

“Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.”

Luke 15:31

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

*Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate*

Bulletin for Sunday,  
February 12, 2023

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son



Jesus told this parable to show that God, like a loving father, is always ready to forgive and welcome back a repentant sinner. On this Sunday, the great lesson the Orthodox Church teaches is that of God's compassion and forgiveness.

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*Bishop Luke uses the water blessed on the Feast of Theophany to sanctify the homes of the faithful. Every year at this time, he brings the blessed water to our homes, praying while sprinkling it in each room. In this way, our homes and our lives are rededicated and renewed to Christ our God.*

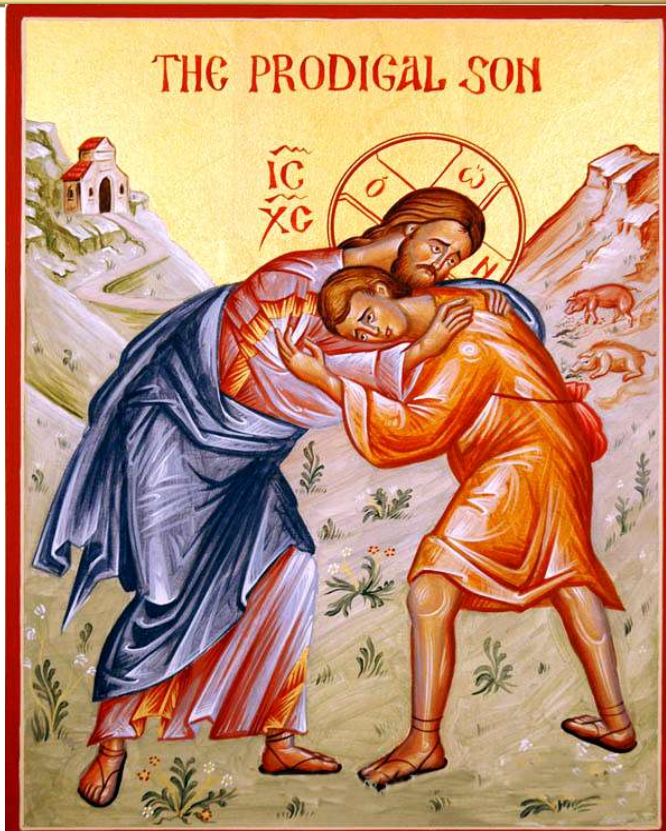
# Bless OUR HOME

**Please contact Bishop Luke directly if you would like your house blessed during the Epiphany season.  
Cell: 215-479-1010; bishoplukphiladelphia@gmail.com**

## How to Prepare for the Blessing of Your Home

*A lighted candle, an icon or cross, and a bowl for Holy Water should be placed on a table covered with a clean tablecloth, preferably white. Turn OFF the radio, television and computer. All who are present in the house should come together and stand by the table where the service takes place. Finally, print the first names of the immediate family members on a sheet of paper for commemoration.*

Sunday, February 12, is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. We have heard this Scripture reading (Luke 15:11-32) of the father and his two sons many times. Focus on the joy that the father experienced when his wayward son finally returns home to receive a joyous welcome....a party....a celebration! The spiritual message is that if you have sinned and are truly repentant as the Prodigal Son was, you can return to God the Father and be accepted by Him with great joy no matter what you have done. And those who have not fallen should not resent those who come back. They should share in their Father's joy. Surely you have experienced such joy, both in forgiving others and being forgiven, the joy of reconciliation. The Prodigal Son rejoiced in receiving his father's blessing of forgiveness just as all Orthodox faithful rejoice in receiving blessings from God.



PREPARE FOR

# GREAT LENT



**Luke 15:11-32**



- ❖ During Great Lent, Presanctified Liturgy will be WEDNESDAY evenings at 5:00 PM.
- ❖ During Great Lent, our monthly Panikhidas on Sundays will be suspended. Prayers for your beloved departed will be on SOUL SATURDAYS, March 11, 18 and 25. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for Soul Saturday prayers.

