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Bulletin for Sunday, February 16, 2020

The Paschal Cycle continues with the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, two weeks before the beginning of Great Lent.

“Thou art ever with me, and all that is mine is thine.”
Luke 15:31

The parable teaches us God's compassion and forgiveness.



The Kontakion Hymn of the occasion reads:

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; And among sinners I have scattered the riches which You gave to me.

And now I cry to You as the Prodigal: I have sinned before You, O merciful Father; Receive me as a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants.

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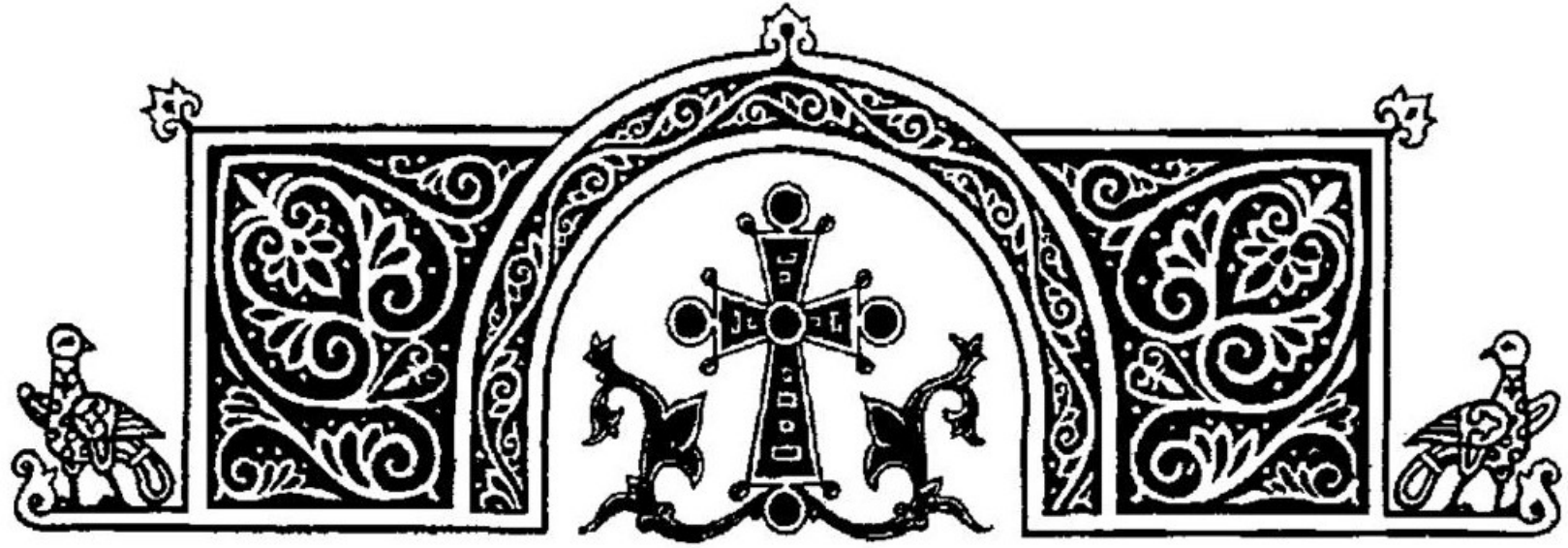
- **Saturday, February 15: Vespers, 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, February 16: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM – Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
- **Saturday, February 22: Vespers, 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, February 23: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM – Meatfare Sunday**

Father Bohdan was invited to the office of Toner Architects, 1901 South 9th Street, Philadelphia. on the occasion of the firm's 10th Anniversary in business.

(pictured here with Ian Toner)



**On Father Bohdan's upcoming schedule:
the Blessing of the David Rocco Art Gallery
in Center City on Locust Street.**



Pre-Easter Calendar

Monday, March 2	Great Lent Begins
Friday, March 6	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Friday, March 13	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 14	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, March 20	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 21	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, March 27	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 28	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, April 3	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Friday, April 10	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 11	SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY and lowering of chandelier
Sunday, April 12	Palm Sunday ("Potato Pancake" Fellowship Lunch)
Wednesday, April 15	Healing Service
Thursday, April 16	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 17	Holy Friday
Saturday, April 18	Holy Saturday
Sunday April 19	PASCHA EASTER
Monday, April 20	Bright Monday

**NOTE: We are suggesting a donation of \$25 for the reading of the names of your beloved departed on all three Soul Saturdays. See Ellen in the Candle Room.*

SOUL SATURDAYS: In addition to Panikhidas for individuals, there are also several days during the year that are set aside as special general commemorations of the dead, when all departed Orthodox Christians will be prayed for together (this is especially to benefit those who have no one on earth to pray for them). The majority of these general commemorations fall on the various **SOUL SATURDAYS**. During Great Lent, Soul Saturdays will be **March 14, 21 and 28**. The Divine Liturgy service will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by the Panikhida. Please leave the names of your beloved departed and your donation (we are requesting a \$25 donation) in the Candle Room for these special Panikhidas. We have on file the names submitted by parishioners last year, and the list is in the Candle Room. Please double check your names when you leave your donation. Bread and koliva will be offered during these Panikhidas.



