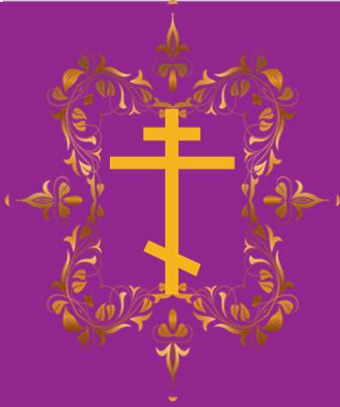


St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, February 28, 2021



Sunday,
February 28:
The Prodigal Son

Jesus
preached this
parable to
show that
God, like a
loving father,
is always
ready to
forgive and
welcome back
a repentant
sinner.

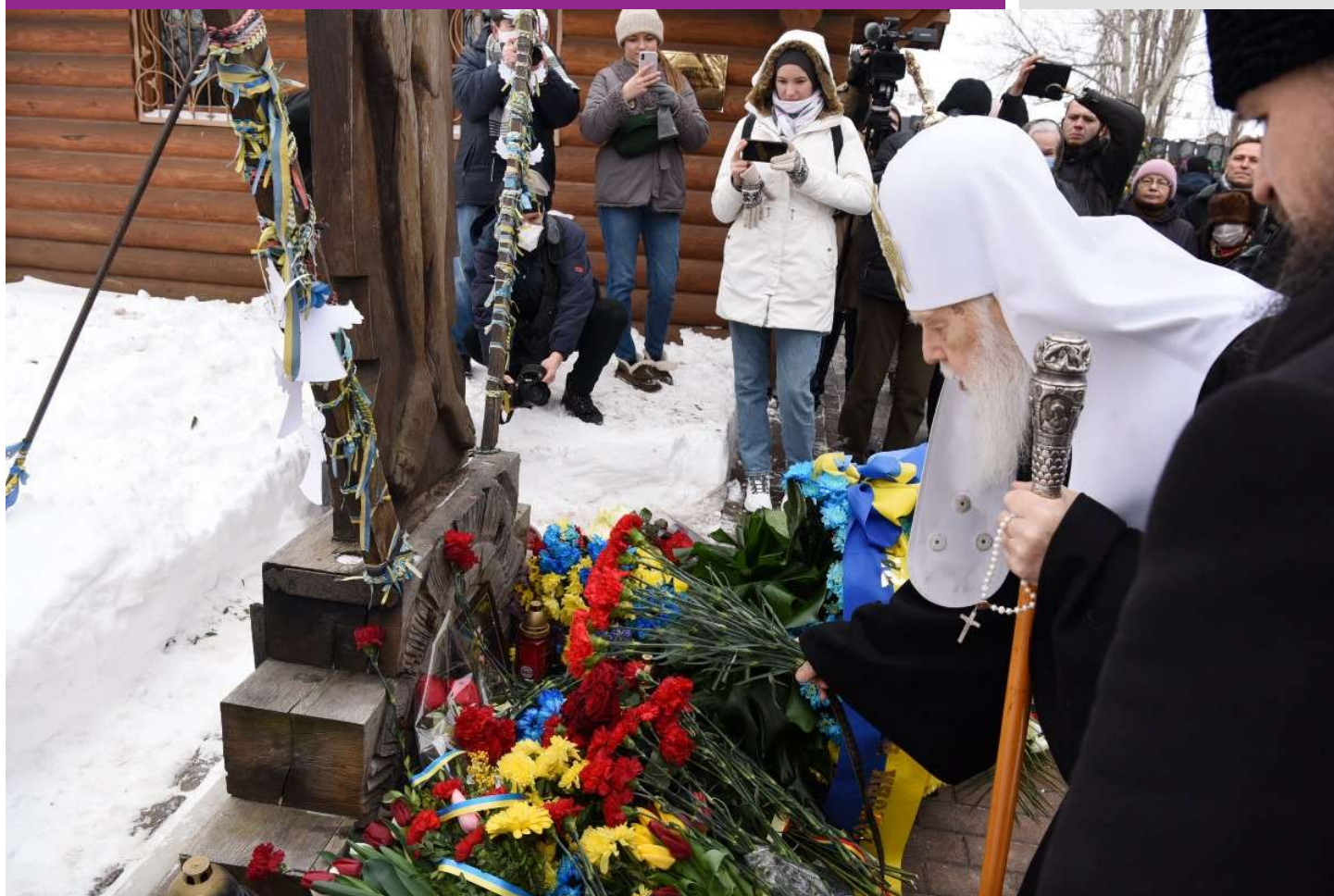
"Thou art ever with
me, and all that is
mine is Thine."
Luke 15:31