## Schedule of Services

Saturday, February 11	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 12 <b>SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON</b>	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida and Fellowship Lunch in the Cathedral Hall. Stay and enjoy a "Children's Choir Concert" in the Hall following lunch!
Saturday, February 18	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 19 <b>MEATFARE SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 25	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 26 <b>CHEESEFARE SUNDAY FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, Forgiveness Vespers, followed by a traditional "Cheese Blintzes" Fellowship Lunch in the Cathedral Hall
Monday, February 27	<b>GREAT LENT BEGINS</b>
Wednesday, March 1	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 4	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 5 <b>ORTHODOXY SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, March 8	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 11 <b>SOUL SATURDAY</b>	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Panikhida
Sunday, March 12	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, March 15	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 18 <b>SOUL SATURDAY</b>	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Panikhida



**ATTENTION!**  
RALLY IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
AT THE LINCOLN  
MEMORIAL ON  
**SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2023,**  
TO SUPPORT  
UKRAINE ON THE  
1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE RUSSIAN  
INVASION.

*In Washington D.C., the Ukrainian community will meet at 2 pm at the Lincoln Memorial to hold a mass rally to mark the 1-year anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, followed by a march to the Russian Ambassador's residence. The buses are chartered by the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, together with the Honorary Consulate of Ukraine in Philadelphia, with the most generous sponsorship support of the Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union and the unwavering support of many community organizations in the Greater Philadelphia area. Buses are equipped with 110V outlets and restrooms. We strongly encourage you to bring YOUR OWN food, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages on this trip. Please dress in accordance with the weather forecast.*

**Round-trip bus tickets  
are \$15 each purchased  
only through  
Eventbrite.com.**

**BUSES WILL DEPART AT 9:00 AM FROM  
3 LOCATIONS IN PHILADELPHIA:**

- 1. Manor College (parking is available) at 700 Fox Chase Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046;**
- 2. St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church (parking is available) at 1013 Fox Chase Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046;**
- 3. Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (street parking) at 830 N Franklin St, Philadelphia, PA 19123.**

**SUPPORT  
UKRAINE**

### SCHEDULE

- 9:00 AM: Depart Philadelphia**
- 12:30 PM: Free time for lunch**
- 2:00 PM: Rally at Lincoln Memorial**
- 3:30 PM: March to the Russian Ambassador's residence**
- 5:00 PM: Depart Washington D.C. back to Philadelphia**

# SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
2. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
3. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
4. For the health of my beloved wife, Ellen, Love, Phil
5. For the health of Ellen Hanavin and a speedy recovery, Love, Susan
6. For the health of Phil Hanavin on his birthday, Love, Susan
7. For the health of my beloved husband, Phil, on his birthday, Love, Ellen
8. In memory of Helen Sameruck on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
9. In memory of Helen Horbacz and Sophie Gamble on their birthdays, Love, Ellen
10. For the health of Susan Guz, Love, Ellen and Phil
11. For the health of Marcia O'Connor, on her birthday, Love, the Hanney, Bennett and Whitmer Families
12. For the health of Marcia O'Connor, on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
13. For the health of Phil Hanavin on his special birthday, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
14. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer, on their anniversary, Love, Mom and Dad
15. In memory of our mother/(great) grandmother, Helen Sameruck, on her birthday, offered by Tom, Judy and Family
16. For the health of my granddaughter, Samantha Osborn, on her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered with love, Grandmom
17. For the health of Ellen Hanavin & a speedy recovery after her surgery, offered by Colleen & Nicholas Philipp & George Zervos
18. In memory of my Mother, our Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Helen Trenchevski, on the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her passing and on her birthday, offered with love, Diane Kavchok and Family
19. In memory of our mother/grandmother, Helen Sameruck, on her birthday, Love, Barbara and George Latsios, Cassandra and Ray McNulty
20. For the health of Phil Hanavin on his birthday, Love, Barbara and George
21. For the health of our Granddaughter Gia on her 21st Birthday, offered by Baba And Pop-Pop McMonigle
22. For the health of Olya Kovalova on her birthday. Love, Dawn Healey
23. For the health of my dad, Philip Hanavin, on his 75th Birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
24. For the health of Marcia Zaruba O'Connor on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
25. In memory of Helen Sameruk on her heavenly birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
26. For the health of Vickie Borriello, offered by Dawn & Ron Healey



