

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

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Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector



**Theophany (Epiphany) of Our Lord**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2020**





Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, January 19, 2020  
Matthew 3:13-17

Today – the Feast Day of Theophany -- is indeed a joyous day! In today's Scripture reading we hear about the Baptism of Jesus Christ by John in the river Jordan. After Jesus was immersed in the river, the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove upon Jesus, and God proclaimed: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Baptism is the introductory Mystery – or Sacrament -- of the Church. The baptized person – no matter what age – is received into the Body of Christ, the Church, which means that they can call themselves a Christian. On this Feast Day, we bless water. You can come up to the table and drink a cup now, and I will use this water to bless your homes in the coming weeks. And on this Feast Day, we sing the Troparion:

*“When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest for the voice of the Father bore witness to You and called You His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself and have enlightened the world, glory to You!”*

Many Years! AMEN.



# Bulletin for Sunday, January 26, 2020

- Saturday, January 25: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, January 26: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Saturday, February 1: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 2: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

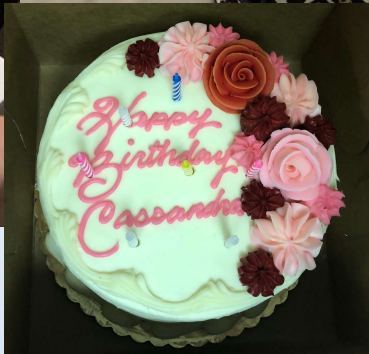


## The Great Blessing of Water

is held on the Eve of the Feast of the Theophany and on the day itself following Divine Liturgy. The Blessing not only remembers the event of Our Lord's Baptism and the revelation of the Holy Trinity but also expresses Orthodoxy's belief that creation is sanctified through Christ. After the solemn

Blessing, the Holy Water is distributed to the faithful and is used to bless homes during the Epiphany season. When the faithful drink the "Epiphany Water," we are reminded of our own Baptism. When the Church blesses an individual, or object, or event with the water, we are affirming that those baptized, their surroundings, and their responsibilities are sanctified through Christ and brought into the Kingdom of the Father through the Holy Spirit.





After the Blessing of the Water, we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios. Thank you! And we celebrated the January Birthdays of Anna Kuliasha, Anna Buhaievaska, Cassandra McNulty & Deacon Daniel

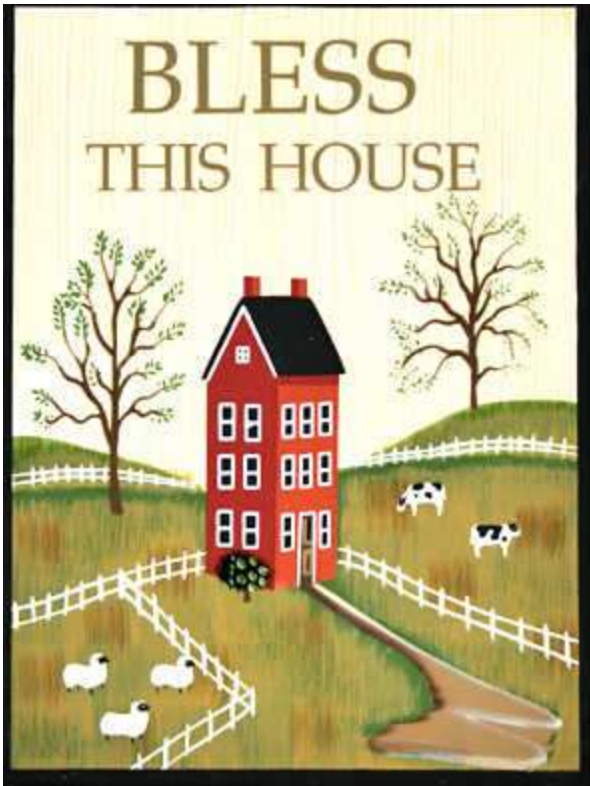






- **Sisterhood Annual Dues for 2020: \$10**  
(please see Barbara Latsios or Diane Kavchok)
- **Annual Dues for 2020: \$150 for individuals; \$300 for families**  
(please see Ellen Hanavin)

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## BLESSING OF HOUSES begins Saturday, January 25, 2020

### 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. Print the first names of the immediate family members on a sheet of paper for commemoration. To schedule your house blessing, sign the sheet in the Candle Room with your preferred date.

