saint Nicholas and Father Bohdan's 25th Ordination Anniversary and 4th Anniversary as Rector of our Church.



Following Divine Liturgy, a presentation to Father Bohdan included a commemorative plaque, gifts and a special performance by the Patriarchal Choir. In our Church Hall, festively decorated for Christmas, a bountiful lunch (observing the Nativity Fast) catered by Bell's Market, music performance by Dimitri and Lenore Kauriga and entertainment by Simon Shargo,

renowned clown and magician, all made for a memorable occasion for Father Bohdan and the congregation. Emulating the generosity of St. Nicholas, an anonymous donor came forward and paid for the entire event so every cent of your ticket benefited the St. Nicholas Church Benevolent Fund.





Imagery
from
Sunday,
December 20,
2020

Presentation to
Father Bohdan
in the Sanctuary

and

Festivities
in the
Church Hall







Gramotas and The St. Volodymyr Cavalier Honor Are Bestowed Upon Father Bohdan

On the blessed Feast Day of Saint Nicholas, and in commemoration of Father Bohdan's 25th Ordination Anniversary, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret conferred upon Father Bohdan the highest honor of the St. Volodymyr Medal: the Cavalier Medal.

Father Bohdan also received a Gramota from the Patriarch, and a Gramota from Very Reverend Dr. Volodymyr Vakin, Rector, Volyn Orthodox Theological Seminary, Father Bohdan's alma mater.

Congratulations!

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**НАСТОЯТЕЛЮ ПАРАФІЇ СЯГОГО МИКОЛАЯ
У ФІЛАДЕЛФІЇ, ШТАТ ПЕНСІЛЬВАНІЯ, США
ПРОТ. БОГДАНА ЗГОВІ**

ВАШЕ ВИСОКОПРЕДОБИЄ!

Прийміть мої найщиріші вітання з нагоди 25-ої річниці священнослужіння та 4-ої річниці служіння настоятелем Церкви Святого Миколая міста Філадельфія (США).

Наша Свята Церква високо цінує Вашу працю в ім'я становлення Незалежної Помісної Церкви України.

Молитовно зичу Вам міцного здоров'я, наснаги, успіхів та допомоги Божої в усіх починаннях.

Нехай Всемилостивий Господь завжди оберігає Вас та допомагає Вам своїми ласками і щедротами.

Многії і благії літа!

Закликаю на Вас Божє благословення.
З повагою,

Philaret
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За заслуги з відродження духовності у Сполучених Штатах Америки, утвердження Помісної Української Православної Церкви та з нагоди 25-ої річниці священнослужіння – нагородити протоієрея БОГДАНА ЗГОВУ Орденом Святого Рівноапостольного князя Володимира Великого I-го ступеня.

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Настоятелю старовинній парафії
Святителя Миколая Чудотворця у м. Філадельфія
прот. Богдану Згові

Ваше Високопреподобіє, всещасливий отче Богдане!

Повноцінна професорсько-викладацького складу та студентська Волинської Православної Богословської Академії щиро сердечно вітає Вас та Вашу Богословську працю з нагоди престолового свята храму Святителя Миколая Чудотворця.

Ви разом з громадською релігійно наслідуйте свого Інокронтителя, багато робите добрих справ на славу Божу. Одна серед яких, постійна допомога Вашій Alma Mater та її потребувачам студентам.

Возвращає ми щиро вітаємо Вас з нагоди особистого професійного ювілею – чверть століття стовпів пера. Пресловуті фахові.

Для будь-якого духовного навчального закладу, а отрим з найбільших надій є успішні власні випускників, про що ми завжди пам'ятаємо. Час міжорганізації багаторічної освітньо-професійної програми та спеціальністю 041 «Богослов'я» у Національній агенції забезпечення якості вищої освіти України, до процесу якої ми маємо честь залучити Вас.

Тому, ми разом з Вами піднімає, радіємо та молитовно зичимо на один десяток років релігійно трудитися на славу Божу та його Православної Церкви.

З повагою
Ректор ВІВА
Volodymyr Vakin
прот. Володимир Вакін

DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND



Father Bohdan's remarks in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 20, 2020, following Tom Hanney's presentation to him on behalf of the Council, Sisterhood and Congregation:

"Thank you so much, Tom and everyone. In all my 25 years as a priest, serving in St. Nicholas Church has been my happiest and most fulfilling experience, both as a priest and a person. There is a positive energy in this parish, a lot of teamwork, and a lot of faith and love. I look forward to celebrating many more happy occasions with you in the decades to come. Thank you! And now the Patriarchal Choir will sing two hymns to St. Nicholas, and then we will all go downstairs to the Church Hall for lunch, music and a show."