**This Parable is read as the Gospel at
Divine Liturgy on the Third Sunday
before Great Lent. On this Sunday the
lesson the Church teaches us is
God's compassion and forgiveness.**



This year is the 7th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Revolution of 2014, known as "Euromaiden." President Poroshenko decreed on February 11, 2015, that February 20th would annually be commemorated as the "Day of the Heavenly Hundred Heroes" in honor of the pro-Euromaiden activists who died for the independence of Ukraine.



On Saturday, February 20, 2021, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret held a memorial service for the repose of the souls of the Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred in St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Kyiv. Following the memorial service, Patriarch Philaret visited the Memorial in honor of the fallen Heroes. At the memorial wooden cross, the Patriarch offered a funeral prayer for the innocent victims, lit a lamp and laid flowers in memory of the Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred. Eternal memory to the Heroes who gave their lives for the freedom and independence of Ukraine.

Memory Eternal to the Heavenly Hundred Heroes

And across the world in Philadelphia, on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at Vespers, Father Bohdan also prayed a Panikhida for the souls of the Heavenly Hundred Heroes.



Father Bohdan prayed before the icon "Sacred Virgin," the patron saint and the spiritual strength of the Ukrainian Chaplains. This original, hand-painted icon was given to St. Nicholas Church in 2018 by Metropolitan John Yaremenko during his historical visit in November 2018 -- the first visit from a Metropolitan from the Kyivan Patriarchate.



Memory Eternal to the Heavenly Hundred Heroes

Soul Saturdays

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 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.

Schedule of Services

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 SOUL SATURDAY	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 & FORGIVENESS 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	GREAT LENT BEGINS
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 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 28	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, April 3 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 4 VENERATION OF THE CROSS	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

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Birthday Blessings



This Week's Bulletin
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TOM HANNEY

On His Birthday
Today

Sunday, February 28

Please remember our
homebound parishioner:
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- *Patricia Walker*
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- *In Memory of Tatiana (Tina) Fedec*

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

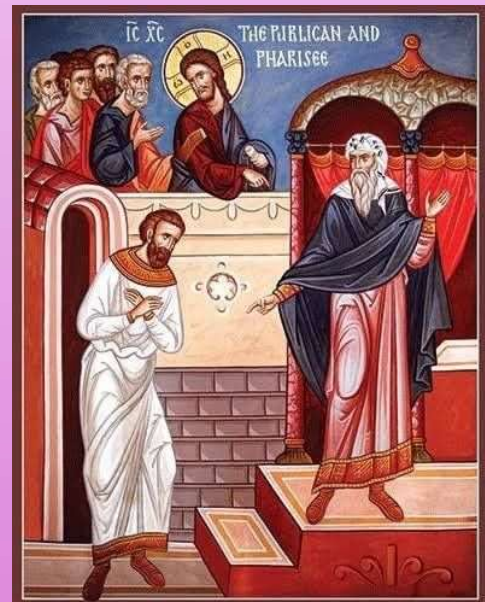
1. For the health of Alexandra, Katherine-Maria, Solomiya, Michael, Lilyia, Christine, Juliet, Roman, David, Vitaly, Vladislava, Victoria, Brianna, Michael, Christine, Volodymyr, Stefan, Maria, Borislava, Emilia, Tetiana, Marianna, Justina, Oksana, Solomika, Olga, Taras, Andrew, Yuri, offered by Solomiya and the Huerta Family
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3. In memory of the newly-departed, Tina Fedec, offered by the Murphy Family
4. In memory of Tina Fedec, offered by Diane Kavchok
5. In memory of the newly-departed Tatiana Fedec, offered by the Wohar Family. Memory Eternal!
6. For the health of our husband/father/grandfather, Tom Hanney, on his birthday, offered with love, Judy; Anastasia and Kirk; Alexandra, Lloyd and Aidan
7. For the health of our cousin/Godfather Tom Hanney, on his birthday, offered by Colleen, George, Nicholas, Jennifer, Melissa and Cory
8. For the health of Tom Hanney and a very happy birthday. Many more years. Offered by Mike, Marcia and Zach O'Connor
9. In memory of Aunt Joan Lex, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
10. For the health of our sister/aunt Gail Osborn on her birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
11. For the health of Gail Osborn on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
12. For the health of my son-in-law, Patrick Snoke, on his birthday, Love, Gail Osborn
13. For the health of our Church Council President, Tom Hanney, on his birthday, offered by the Council Officers and Sisterhood
14. For the health of Tom Hanney on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
15. For the health of Gail Osborn on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
16. For the health of our mom/grandmom Gail Osborn on her birthday, offered with love from Patrick, Wendy, Bennett & Celia
17. For the health of our husband/father Patrick Snoke on his birthday, offered with love from Wendy, Bennett & Celia
18. For the health of Tom Hanney on his birthday, offered by Barbara and George Latsios
19. For the health of Tom Hanney on his birthday, offered by Ellen and Phil Hanavin
20. In memory of newly-departed Tina Fedec, offered by Ellen Hanavin
21. In memory of the newly-departed Tina Fedec, offered by the McMonigle family
22. For the health of Gail Osborn on her Birthday, offered by Diane Kavchok

