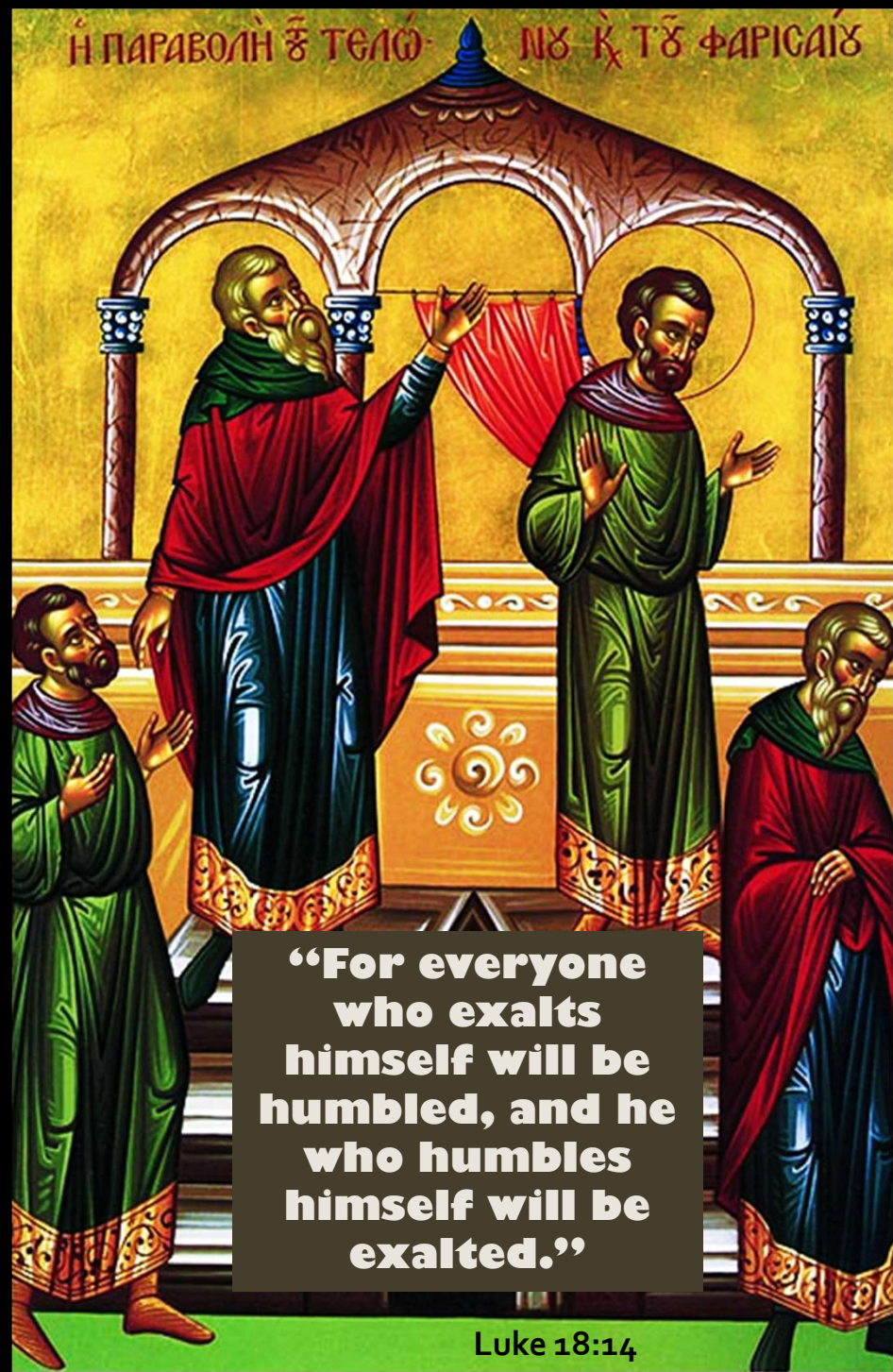


# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, February 21, 2021

The  
Fourth  
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Lent:  
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Publican  
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Pharisee,  
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than  
proud.



Today, Sunday, February 21, begins the preparation period for Great Lent, and Church services are read from the book called the “Triodion” from this day through Saturday of Holy Week.



