

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

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Bulletin for Sunday, December 3, 2023



The Presentation of the Most Holy Theotokos – the entrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the age of 3 into the Temple in Jerusalem – is one of the 12 great feasts in the Orthodox Church and is celebrated on Monday, Dec. 4.

We commemorate when Mary's parents, Anna and Joachim, giving thanks for the birth of their daughter (having been childless for so long), brought her to the Temple where she remained until she was 12. The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her future calling as the Mother of our Lord.

*Earthly
riches are
not the
answer to
eternal
security.*



Luke 12:16-21
Sunday, December 3, 2023
Scripture Reading and Sermon

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.

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 a blessed long-term investment for sure! AMEN.

+Bishop Luke

Schedule of Services

Saturday, December 2	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 3	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 9	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 10	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida
Saturday, December 16	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 17	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Moleben to St. Nicholas and Patron Saint Lunch in the Cathedral Hall
Saturday, December 23	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 24	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy



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 Colleen Philipp on her birthday, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
3. For the health of Colleen Philipp on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of Colleen Philipp on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
5. For the health of Colleen Philipp on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
6. For the health of Lydia Pasichniak on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
7. For the health of Susan Guz, Love, Ellen and Phil
8. In memory of my father, Emil Levchenko, on his birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
9. In memory of our brother/uncle Charles Michael Redmond on his birthday, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp, Jennifer and Cory Redmond

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NATIVITY FAST



The Orthodox Church prepares its faithful to welcome the Nativity of Christ in a worthy manner by means of a 40-day Nativity fast, which lasts from November 28 to January 7.

Let us journey toward the Feast of the Nativity with joyous hearts! Fast not only from food, but also from hatred and fear. Repent. Do good and be kind to all. Forgive. Be generous. Give alms. In all things, give glory to God.

PIEROGI and HALUSHKI for the holidays – while they last!

Prices: \$12/dozen for potato/cheese pierogi. \$8/quart for halushki.

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Christmas Vigils

- Christmas Vigils will be published in the Sunday, January 7th edition of the Bulletin and lit in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, Saturday, January 6, and Christmas Day, Saturday, January 7.
- 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.

There were 206 Christmas vigils illuminating the Sanctuary last year!



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. 11/1/24
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/24
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. 10/13/24
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. 8/1/24
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/23
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. 10/18/24
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. 4/19/24
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/24
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
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. 5/31/24
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/24
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, Hrustyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/23
19. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/24
20. +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. 12/31/23
21. +In memory of Alexander and Ewdokia Janoczkin and son Michail, offered by the Janoczkin, Wojnarowicz and Adams families. exp. 12/31/23
22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/24
23. +In loving memory of newly-departed sister-in-law/aunt, Sandra Chelak, who passed away on April 18 and brother-in-law/uncle, George Chelak, who passed away on July 24. Memory Eternal. Offered by Dorothy Chelak, Denise Chelak and Nina Davis. exp. 5/21/24
24. +In loving memory of newly-departed brother-in-law/uncle, Paul Chelak, who passed away on November 17. With prayers for Paul's eternal rest and to comfort his beloved wife of 59 years, Adrienne, and children David, Gregory and Victoria and their families. Memory Eternal. Offered by Dorothy Chelak, Denise Chelak and Nina Davis. exp. 11/30/24

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

CHOIR: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye Righteous! Praise befits the just! Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

CHOIR: As we have set our hope on Thee.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Ephesians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. **(Ephesians 5:8-19)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: God gives vengeance unto me and subdues people under me!

He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully with Christ, with David and his seed forever.

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 spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." 'But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. **(Luke 12:16-21)**

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

Save
the
date



St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

Sunday, December 17, 2023

**COME JOIN US at our Annual St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch
Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patron Saint Nicholas the
Wonderworker, Archibishop of Myra**

This festive annual event will follow Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall on
Sunday, December 17, 2023.

Tickets are \$25 for adults; children 12 and younger are free.

The event includes lunch, music, and most probably a visit from Santa Claus,
too! All ticket sales benefit the Cathedral's Building Fund.

*This is such an important annual event
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