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*
4. **Serge & Janet Loginow**
*In Memory of Parents, Serge & Anna Loginow
Grandparents, Harry & Ksenia Loginow
Grandparents, John & Mary Sloma
Uncle, Nick Sloma
Aunt, Helen Trenchevski*
5. **Vicki & Frank Borriello**
In Honor of Susan Guz for all her work for the Church
6. **Vicki Borriello, Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy & Gail Osborn**
In Memory of Karen Niehoff
7. **Barbara McMonigle**
8. **Ellen & Phil Hanavin**
9. **Borriello Family**
10. **John & Susie Sobchak**
11. **Barbara & George Latsios**
In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck
12. **Dawn Healey**
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. **The Borriello Family**
In Memory of Daniel Clark
23. **The Murphy Family**
In Honor of Father Bohdan on his 25th Ordination Anniversary



FATHER BOHDAN
BAPTIZES
ALIZABETH
KIRSH-
BRESLAVSKAIA

on
Saturday,
December 19, 2020



Congratulations to Parents
Mikhail Kirsh and Natalia Breslavskaia
and
Godparents
Anastasiia Krimer and Evgenii Karbune



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!





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.

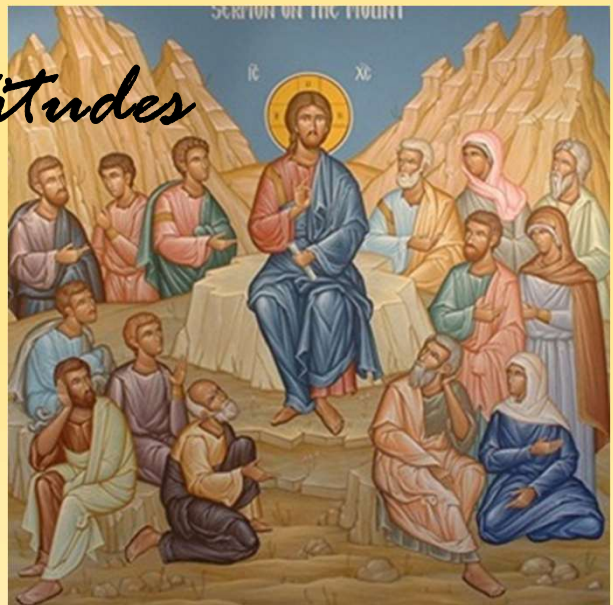
Father Bohdan's Sermon

Sunday,
December 20,
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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 sermon -- 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. Saint 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 Saint 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.

The Beatitudes



Please remember our homebound parishioner:

Ms. Anna Kuliasha
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Coming in
 February
 2021 ...

*Valentine's
 Lunch
 and
 Dance*

Schedule of Services	
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	CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 pm: Holy Supper in the Church Hall 6:30 pm: Vespers, Confession
Thursday, January 7 Christmas Day	CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy 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
Thursday, January 14 Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord and St. Basil the Great	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great & Moleben for the New Year
Saturday, January 16	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 17	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water
Monday, January 18 Eve of Theophany	5:00 pm: Vespers
Tuesday, January 19 Theophany	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water

Always something...
 with the thawing of the snow and ice on our polyurethane church roof, there is nothing to stop an avalanche. This is not the first time our awning has been crushed by falling snow – and it will not be the last time. The exterior light was also ripped off. We have sought advice from roofing experts. The only long-term solution is to replace the roof with traditional shingles that provide traction. We are being proactive and have set up a special Roof Fund for this very purpose: stnicholaseoc.org/donate/ (Then scroll down to Roof Fund.)



SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of my grandson, Bennett Snoke, on his 12th Birthday, Love Grandmom, Gail Osborn
3. For the health of our grandson, Jameson, on his 8th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
4. In memory of my mother/grandmother, Helen Sameruck, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and Family
5. For the health of my brother, Teddy, and for a speedy recovery, Love, Ellen and Phil
6. For the health of Uncle Teddy, Love, Dawn
7. For the health of Susan, for all she does, Love, Ellen and Phil
8. For the health of my mom, Ellen Hanavin, and for a successful surgery and fast recovery, Love, Dawn and Ron



Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoï Candles:	\$25
Altar Candles:	\$35
Annual Vigil:	\$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 Levchenko 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, Hrystyna, 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 Voloshnovsky. 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
22. +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



**THE
SCRIPTURE
READING**

**FOR
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 27**

**29TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

CHOIR: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O my God, Thou art very great!
O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!

CHOIR: In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

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: Go forth, prosper and reign because of truth and meekness and righteousness.
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

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.