

THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY



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As Jesus arose from the water of the river Jordan after being baptized by John, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove. When this happened, the voice of God the Father came from heaven and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:17





The Great Blessing of Water is held on the Eve of the Feast of the Theophany, this year on Wednesday, January 18. 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, 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.

Following the Great Blessing of Water on the Eve of Theophany, Wednesday, January 18, at 6:00 pm, 4-oz. plastic Holy Water bottles will be available for you to fill from the font – for a donation of \$5 per bottle.



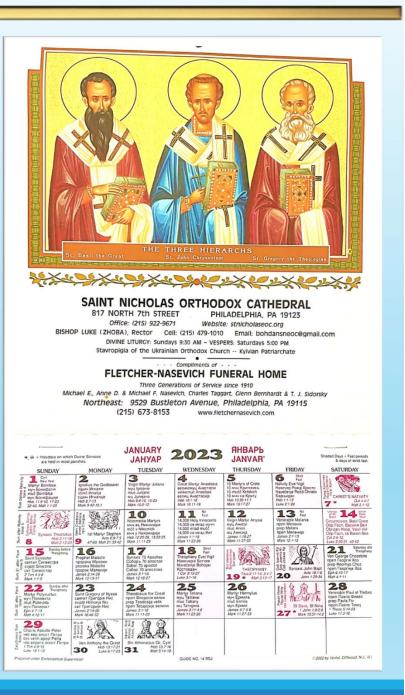
Sisterhood Annual Dues for 2023: \$10 (please see Barbara Latsios or Diane Kavchok)

Annual Cathedral Dues for 2023: \$150 for individuals; \$300 for families (please see Ellen Hanavin) Payment is easy: cash, check, credit card

(in person or online – stnicholaseoc.org – DONATE tab). THANK YOU!

Liturgical **Calendars** for 2023 have arrived, compliments of Fletcher-Nasevich. **Please** pick up your calendar in the **Candle Room** while they last.

Reminder





On Sunday,
January 8, 2023,
the Clergy presented
Bishop Luke with a
jeweled pectoral
cross and icon
pendant on the
occasion of his
1st Anniversary as
Vicar Bishop.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, January 14 MOLEBEN for the New Year	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 EVE OF THEOPHANY	6:00 pm: Vespers and Great Blessing of Water
Thursday, January 19 THEOPHANY	9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
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
Saturday, January 28	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 29	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour
	9:15 am: Vesting
	9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 4	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 5	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour
	9:15 am: Vesting
	9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 11	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 12	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour
	9:15 am: Vesting
	9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

- 1. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
- 2. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
- 3. For the health of Nicholas Janoczkin on his 21st birthday, offered by Susan Guz
- 4. For the health of Nicholas Janoczkin on his 21st birthday, offered by Judy and Tom Hanney and Family
- 5. For the health of Vicki Borriello, a successful surgery and a speedy recovery, offered by Susan Guz
- 6. For the health of Vicki Borriello and a successful surgery, offered with love, Gail and Family
- 7. For the health of Vicki Borriello on a successful knee surgery, offered by Diane Kavchok
- 8. For the health of Helen Whitmer on her 1st Birthday! Love, Dawn and Ron Healey xoxo
- 9. For the health of Professor Alexander Kachur, offered by Judy and Tom Hanney and Family

PIEROGI FESTIVAL TALK

Our income from last year's Festival was impressive because everything (except the tent rental) was donated. This year we are looking for a sponsor for the tent (see Tom Hanney for cost). AND we are being proactive to take advantage of food sales during the year. We will buy NOW those food products that can keep or freeze well for the next 9 months. So, we will be periodically publishing food items that we need. Please buy them when they are on sale and let Festival Director, Judy Hanney, know:

- Kissling's (Habbersett or Dietz & Watson) Sauerkraut,2-lb bags. Total 50 bags
- Pennsylvania Dutch (or Manischewitz) Medium Egg Noodles, Total 20 bags





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ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY

for the health of Helen Ivanna Whitmer on her 1st Birthday!