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On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Bishop Luke had a private meeting with the 48<sup>th</sup> Governor of Pennsylvania -- Governor Josh Shapiro -- in Harrisburg, PA. Accompanying Bishop Luke were Marina Kats, Esq. and Vincent Schiavone, Chairman & CEO of Caring for Friends.



On Saturday, February 4, 2023, Liberty North Hall was beautifully decorated in peach, blue and silver, for a "Celebration of Life," in memory of Betty. Betty's family and friends chose Liberty North Hall as the venue for a memorial lunch to honor her -- someone obviously very special in their lives. 80 people attended the event.



# GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN OUR PUSSY WILLOW BUSHES

on the South Lawn yielded bountiful, beautiful stems filled with furry catkins -- more than enough stems for all parishioners to hold on Palm Sunday.

Alas, our pussy willow bushes are very old, wild and "woody," and we can no longer count on enough stems for everyone.

You probably did not realize that for the past few years, we have been sourcing pussy willow stems from near and far, thanks to a monetary donation. This year the pussy willow branches will come from Carroll's Flowers, the Cathedral's long-time florist who provides our Easter baskets every year. The pussy willows will be delivered by April 1st, in time to be blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday, April 9. And this year, for the first time, we are asking for donations to defray their cost. **THANK YOU!**

## PUSSY WILLOWS

## FOR PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9



On Sunday, February 5, 2023, Bishop Luke and parishioners sang **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** to the littlest member of a lovely family new to St. Nicholas Cathedral - the Volosetskii Family -- Maria, Myron and Solomia, who celebrated her 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!

# Welcome

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

## 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 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 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 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: "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.





## ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

Our annual **ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE** begins simultaneously with the start of Lent, this year on **MONDAY, FEB. 27**. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Cathedral to ensure its future!

*By donating to the Endowment Fund, you make a long-term investment in St. Nicholas Cathedral. Your contribution is invested in mutual funds administered by a professional money manager. The Endowment Fund ensures sustainability of the Cathedral and a stable financial position years down the road. Funds can only be distributed after approval by the Endowment Committee, comprised of five Cathedral members who are responsible stewards of your gift.*

The Cathedral Council has authorized the **MATCHING** of your contribution to the Endowment Fund this year. An equal sum will be transferred from the Cathedral's Operating Fund directly into the Endowment Fund following Easter, the conclusion of the annual fund drive.

Your  
contribution

Cathedral  
contribution

Double the  
Savings!

**Please pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously. You can also give online on our website. Go to [stnicholaseoc.org](http://stnicholaseoc.org); click the DONATE tab at the bottom of the home page; scroll down and click "Endowment Fund."**

**THANK YOU!**

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



# 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. 11/1/23
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. 10/13/23
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. 8/1/23
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco 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. 9/18/23
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. 4/19/23
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/23
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
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. 5/31/23
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/23
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, Hrystyna, 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. 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. 9/1/23
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/23
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. 12/31/23
22. +In memory of Alexander and Ewdokia Janoczkin and son Michail, offered by the Janoczkin, Wojnarowicz and Adams families. exp. 12/31/23
23. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/23
24. +In memory of Tatiana, Alexander, Sergey, Nadezhda, Alexander and Anna, offered by Anton Spassky. exp. 6/12/23
25. For the health of soldier Olexiy, Loubov, Vadym, Olexander, Iryna, George, Svilana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23



# WAY TO GO!

**Nicholas Janoczkin**  
won the **Gold Medal**  
at his first  
**Special Olympics NJ**  
**Bowling**  
**Tournament on**  
**Sunday, January 29,**  
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