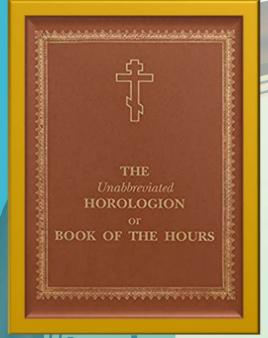


St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivan Patriarchate Bulletin for Sunday, January 10, 2021



he Book of the Hours

Enter an Orthodox Sanctuary on a Sunday morning before the start of Divine Liturgy and you will hear the murmurings of the Reader chanting the "Hours." For a long time, no one has read the Hours in St. Nicholas Church. But now, Father Bohdan has resumed this ancient practice, and the Book of the Hours - also called the Horologion - will be chanted every Sunday morning.

Specifically, you will hear the Third and Sixth Hours. All four canonical Hours are brief prayer services that mark the various hours of the day: The First Hour corresponds to daybreak (6:00 a.m.). The Third Hour corresponds to mid-morning (9:00 a.m.). The Sixth Hour corresponds to mid-day (12:00 noon). The Ninth Hour corresponds to mid-afternoon (3:00 p.m.)

The format of each of the services of the Hours is generally the same:

The service opens with the Priest's exclamation "Blessed is our God..." followed by the Trisagion ("Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal..."). The reading of three chapters from the Psalter for the particular Hour follows:

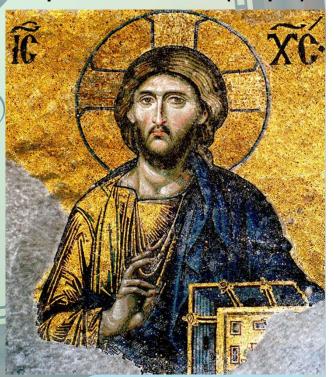
(First Hour: Psalms 5, 89, 100; Third Hour: Psalms 16, 24, 50: Sixth Hour: Psalms 53,54, 90; Ninth Hour: Psalms 83, 84, 85)

Next, the Troparion of the day is chanted. Then the Theotokion and Psalm verses of the Hour.

The Trisagion is prayed again.

The Prayer of the Hours ("Thou Who at all times and

The Kontakion of the day is chanted. at every hour ...") is prayed. Then, the final prayer appointed for the Hour. The Priest gives the final blessing. And then Divine Liturgy begins... **CLERGY**





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ST. NICHOLAS PATRIARCHAL CHOIR

- Eve Edwards, Soprano
- Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto
- Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor
- Anthony Sinigaglio II, Bass
- Susan Guz, Choir Director

CHURCH COUNCIL

- Thomas J. Hanney, President
- Susan Guz, Vice-President
- Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer
- Frank Borriello, Secretary



- Sisterhood Annual Dues for 2021: \$10 (see Barbara Latsios)
- Annual Dues for 2021: \$150 for individuals; \$300 for families (see Ellen Hanavin)

Payment is easy: cash, check, credit card in person or online through our Church website — stnicholaseoc.org/donate/ Scroll down to Annual Dues. THANK YOU!

Every January we celebrate the birthdays of many members of our Church family, including His Holiness Patriarch Philaret! Many More Years!





Blessing of homes will begin Wednesday, January 20.

Contact
Father Bohdan
directly to
schedule your
house blessing.

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.

Schedule of Services	
Thursday, January 7 Christmas Day	CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 am: Reading of The Hours 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy 11:30 am: Christmas Lunch in the Church Hall
Saturday, January 9	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 10	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida
Thursday, January 14 Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord and St. Basil the Great	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great & Moleben for the New Year
Saturday, January 16	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 17	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water
Monday, January 18 Eve of Theophany	5:00 pm: Vespers
Tuesday, January 19 Theophany	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water
Saturday, January 23	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 24	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 30	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 31	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

Please remember our homebound parishioner:

Ms. Anna Kuliasha St. Martha Center 470 Manor Avenue Downingtown, PA 19335 Tel: 610-873-8490

Anna Kuliasha celebrates her 85th Birthday on January 16!



Father Bohdan's Sermon Sunday, January 3, 2020 Matthew 1:1-25



Preparing for General Confession: Until further notice, Father Bohdan will give absolution at General Confession during Divine Liturgy just prior to Communion. However, it is essential that you properly prepare for Confession: fast in the morning; examine your conscience; reflect on your actions and thoughts. The Confession Prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will Reader prior to receiving Communion. Please stand during the reading of this prayer.