# Soul Saturdays

Father Bohdan is pictured here on a Soul Saturday last year.

## Schedule of Services

You will notice on the Schedule of Services that the first Soul Saturday is Saturday, March 6.

The list of names of your beloved departed is kept in a book in the Candle Room. If you want to include someone dear to you, please send an email to [sneoc100@gmail.com](mailto:sneoc100@gmail.com) or just mark the book that is in the Candle Room.

Father Bohdan reads every name – almost 400 -- from this book during Divine Liturgy and the Panikhida on Soul Saturday.

The Eastern Orthodox faithful believe that the state of the soul can be affected by love and prayers, and Soul Saturdays are set aside for general commemoration of the departed. The significance of "Saturday" is that Christ lay in the Tomb on a Saturday.

We are suggesting a \$25 donation for the reading of the names of your departed.

Saturday, February 20	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 21 PUBLICAN & PHARISEE	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 27	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 28 PRODIGAL SON	9:00 a m: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 6 <b>SOUL SATURDAY</b>	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 7 MEATFARE SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 13	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 14 CHEESEFARE SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida, followed by a "Cheese Blintzes" Fellowship Lunch in the Church Hall
Monday, March 15	<b>GREAT LENT BEGINS</b>
Friday, March 19	5:30 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 20	5:30 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 21 ORTHODOXY SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 27 <b>SOUL SATURDAY</b>	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 28	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

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# ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY

## In Memory of the Newly-Departed **TATIANA (Tina) FEDEC**

*Former Faithful St. Nicholas Church  
Parishioner, Sisterhood Member,  
Choir Member (Soprano), "Balalaika Mom"*

**Tina fell asleep in the Lord on  
Monday, February 15, 2021**

*June 18, 1930-February 15, 2021*

**With deepest sympathy to her children:**

**Anysia Fedec**

**Dr. Tamara Fedec Thornton**

**Deborah Erwin**

**Dr. Stephen Fedec**

*and their Families,*

*her Church Family and Friends*



Tina is pictured here with Tammy and Anysia at the Blessing of a Chalice she donated to St. Nicholas Church in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Stephen Fedec, on St. Nicholas Day, December 8, 2002

***Memory Eternal***




**Visitation:**  
Thursday, Feb. 18,  
at 9 am at  
St. Mary's Orthodox  
Church, 1317 Florida  
Mango Rd., West  
Palm Beach, Florida.  
Funeral service to  
follow at 10 am.

**Private interment at  
St. Tikhon's Monastery,  
S. Canaan, PA.  
In lieu of flowers, the  
family requests  
donations to St. Mary's  
Orthodox Church.**

Tina, with her children, at one of the many St. Nicholas Balalaika Orchestra performances during the 1970s.





What is the “Meeting of the Lord”  
and Why Do We Bless Candles  
on this Feast Day?

**On the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the Nativity of our Lord, St. Simeon encountered Jesus in the Temple when He was presented – “offered” – to God. This Feast Day is called “The Meeting of the Lord” or the “Feast of the Presentation” and was celebrated this past Monday, February 15.**

*Monday,  
February  
15:*

*Feast  
Day of the  
Meeting of  
the Lord  
and  
Blessing  
of Candles*

Another name for the Feast is “The Candles” because it is the custom to bless candles on this day. And Father Bohdan did just that – blessed our candles ~ on the Feast Day. He invites parishioners to take a blessed candle home. The lighted blessed candle should be placed before a Holy Icon when we pray to God for His Divine protection in times of distress and need.

Father Bohdan was asked why candles are blessed on this Feast Day. The answer: when St. Simeon took the Child Jesus into his arms, he was inspired by the Holy Spirit and chanted a hymn referring to Jesus as the “Light to the Gentiles.” The hymn prompted the first Christians to carry a lighted candle in the procession that day, symbolizing the mystical presence of the “True Light” ~ Jesus.

Burning candles also creates a more prayerful feeling in church. They remind us that our prayers should come from a heart “burning” with love of God. Candles intensify our prayers; and the flame symbolizes the continuation of our prayers even if we are not physically in the church.







