

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

Fast &  
Pray

Nativity Fast  
November 28-January 6

Fasting is an integral part of our Orthodox life. The Nativity Fast has begun to prepare us for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. During the next 6 weeks, we will focus on fasting, prayer and acts of charity. The purpose of fasting is not to suffer. On the contrary, fasting is healthy for both soul and body. During the fast, our physical and spiritual lives become one as we turn our attention to God.

## Feast Day of Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria

We commemorate St. Catherine on December 7. Martyred in the early 4<sup>th</sup> Century at the hand of Emperor Maxentius, Saint Catherine was born a princess and became a noted scholar. She became a Christian when she was 14 years old, and subsequently converted hundreds to Christianity. She was martyred at the young age of 18.



# Schedule of Services

Thank You  
for wearing your

**MASK**



Saturday, December 5	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 6	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 12	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 13	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida
Saturday, December 19	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 20	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Patron Saint Gala Lunch and Commemoration of Father Bohdan's 25 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary
Saturday, December 26	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 27	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

## Father Bohdan's Sermon Sunday, November 29, 2020 Matthew 9:9-13

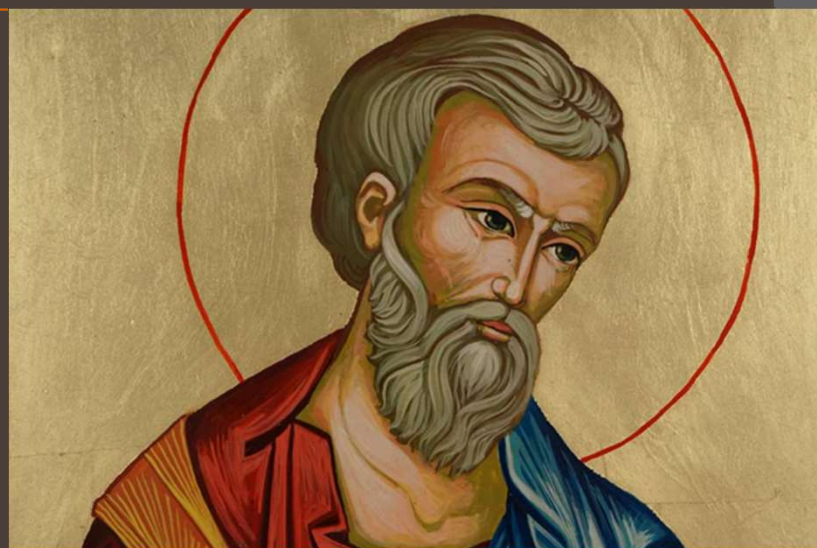


### ATTENTION, EVERYONE:

The remodeling of the Kitchen starts Monday, December 7. To prepare, we need volunteers to stay after Divine Liturgy on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**, to empty the Kitchen cabinets and drawers – and to move two freezers from the shed into the Hall.

**THANK YOU!**

So, be a disciple of Christ. Embrace God. Let your faith grow as you go through life. And be encouraged by the holy Disciple, Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. AMEN. And on this Feast Day of St. Matthew, we wish Matthew Murphy – and all the Matthews in our parish and in our lives **MANY YEARS!**



In today's Scripture reading, Jesus meets Matthew, the tax collector, for the first time. "Come be my disciple," Jesus says. And then Matthew, after acknowledging his sins, repaying anyone he had ever cheated, and giving his possessions to the poor, followed Christ. He became a disciple, apostle and evangelist. Today we celebrate his Feast Day. First, what is the difference between a disciple and apostle? A disciple is a follower and student of a mentor and teacher. An apostle accepts and delivers those teachings to others, spreading the word of God. And now, I want you to think about your role as a disciple of Christ.

Can you be a disciple? Most definitely yes. But you may think that you are too imperfect to ever be worthy of being one of Jesus' disciples. The Scripture is replete with flawed people chosen by Jesus: Moses, Peter, David, the Samaritan Woman at the Well and Matthew to name a few. And as today's Scripture says: "God has not called the righteous but the sinners to repentance."