Father Bohdan's Sermon

Sunday,
February 21,
2021

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, but 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 lessons: Do not have too high an opinion of yourself and too low an opinion of your neighbor. When we begin to think how wonderful we are, we are blinded from seeing our mistakes. And do not compare who is worse, whose sins are greater than yours.

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.



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoï Candles:	\$25
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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. 11/1/21
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
24. For the health of Vasyl, Paraska, Roman, Oksana, Andriy, Volodymyr, Orusya, Maria, Vitaliy, Taras, Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Ivan. +In memory of Paraska, Vasyl, Ivan, Vasyl, Evdokia, Maria, Paraska, Oksana. Offered by the Khanas and Petriv Families. exp. 3/1/22

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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 5th Tone: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

CHOIR: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. Thou, O Lord, shall protect us.

CHOIR: And preserve us from this generation forever!

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: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. For Thou has said: "Mercy will be established forever, and My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

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.



Vicariate News

His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, Chairman of the Board of the Vicariate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate (UOC-KP) in the USA and Canada (the "Vicariate"), convened and presided over a meeting with Father Bohdan Zhoba, the newly-appointed Secretary of the Vicariate, and the new *de facto* Board of Directors on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 1:00 pm. Patriarch Philaret participated from Kyiv via ZOOM video conferencing.



Patriarch Philaret reiterated that the Vicariate was – and is – part of the UOC-KP; that the Secretary and Board of Directors are representatives of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret; and they have his blessing to embrace and develop this organization in the United States and Canada.

The meeting took place in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church.

At the suggestion of Church Council President, Thomas Hanney, and with the enthusiastic support of all present, Patriarch Philaret conferred the title of "Cathedral" on St. Nicholas Church in Philadelphia. Thus, the Philadelphia parish becomes the central church of the Vicariate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyivan Patriarchate in the USA and Canada.





Father Bohdan led the group in the "O Heavenly King" prayer at the beginning of the meeting which was followed by a blessing from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret. The group responded and sang Ton Dhespotin.

The meeting closed with the participants singing "Holy Theotokos," a blessing by His Holiness Patriarch Philaret and a final, resounding "Eis polla eti, Dhespota!"

The Vicariate administration was overjoyed to receive Patriarch Philaret's blessing to unify and grow the UOC-KP parishes in the Vicariate.





As one of his first tasks as **Secretary of the Vicariate, Father Bohdan** (in partnership with Theological Institute Philadelphia) will donate a limited supply of sweatshirts imprinted with the new Vicariate logo to seminaries in Ukraine.....and they will undoubtedly make a memorable and positive first impression!

Sweatshirts for Seminarians Campaign!

With the rollout of the new logo, the Vicariate will now be internationally recognized as it works to accomplish its goal: **REPRESENTING** and **UNIFYING** the UOC-KP churches in the USA and Canada in their mission to be a vital and perpetual part of their parishioners' spiritual lives.

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