Blessing of Candles  
Monday, February 15, 2021











*Saint Sophia Ukrainian  
Orthodox Cathedral  
Chicago  
Very Reverend  
Oleksiy Kasperuk, Pastor*



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

**ANALOI CANDLES LIT  
TODAY**  
for the Health of  
**V. REV. OLEKSIY KASPERUK**  
and  
In Memory of His Newly-Departed  
Beloved Mother  
**ANASTASIA**  
*-Memory Eternal-*



**CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE  
BUILDING FUND  
2021**

- *Patricia Walker*
- *Anna Kuliasha*
- *Colleen Philipp*
- *The Borriello Family, In Memory of David Patterson*
- *The Murphy Family, In Memory of our Mother/Mom-Mom, Lillian Fox*



## SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Alexandra, Katherine-Maria, Solomiya, Michael, Lilyia, Christine, Juliet, Roman, David, Vitaly, Vladislava, Victoria, Brianna, Michael, Christine, Volodymyr, Stefan, Maria, Borislava, Emilia, Tetiana, Marianna, Justina, Oksana, Solomika, Olga, Taras, Andrew, Yuri, offered by Solomiya and the Huerta Family
2. In memory of Volodymyr, Maria, Olga, Ivan, Volodymyr, Sophia, Oleksiy, Olga, Eugene, Francis, Maria, Julio, Macha, Puchi, Serhiy, Eugenia, Volodymyra, Roman, Anna, offered by Solomiya and the Huerta Family
3. For the health of our beautiful grandson/nephew, George Joseph, on his First Birthday, offered by Robert, Marianne, Michael, Anastasia and Tom
4. For the health of our daughter-in-law, Amy Wohar, on her Birthday, offered by Robert and Marianne
5. In loving memory of our mother/mom-mom, Lillian Fox, offered with love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
6. In loving memory of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, offered with love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
7. In loving memory of our nephew, infant Peter Niehoff, offered with love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
8. In memory of my sister, Karen Niehoff, offered with love by Gail Osborn
9. In memory of my nephew, infant Peter Niehoff-, offered with love by Aunt Gail Osborn
10. For the health of Tom Hanney on his Birthday, offered by Colleen, George, Nicholas, Jennifer, Melissa and Cory
11. In memory of the newly-departed Tina Fedec, offered by St. Nicholas Church Council, Sisterhood and Parishioners
12. In memory of the newly-departed Tina Fedec, offered by Mike, Marcia and Zach O'Connor
13. In memory of the newly-departed Tina Fedec, offered by Patricia Walker and Susan Guz
14. For the health of all the helpers of a very successful Valentine's Day Party, offered by Mike, Marcia and Zach O'Connor
15. For the health of my brother, Ted, and for a speedy recovery, Love, Ellen Hanavin
16. For the health of my Uncle Ted and a quick recovery from surgery, Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
17. In memory of Tina Fedec. May her memory be eternal. Offered by Dawn & Ron Healey
18. For the health of Matushka Larysa Akruzhnou, Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Cleveland, Ohio
19. For the health of Halyna Dolbin, wife of Council President Walter Dolbin, Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Cleveland, Ohio
20. In memory of the newly-departed Tina Fedec, offered by Colleen, George, Nicholas Philipp Jennifer and Cory Redmond
21. For the health of the Fedec Family at this difficult time, offered by Colleen, George, Nicholas Philipp, Jennifer and Cory Redmond
22. For the health of our cousin/Godfather Tom Hanney, offered by Colleen, George, Nicholas, Jennifer Melissa and Cory
23. For the health of our Grandson, Daniel, on his 14th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
24. For the health of Kirk and Anastasia Whitmer on their Wedding Anniversary, from Aunt Barbara and Uncle George



**What glorious words: TODAY SALVATION HAS COME TO THIS HOUSE.** These are the words Jesus spoke to Zacchaeus, the tax collector and the crowd in our Scripture reading today. Oh, the crowd was angry with Jesus. How could He even think of staying at the house of Zacchaeus, the evil chief tax collector, hated by the community, hated by all.

