

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Bulletin for Sunday,
February 19, 2023

Judgment
(Meatfare) Sunday

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate

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About the “Last Judgment” Icon (on the cover of this Bulletin)

Dating from the 15th Century, this icon shows a “grandiose panorama” of the Second Coming of Jesus. In the center of the icon is an altar with the clothes of Christ and the Gospel. To the left of the altar are the righteous: holy kings, martyrs and monks. Above the altar is Jesus sitting on a throne, flanked by the Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist, and Adam and Eve kneeling before Him. On either side of the throne are the 12 Apostles seated on benches. This icon of the Last Judgment is one of the most complex and ornate icons in the Orthodox Church and a detailed analysis of the many images is a fascinating study.



Scripture Reading

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023

Matthew 25:31-46

Meatfare Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Last Judgment, and the Scripture reading is the parable of the Sheep and the Goats. “When the day of judgment comes, all men shall be gathered before the throne of the Son of man, and the King shall separate the good from the bad, as a shepherd separates the sheep of his flock from the goats.” Matthew 25:31-32. Jesus tells us that what we do to others we do to Him. We are given free will to choose whether we do good acts or bad actions. God holds us responsible. “Come, O blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.” Matthew 25:34-36

Our Journey to Pascha: Meatfare Sunday

Today is the last day to eat
meat and meat products until
Easter. This limited fasting
prepares us gradually for the
more intense fasting of
Great Lent.

fast and pray



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; bishoplukephiladelphia@gmail.com

“When the day of judgment comes, all men shall be gathered before the throne of the Son of man, and the King shall separate the good from the bad, as a shepherd separates the sheep of his flock from the goats. And He shall put the sheep at His right hand, and the goats at His left...” Matthew 25:32-33



The earliest portrayal of the Last Judgment is in a 6th Century mosaic in Ravenna, Italy.



**This Week's Bulletin Is
Sponsored By:
*Barbara and George Latsios***

- ❖ 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 18	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 19 MEATFARE SUNDAY	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 CHEESEFARE SUNDAY FORGIVENESS SUNDAY	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	GREAT LENT BEGINS
Wednesday, March 1	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 4	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 5 ORTHODOXY SUNDAY	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 SOUL SATURDAY	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 SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Panikhida
Sunday, March 19 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy



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 Professor Alexander Kachur, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
5. For the health of Professor Alexander Kachur, offered by Susan Guz
6. For the health of Professor Alexander Kachur, Love, Ellen
7. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer on their wedding anniversary, Love, Ellen and Phil
8. In memory of our mom/mom-mom, Lillian Fox, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
9. In memory of infant Peter Niehoff, Love, Aunt Renee, Uncle Frank, Alex and Matt
10. In memory of my sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
11. For the health of and speedy recovery of Christopher Borriello, Love, Gail and Family
12. For the health of the Borriello Family, offered by Susan Guz
13. For the health of our Grandson, Dan, on his 16th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle



CONFESSIONS



Bishop Luke will hear your confession Sunday mornings between the start of Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM and the Entrance Hymn "O Come Let Us Worship." If you want confession, you can approach Bishop Luke during this time, and he will walk from the Bishop's Chair in the center of the Sanctuary to the confessional area at the far left of the altar. Confessions are also heard every Saturday at 5:00 PM at Vespers.

