

Bulletin for Sunday, January 1, 2023

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

## Happy New Year

# 2023

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

**Whether 2022 brought you success, fulfillment and joy or you faced setbacks, you can look ahead to **2023** with hope.**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*

January 1<sup>st</sup> is the popular global holiday for celebrating the New Year. We will be celebrating the New Year again on the liturgical calendar on January 14 with a Moleben. Please mark your personal 2023 calendars now with important dates in our church life:

- ❖ January 6: Christmas Eve
- ❖ January 7: Christmas
- ❖ January 14: Moleben for New Year
- ❖ Thursday, January 19: Theophany
- ❖ Monday, February 27: Great Lent Begins
- ❖ Sunday, March 26: Semi-Annual Parish Meeting
- ❖ Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday
- ❖ Friday, April 14: Holy Friday
- ❖ Saturday, April 15: Holy Saturday
- ❖ Sunday, April 16: EASTER
- ❖ Sunday, June 4: Pentecost and Annual Picnic
- ❖ Sunday, September 24: Annual Parish Meeting
- ❖ Sunday, October 15: Sisterhood Annual Lunch
- ❖ Saturday, Nov. 4-Sunday, Nov. 5: PIEROGI FESTIVAL
- ❖ Sunday, December 17: St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch
- ❖ Tuesday, December 19: Feast Day of St. Nicholas

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# LIVING ORTHODOX TRADITIONS



*You are Invited to Holy Supper  
Christmas Eve, Friday, January 6, 2023,  
5:00 PM in the Cathedral Hall*

*Donation: **\$10** to benefit the Cathedral Building Fund*



Following the 40 days of Nativity Lent, the birth of Jesus Christ is commemorated with a final Lenten feast on Christmas Eve, this year on Friday, January 6, 2023.

The Holy Supper table is replete with symbolism: from placing hay under the table and tablecloth in memory of the manger in which the Holy Child was placed by His Mother at His birth, to the white linen tablecloth which represents Jesus' swaddling birth clothes.

Holy Supper consists of 12 courses, symbolic of the 12 Apostles. The foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ was born and the sweetness of life which comes after His birth.

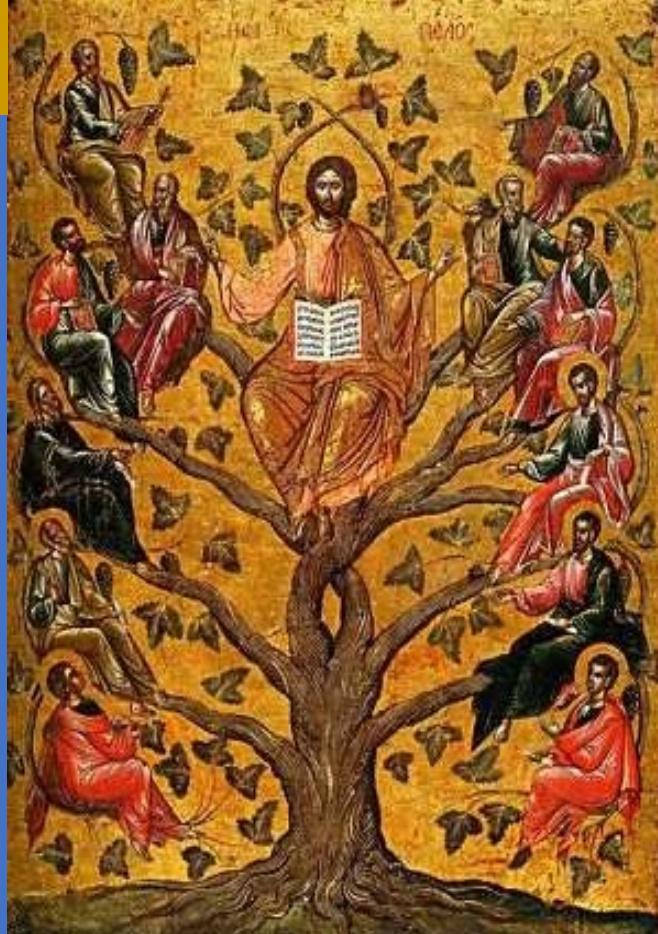
Holy Supper begins with the singing of the Christmas Troparion and the lighting of a candle placed in the center of the table. The candle symbolizes the star of Bethlehem.

Bishop Luke will then lead us in prayer which includes reading the Nativity account from the Gospel of St. Matthew 2:1-12. He will ask God in the opening prayer to bless the bread, wine, and food. He then breaks the bread and passes it out to all present. This symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. At the conclusion of the meal, it is traditional for all to attend Vespers, following which the Patriarchal Choir sings Christmas Carols.