His Holiness Patriarch Philaret  
Deacon Daniel Terrazas  
Anna Buhaievskia  
Vicki Borriello  
Ron Healey  
Diane Kavchok  
Anna Kuliasha  
Barbara Latsios  
Cassandra McNulty  
Jennifer Redmond  
Anastasia Whitmer  
Marianne Wohar

*We'll be singing Mnohaya Lita!  
and Happy Birthday! to many  
members of our Church family in  
January! We promise more cake  
and candles on January 26.*

Please let us know if  
you, too, have a  
birthday in January.  
We will add you to  
the list!



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



Altar Candles Lit Today  
 In Memory of Brother  
 Stephen Michael Sameruck  
 on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 of his passing  
 and

In Memory of Sister  
 Carol Irene Kauriga  
*offered by*  
*Tom and Judy Hanney*  
*and Family*

*“The rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever.”*

St. John Chrysostom

**Liturgical  
 Calendars for  
 2020,  
 compliments of  
 Fletcher-Nasevich,  
 have arrived!  
 Please pick up  
 your calendar  
 in the Candle  
 Room while  
 they last.**

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 and Anastasia Whitmer  
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 this week's Bulletin!  
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# SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35  
Analog Candles: \$25  
Sunday Vigils: \$2  
Annual Vigils: \$100



## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, offered with love Renee Frank Alex and Matt
2. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
3. For the health of Vicki Borriello, on her birthday, Love, Gail
4. For the health and speedy recovery of wife / Mom / Grandmom, Karen Niehoff, Love, Mike, Nicole, Emily, Khalil and Wyatt
5. For the health of my cousin, Vicki Borriello, in honor of her birthday, offered by Karen and Mike Niehoff and Family
6. For the health of Vicki Borriello on her birthday, Love, Diane Kavchok
7. For the health of Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios, on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
8. For the health of Diane Kavchok on her special birthday, from the Sisterhood
9. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer, on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
10. For the health of Vicki Borriello, on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
11. For the health of Marianne Wohar, on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
12. For the health of Tom Archut on his birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron xoxo
13. For the health of my husband, Ron, on his birthday. Love, Dawn xoxo
14. For the health of Cassandra McNulty on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
15. For the health of Barbara Latsios on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
16. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
17. For the health of my parents, Ellen & Phil, for all of their support, love and prayers. Love, Dawn xoxo
18. For the health of Father Bohdan and the parishioners of St. Nicholas for all of their support, love and prayers. Love, Dawn
19. For the health of Vicki Borriello, on her birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and Family
20. For the health of our daughter, Dawn, Love, Mom and Dad
21. For the health of Barbara Latsios, on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
22. For the health of Ron Healey, on his birthday, Love, Mom and Dad
23. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer, on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
24. For the health of Vicki Borriello, on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
25. For the health of Deacon Daniel, on his birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin
26. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer, on her birthday, Love, Mom, Dad, Alexandra, Lloyd and Aidan
27. For the health of our God daughter, Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday, Love Aunt Barbara, Uncle George, Cassandra and Ray
28. For the health of our niece Jennifer Redmond on her birthday, Love Aunt Barbara, Uncle George, Cassandra and Ray
29. For the health of Deacon Dan on his 65th birthday, offered by the Latsios and McNulty families
30. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by the Latsios and McNulty families
31. In Memory of my brother, Stephen Michael Sameruck, on the 25th Anniversary of his death, offered by the Latsios and McNulty families

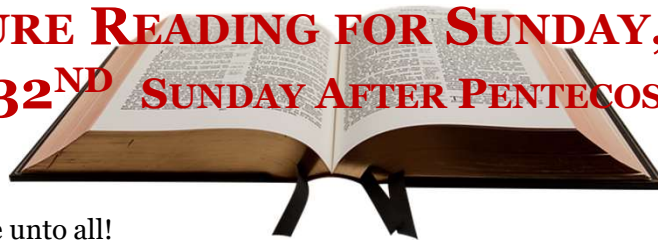
## ANNUAL VIGILS

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, Hrystyna, 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, JANUARY 26

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people!  
The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**CHOIR:** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**READER:** Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people!

**CHOIR:** The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men. (Now this, "He ascended"-what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. **(Ephesians 4:7-13)**

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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most-High!  
To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

**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 Matthew.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **(Matthew 4:12-17)**

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