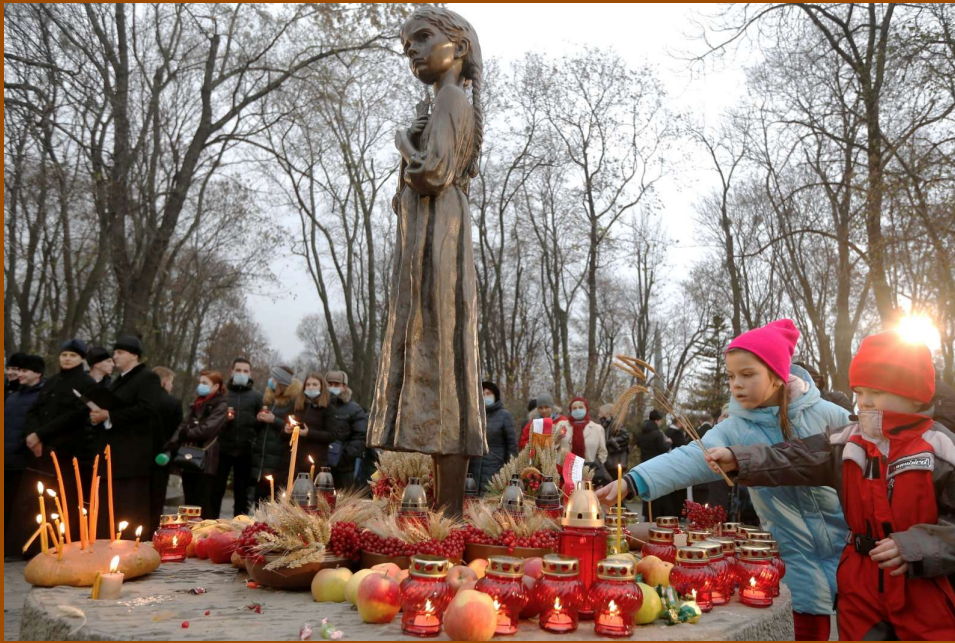
# HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY

Famine Genocide in Ukraine (1932 - 1933)

Saturday, November 28, 2020, was the Annual Day of Remembrance for the victims of the man-made famine that occurred in 1932-1933 at the hands of the Soviet regime which caused the death of millions of innocent Ukrainians.

“Holodomor” literally translated means “to kill by starvation.”

**- MEMORY ETERNAL -**



Ukrainians associate the last Saturday of November with a solemn date – Holodomor Remembrance Day. On this day, Ukrainians all over the world light a symbolic candle of remembrance, honoring the victims of this tragedy. This photo is the haunting statue known as “Bitter Memory of Childhood” at the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide in Kyiv, Ukraine. The statue is a young girl clutching a handful of wheat and is dedicated to the most vulnerable victims of starvation: children.

## CLERGY

**Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector**

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Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy

## Father Bohdan Participates in International Videoconference

On Monday, November 30, Father Bohdan – in his roles as Alumnus of Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy, Rector of St. Nicholas Church and Executive Director of Theological Institute Philadelphia – participated in a videoconference attended by faculty, professors, clergy and education officials regarding the re-accreditation of the seminary Academy. Father Bohdan voiced his strong support for the Academy and its high standard of education. Father Bohdan is a distinguished Alumnus, having graduated from the Academy in 1996. He maintains close ties with the head of the Academy, Metropolitan Michael Zinkievich and Rector, Very Reverend Dr. Volodymyr Vakin.



**Father Bohdan received this lovely card in the mail last week from four first-time visitors who came to our Festival....**

*A Thanksgiving Wish for You*



*"Very Reverend Bohdan Zloba:*

*Thank you so much for your warm and loving hospitality at the Pierogi Festival. We had a great time — delicious food, wonderful music and warm friendly people. Thank you for taking the time to give us a tour of your church and Sanctuary. We learned so much from you. Stay well."*

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May you always be surrounded by the smiles of friends, the love of family, and the happiness that comes from meeting each day with the spirit of Thanksgiving in your heart!!