Are you coming to Holy Supper?  
Please prepare and bring your favorite traditional dish (and let Susan Guz know -- [guzsc@yahoo.com](mailto:guzsc@yahoo.com) -- what you plan to bring.) Thank you!

## The Scripture Reading for Sunday, January 1, 2023 - Matthew 1:1-25

Today's Scripture reading recites the long genealogy of Jesus...His family tree. Why did Matthew think it important to record these many names? Because from this long list of ordinary people was born a baby who would change the world. Yes, the world would never be the same! To all parents: think how your babies changed your life, your small world. With the birth of your child, you started thinking differently. Perhaps becoming less selfish, perhaps making wiser decisions, perhaps making long-term plans, perhaps being more sensible with how you spent money and perhaps even being more careful with your daily activities as you were needed to protect and nurture your baby. Your priorities changed. Your life changed. And the same is true with the birth of Jesus. We as Orthodox faithful changed because of this little baby. Jesus changed the way we use our time. Jesus changed the way we interact with people. Jesus changed the way we live our lives. Jesus changed EVERYTHING about us! When Jesus came into our lives, our character changed and our hearts changed as we practice Christian virtues and show brotherly affection. And as all babies change the future of their parents, Baby Jesus did the same. With His birth, our future – and the future of humanity – was transformed -- for we can all look forward to eternal salvation. Let us rejoice!



### Schedule of Services

Saturday, December 31	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 1	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 6 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	5:00 pm: Holy Supper in the Cathedral Hall 6:30 pm: Vespers; Confession; followed by the Patriarchal Choir singing Christmas Carols
Saturday, January 7 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by the Patriarchal Choir singing Christmas Carols 11:00 am: Christmas Fellowship Lunch in the Cathedral Hall 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 8	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida
Saturday, January 14 <b>MOLEBEN for the New Year</b>	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Moleben for the New Year
Sunday, January 15	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, January 18 <b>EVE OF THEOPHANY</b>	5:00 pm: Vespers and Great Blessing of Water
Saturday, January 21	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 22	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

# SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY



1. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
2. For the health of my grandson, Bennett Snoke, on his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, Love, Grandmom (Gail Osborn)
3. In memory of Helen Sameruck, Love, Ellen and Phil
4. In memory of newly-departed Natalie Sobchak. Memory Eternal. Offered by Ellen and Phil
5. For the health of Dawn Healey, Love, Mom and Dad



A big THANK YOU to long-time parishioner, Alex Janoczkin, and Philadelphia Councilman David Oh, for leaving Christmas presents under our trees for the children of our parish!



Our Angel Advent Ornaments, available in the Candle Room for \$20 each, have been very popular. Bishop Luke announced that he will collect the Angels when our Christmas Trees are taken down, and he will pray a Moleben or Panikhida for all names written on the Angels.



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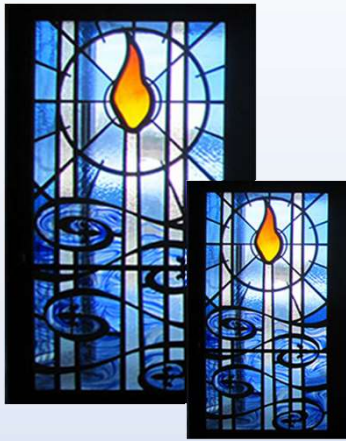


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# ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

<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

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**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 the Hebrews.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

**(Hebrews 11:9-10; 17-23, 32-40)**

**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 Matthew.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. **(Matthew 1:1-25)**

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



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Every JANUARY we  
celebrate the  
birthdays of many  
members of our  
church family,  
including  
His Holiness  
Patriarch Philaret,  
who will turn 94 in  
2023!  
Many More Years!*

Please let us know if you, too,  
have a birthday in January!

Bennett Snoke: 1/2  
Michelle Shipley: 1/7  
Nicholas Janoczkin: 1/14  
Helen Whitmer: 1/15  
Anna Buhaievaska: 1/19  
Cassandra McNulty: 1/20  
Oksana Voloshnovskyy: 1/21  
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Patriarch Philaret: 1/23  
Diane Kavchok: 1/24  
Barbara Latsios: 1/25  
Vicki Borriello: 1/26  
Ron Healey: 1/26  
Anastasia Whitmer: 1/29



# Christmas Vigils



**Last year 200  
vigils were lit on  
Christmas Day!**

- Christmas Vigils will be published in the Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bulletin and lit in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve, Friday, January 6; Christmas Day, Saturday, January 7; and Sunday, January 8.
- For those of you who arranged for Christmas vigils in past years, please look for an email soon from Diane Kavchok confirming your information. For our newcomers: please contact Diane – [kavchokd@aol.com](mailto:kavchokd@aol.com) – to give her the names for your vigils.

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