**Father Bohdan's  
Sermon  
Sunday, February 14,  
2021**

**John 19:1-10**

Jesus chose to be the guest of this sinner! But even the sinner is not ALL bad! Zacchaeus told Jesus that half of all he had, he gave to the poor – and if he ever defrauded anyone, he restored it 4-fold. Zacchaeus felt compelled to let Jesus know this perhaps because Jesus showed him compassion when others did not. Yes, by His actions, Jesus showed the crowd -- showed us -- God's grace, mercy and love. We should ALL follow Jesus' example. Try to speak kindly to someone you do not like. Try to forgive someone who may have thought ill of you. Try not to judge others as the crowd judged Zaccheus. It's all about love. Chapter 4 of the Ephesians says: *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."*

Happy Valentine's Day! AMEN.

## 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. 11/1/21
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; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/21
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. 12/31/21
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. 12/31/21
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/21
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/21
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, Hrustyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/21
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
22. +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. 12/20/21
23. +In memory of newly-departed Alice (Lesya) Orlan, our beloved "Forever Friend," offered by Dorothy Chelak and Family. exp. 1/24/22



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



# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE



**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**CHOIR:** O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**READER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! O my God, Thou art very great! O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!

**CHOIR:** In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from Timothy.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **(2 Timothy 3:10-15)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** Go forth, prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.  
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

**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. Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. **(Luke 18:10-14)**

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

# Valentine's Day Lunch & Dance





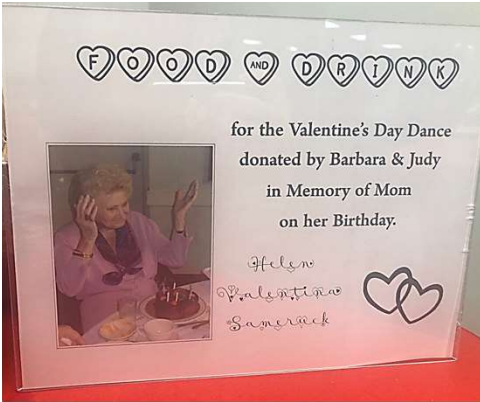


**And these are some of our many attendees - a capacity crowd of 50 people -- who enjoyed the festivities! Thank you for supporting St. Nicholas Church. All proceeds - almost \$1,000 -- have been donated to the St. Nicholas Church ROOF FUND.**







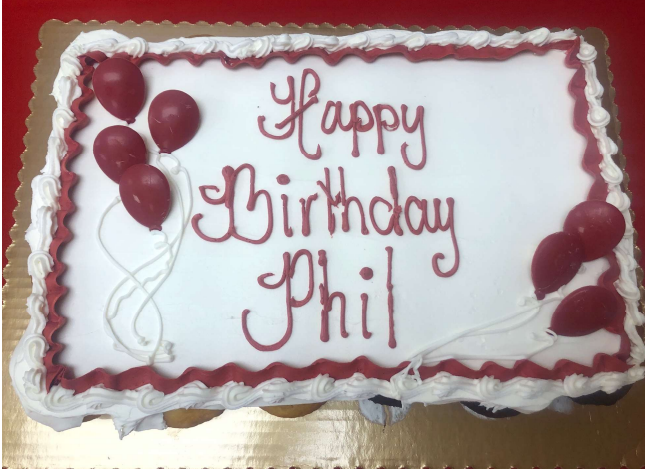


**A big THANK YOU to Barbara Latsios and Judy Hanney and Families who first suggested a Valentine's Lunch several months ago - and then made it happen! The ladies donated all food and refreshments in Memory of their Beloved Mother, HELEN VALENTINA SAMERUCK, on her birthday, February 14.**

**Thank you, too, to everyone who brought specialty dishes and desserts to create a plentiful smorgasboard enjoyed by all!**