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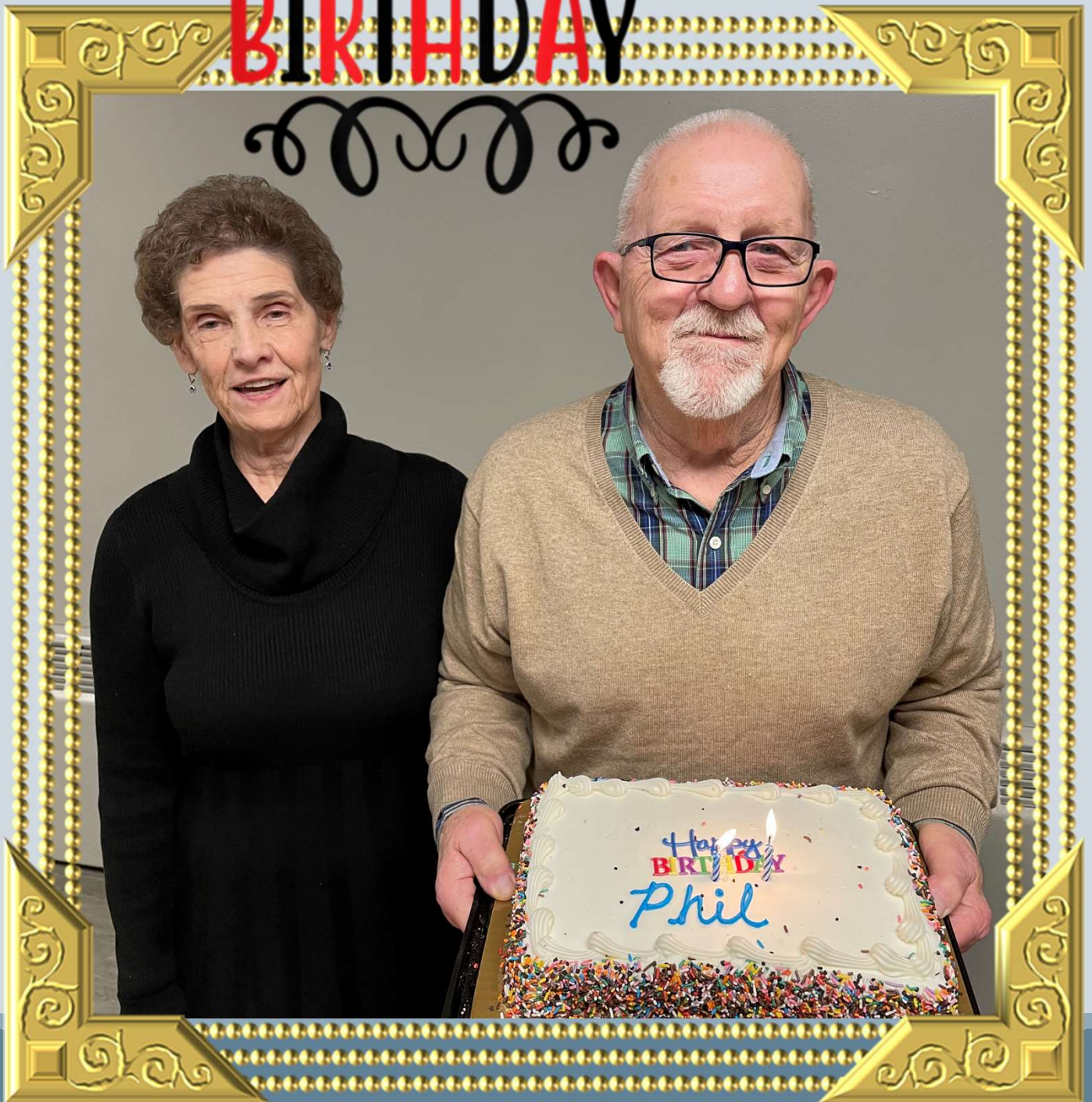
Our homemade creamy, smooth peanut butter eggs and chewy, shredded coconut eggs start in copper kettles, are hand-shaped, then covered in Belgian chocolate, making them a delicious addition to any Easter basket!

Jelly Beans

Look for a candy order form in the Candle Room window and mark your choices by Sunday, March 5. St. Nicholas Cathedral will receive a portion of the sales price of each item - up to \$5 on most items! Your order will be ready for pick-up in the Candle Room on Sunday, March 26 - in plenty of time for Orthodox Easter on April 16!

HAPPY
75TH
BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, Bishop Luke and parishioners sang "Many Years" to PHIL HANAVIN, who celebrated his milestone 75th Birthday on February 13.



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**

SEMI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 26, 2023
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy**

The Agenda will include a performance review of the Endowment Fund and election of one new Endowment Fund Committee member. If you are interested in being nominated for the open member position and serving a 5-year term, please email Endowment Fund Committee Chairman: Tom Hanney, teetomhanney@yahoo.com

(A member of the Endowment Fund Committee must be an Orthodox Christian and a member in good standing of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral for at least two (2) years.)

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

MEATFARE SUNDAY – SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

CHOIR: Great is our Lord and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

READER: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! Great is our Lord and abundant in power.

CHOIR: His understanding is beyond measure.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. **(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: O come, let us sing with joy to the Lord. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.

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. When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. **(Matthew 25:31-46)**

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.

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Your
contribution

+

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Cathedral
contribution

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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; 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."



On Sunday, February 12, 2023, the parishioners of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral were treated to a song and dance concert performed by Ukrainian refugee children under the direction of Refugee Center Directors, Vitaliy and Liliya Yaremchuk. The concert began with the children singing the national anthems of the USA and Ukraine.



And then followed impressive and professional performances by the talented children.







Bishop Luke, Father Volodymyr Steblyna, Alla Pukhtetska, Vitaliy and Liliya Yaremchuk



14 children sang, danced, recited and entertained an appreciative audience! Welcome back, children and parents, to St. Nicholas Cathedral...every Sunday!



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoi Candles:	\$25
Altar Candles:	\$35
Annual Vigil:	\$100
Bulletin Sponsor:	\$25

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

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