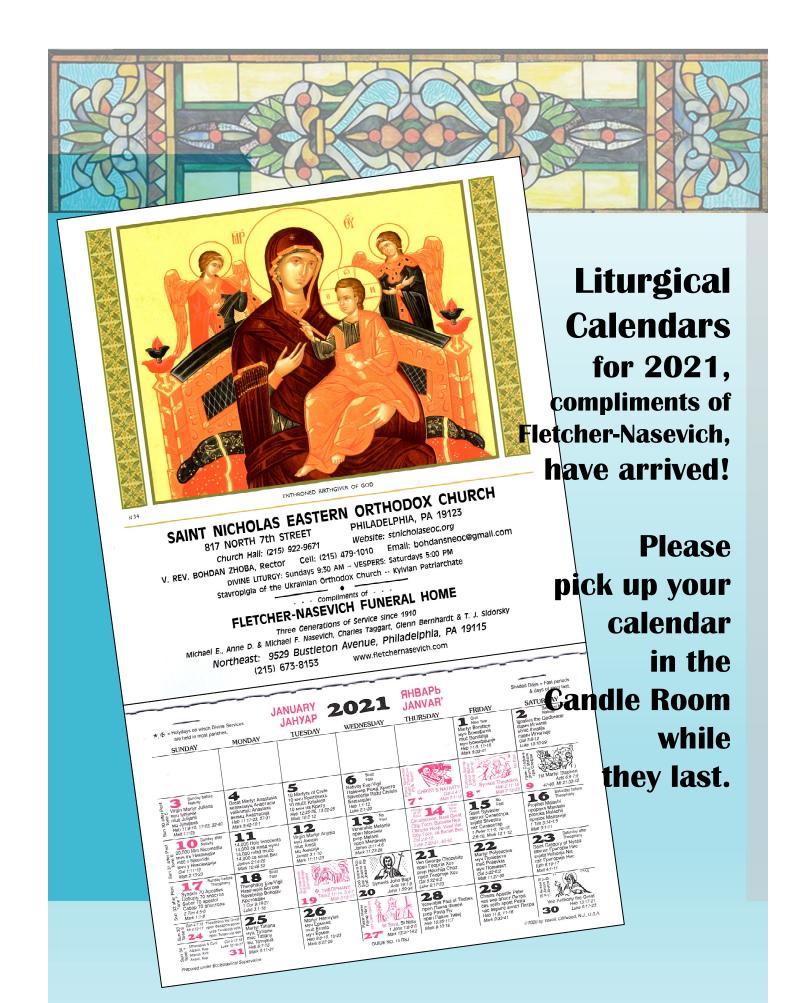
Today's Scripture reading recites the long genealogy of Jesus...His family tree. Why did Matthew think it important to record these many names? Because from this long list of ordinary people was born a baby who would change the world. Yes, the world would never be the same! To all parents: think how 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. Iesus 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! AMEN.

Abr aham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jess and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband



of Mary, of



SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

- 1. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by Susan Guz
- 2. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by the Murphy Family
- 3. For the health of Anna Kuliasha, on her 85th Birthday on Jan. 16, offered by Susan Guz
- 4. For the health of Khatuna Goginashvili, on her Birthday on Jan. 15, offered by the Sisterhood
- 5. In memory of the newly-departed Alice Slota, offered by Ellen Hanavin
- 6. In memory of the newly-departed David Patterson, offered by the Murphy Family



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



Alice is pictured here in 1977 with her husband, Brenner, and daughter, Nadine, on the south lawn outside St. Nicholas Church.

ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, 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, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/21
- +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
- +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
- +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
- +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 Levchenco offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/21
- +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
- +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
- +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
- +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, Hrystyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
- 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

We just learned that former St. Nicholas Church parishioner, Alice (Kucheruk) Slota, sister of the late Helen Horbacz, passed away on October 7, 2020. Alice was 91 years old and had been a resident of Washington Township Senior Living, an assisted living facility in Sewell, NJ. Memory Eternal.

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021



31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

CHOIR: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! O Lord, save Thy people!

CHOIR: And bless Thine inheritance!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Galatians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

(Galatians 1:11-19)

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most-High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God!

He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge: my God, in whom I trust!"

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

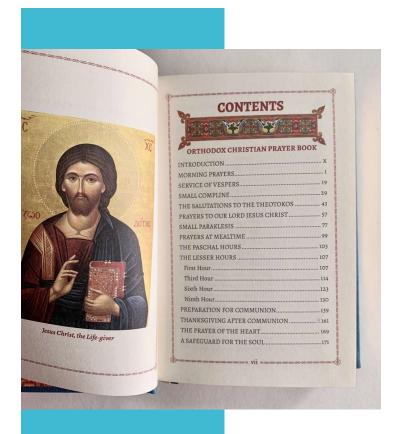
CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

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 they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene." (Matthew 2:13-23)

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



"The reading of 'The Hours' provides a most meaningful opportunity for direct participation in the Divine Services of the Orthodox Church.

The Hours are the services which are held in the four watches of the day.

They should be read in a manner in which the Word of God is understood by all the faithful and with deep reverence."

"The Hours" compiled by Rev. Igor Soroka (1970)

Evening and morning and at noon

I will pray, & cry aloud,

and He shall hear my voice.
Psalm 55:17