**Have a Happy Holiday**

*Bea Talies - Also Bored  
Angie Crangels and  
Tony Solbeck.*



## DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020

1. Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy,  
Vicki Borriello & Gail Osborn  
*In Memory of Victoria Patterson*
2. Anna Kuliasha
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Pauline and Charles John Redmond*
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*In Memory of Parents, Serge & Anna Loginow  
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Grandparents, John & Mary Sloma  
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5. Vicki & Frank Borriello  
*In Honor of Susan Guz for all her work for the Church*
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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  
St. Martha Center  
470 Manor Avenue  
Downingtown, PA 19335  
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Altar Candles: \$35;  
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#### SUNDAY VIGILS

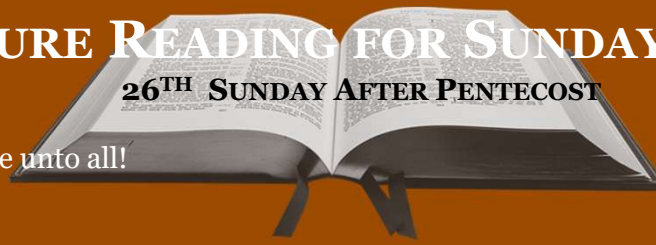
1. For the health of my sister, Renee Murphy, on her birthday, Love, Gail
2. For the health of Renee Murphy on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
3. For the health of Colleen Philipp on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
4. In memory of our dad/grandfather, Stephen Sameruck, on his birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and Family
5. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on her birthday, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
6. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on her birthday, Love, Barbara and George and Cassandra and Ray
7. For the health of George Latsios, offered by Tom, Judy and Family
8. For the health of George Latsios and a successful surgery, Love, Ellen and Phil
9. For the health of my sister-in-law, Joanne, and for a speedy recovery, Love, Ellen and Phil

#### ANNUAL VIGILS

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. 12/31/20
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. 12/31/20
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. 12/31/20
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
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 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

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

26<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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

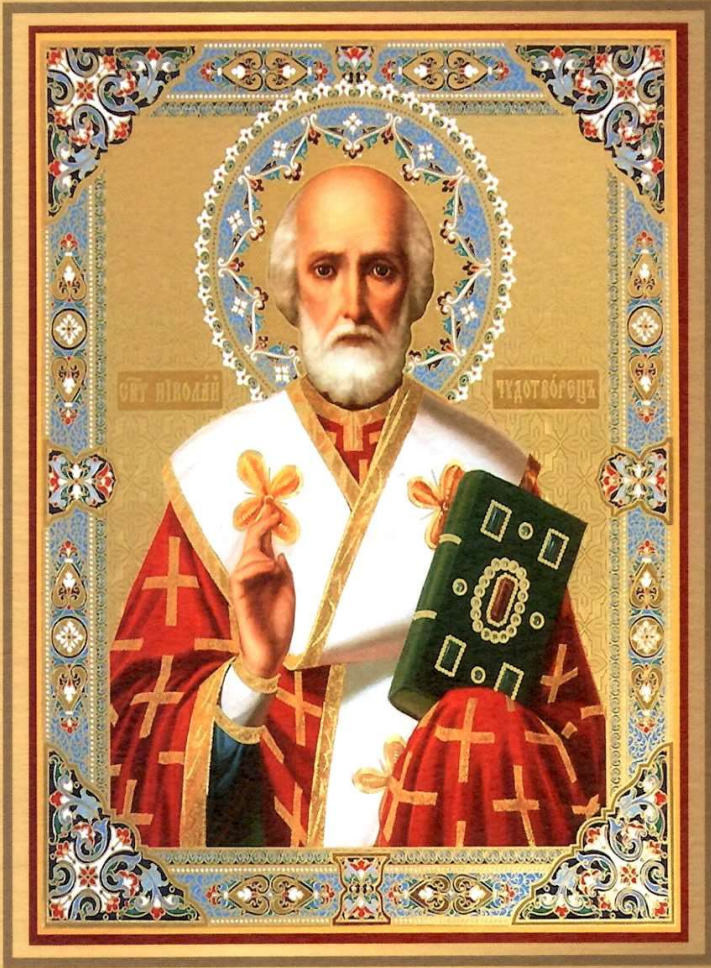
**CHOIR:** Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**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.

# 25th Ordination Anniversary

Peace be unto you. As My Father has sent Me, so I send you.  
John 20:21



Please join us for a  
25th Anniversary of Ordination  
celebration for

## Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba

Divine Liturgy  
will be celebrated at

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church on  
Sunday, December 20, 2020, at 9:30 am

*A Gala Lunch will follow in our Church Hall.  
We will also commemorate our  
Patron Saint Nicholas on this day.*

RSVP: SNEOC100@gmail.com by December 6

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year to  
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