**We celebrated SIX birthdays at our St. Valentine's Lunch:**

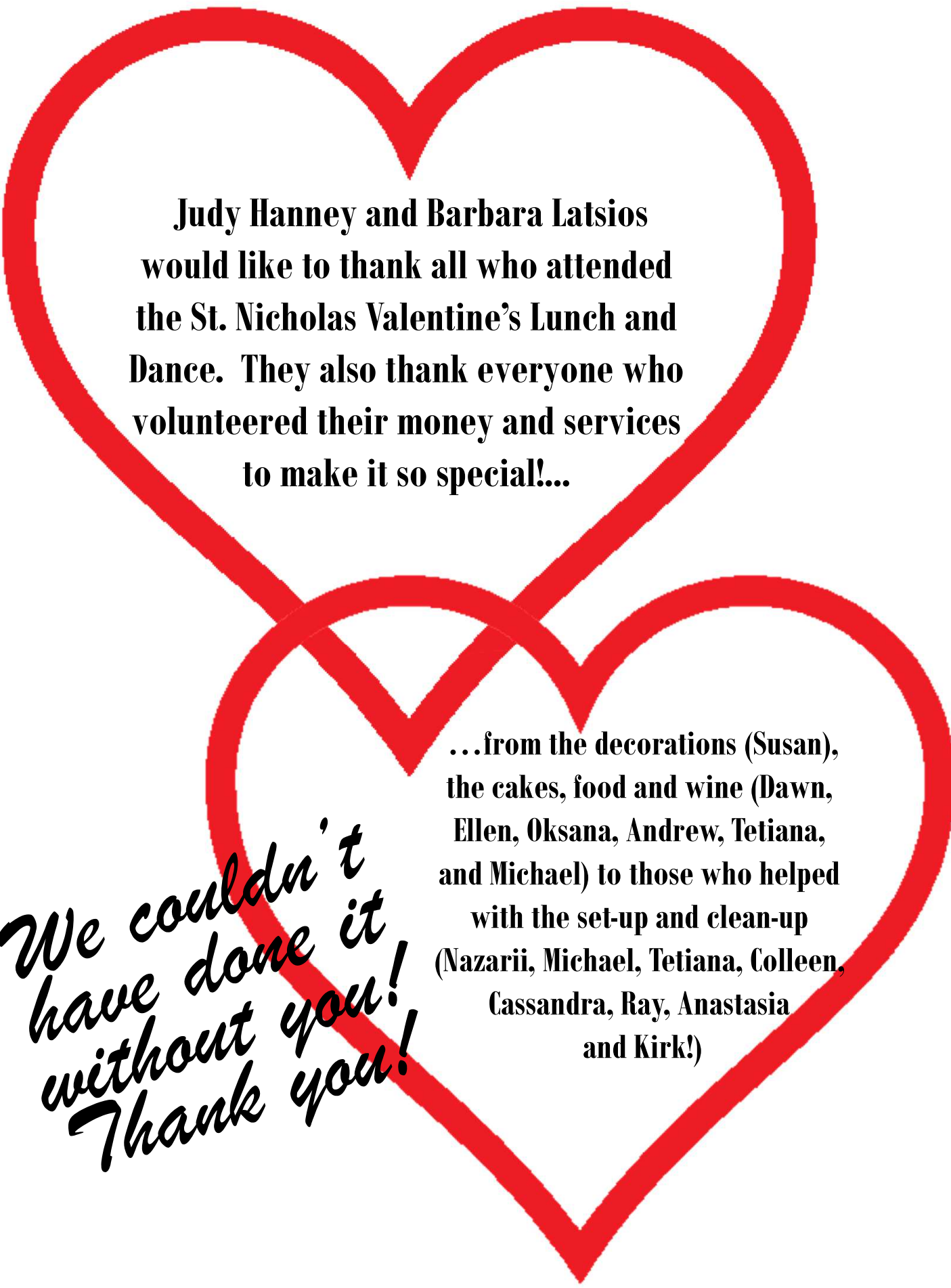
- **Michael Kuchmiak**
  - **Phil Hanavin**
- **Oksana Petriv Khanas**
  - **Andriy Khanas**

**They all share a birthday on February 13.**

- **Marcia Zaruba O'Connor** whose birthday is February 11.
- **And we fondly remembered Helen Sameruck** whose birthday is February 14. *Memory Eternal.*







**Judy Hanney and Barbara Latsios  
would like to thank all who attended  
the St. Nicholas Valentine's Lunch and  
Dance. They also thank everyone who  
volunteered their money and services  
to make it so special!...**

**...from the decorations (Susan),  
the cakes, food and wine (Dawn,  
Ellen, Oksana, Andrew, Tetiana,  
and Michael) to those who helped  
with the set-up and clean-up  
(Nazarii, Michael, Tetiana, Colleen,  
Cassandra, Ray, Anastasia  
and Kirk!)**

*We couldn't  
have done it  
without you!  
Thank you!*