The "Juniors" from City School's 11th Grade Bible Class, with their teacher, Megan Owens, visited St. Nicholas Church on Monday, February 10, 2020. The students stayed 1-1/2 hours and asked insightful questions about Orthodoxy, icons, the lives of the saints, why we light candles and use incense, how to become a priest, healing services..... This was the fourth group of students to visit our Church during the past year from the City School, a Pre-K to Grade 12 Christian school, located in our neighborhood at 910 North 6th Street.



The group of visiting students from City School were each given a parting gift: a prayer card of the “Miraculous Icon of St. Anna, Mother of the Mother of God.” Two students are pictured here with their teacher, Megan Owens.



What's Going On In The Choir Loft.....?



What a team! Judy and Tom Hanney, armed with 14-inch shears, cut and installed non-slip, anti-fatigue padding under the rugs they previously donated for the Choir Loft. Why did the Choir sound exceptional on Sunday? “Happy feet,” said Tom, who sings Tenor in the Patriarchal Choir. The talented Choir members stand for hours as they sing praises to God. And the Hanneys thoughtfully purchased the thick padding to make the prolonged time on their feet more comfortable. THANK YOU!

Reminder!

- **Sisterhood Annual Dues for 2020: \$10**
(please see Barbara Latsios or Diane Kavchok)
- **Annual Dues for 2020: \$150 for individuals;**
\$300 for families (please see Ellen Hanavin)

Please remember our
homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Rehabilitation Center
470 Manor Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Tel: 610-873-8490

Payment is easy: cash, check, credit card
(in person or online through our Church website –
stnicholaseoc.org – DONATE tab). THANK YOU!

Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, February 9, 2020
Luke 18:10-14

Today is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee and as we heard in today's Scripture reading, two men -- the Pharisee and the Publican tax-collector -- went to the temple to pray. Two men...and two lessons...emerge from what happened next. First, we immediately see that the Pharisee is self-righteous, even though he is repenting. He says: I fast....I give to the church...I am good....I am not like other men...and then the Pharisee added insult to injury: he did not mind his own business! Not only did he think of himself as the best, he criticized the tax collector. I am better than the tax collector, he said, and confidently says that the tax collector would not even raise his eyes to heaven. The Pharisee thought he knew what was in the mind and heart of the Publican.

The lesson: Do not compare yourself to others. Do not compare notes. Do not compare who is worse, whose sins are greater than yours. I am sure you have enough to reflect upon in your own life. And your conversation, your thoughts, your prayers – if they are truly repentant and humble – should be between you and God, no one else.

Remember the final sentence of today's Scripture reading: for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. AMEN.





THINKING AHEAD: Because the gift basket raffle at our Pierogi Festival last year was such a success, parishioner Renee Murphy had an idea how to make this year's raffle *even better*. She is collecting your unwanted gifts and/or gift cards that you wish to donate to the Church. Then, over the next several months, Renee will create attractive gift baskets for our **Pierogi Festival 2020 (November 7-8)**. She is already soliciting businesses for gift card donations! **Please drop off your unused items in the Church Office.**

Turning 21..... a milestone birthday for Hryhoriy "Greg" Zhoba, Father Bohdan's son, who is currently a "pre-med" Junior at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. He turned 21 on February 7.



Happy Birthday



Mnohaya Lita!



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SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY



**Altar Candles Lit Today
In Memory of my Mother
HELEN VALENTINA SAMERUCK
on her birthday
and my Father
STEPHEN SAMERUCK
offered by
Judy and Tom Hanney
and Family**

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. In memory of the newly-departed Victoria Patterson, offered by Dawn & Ron Healey
2. For the health and comfort of the Borriello and Patterson families during this difficult time, offered by Dawn & Ron Healey
3. In memory of Helen Sameruck, Sophie Gamble and Helen Horbacz, on their birthdays, offered by Dawn & Ron Healey
4. For the health of Bill & Marie Simpson as they travel to Hawaii, Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
5. For the health of Geoffrey Pearce on his birthday, Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
6. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, offered with love, Renee Frank Alex and Matt
7. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
8. In memory of my mother, Lillian Fox, on her birthday, Love, Gail
9. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk, on their anniversary, Love, Tom, Judy and the Bennetts
10. For the health of Tamara Fedec-Thornton, on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
11. For the health of our Granddaughter, Gia, on her 18th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
12. For the health of our Grandson, Danny, on his 13th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
13. For the health of our daughter, Dawn Healey, Love, Mom and Dad
14. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer, on their anniversary, offered by Ellen Hanavin

**Altar Candles: \$35; Analoi Candles: \$25
Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100**



ANNUAL VIGILS

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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. 11/1/20
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. 10/1/20
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
7. +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
8. +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. 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +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. 9/18/20
11. +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. 4/19/20
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
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. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitality, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrustyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. /1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
25. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 2st 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 Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. **(1 Corinthians 6:12-20)**

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 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: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants. And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' " **(Luke 15:11-32)**

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