Love, Baba and Pop, Mommy and Daddy







Christmas Greetings from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

Kyiv - January 6, 2023

His Holiness Patriarch Filaret of Kyiv and All Rus-Ukraine congratulated the parishioners and the entire Ukrainian people on the Christmas of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Christ was born! Let's praise Him!

We are celebrating a very important event, not just any holiday, but Christmas. We are often used to congratulating on the holiday, on Christmas, without understanding what we are celebrating. And we celebrate the birth of the Son of God for the salvation of the human race! For if the Son of God had not been born, then what would have happened? Would humanity exist? It would exist because God created man eternal. But there would be death. What it means? That the soul would never join the human body. And now, when we celebrate Christmas, it means that the Son of God has united with human nature. And once He united with human nature, not only in one Person, but He united with all humanity. And this gives us hope that we too, after death, will be resurrected and live forever. And that is why we need to be aware of what event we are celebrating these days.

Once again, dear brothers and sisters, I wish you a Merry Christmas. But we should celebrate this event consciously, and not just as one of the ordinary holidays. And that is why peace rejoices on earth. We want not only physical peace, but peace in the human soul itself, because in our souls there is a constant struggle between good and evil, between good thoughts and evil.

I wish that the Lord would grant Ukraine peace, harmony, liberate all our Ukrainian lands, Crimea and Donbas, because this is Ukrainian land. And that peace, tranquility and well-being reign on our native Ukrainian land. And all this will be. And why will it be? And because the truth wins. Never in history has a lie won. Falsehood often wins, but temporarily, and the final victory is always for the truth and for good. And therefore, the truth is with us, which means victory will be with us!

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It was a MERRY St. Nicholas Cathedral!



Holy Supper on Christmas Eve, Friday, January 6, 2023, was well-attended with our banquet tables in the Cathedral Hall set for 50 people. The Sisterhood members prepared a delicious, traditional 12-course meal for the Clergy, family, friends and parishioners. Clergy included: Bishop Luke, V. Rev. Father Oleksii Kacharai, Rev. Hieromonk Father Dionysius McAnnes, Rev. Father Volodymyr Steblyna, V. Rev. Father Dymytriy Bihun.

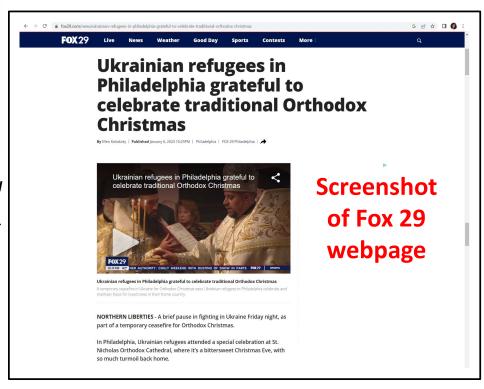


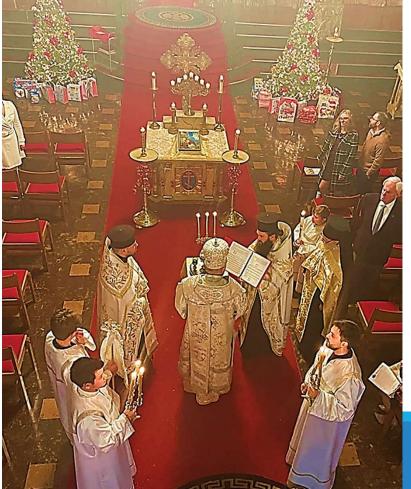
On Christmas Eve, Fox 29 news reporter, Ellen Kolodziej, and a Fox 29 cameraman came to St. Nicholas Cathedral to interview parishioners and film a portion of the Matins service in the Sanctuary. (You can view the videoclip online.)

FOX 29 PHILADELPHIA

NORTHERN LIBERTIES - A brief pause in fighting in Ukraine Friday night, as part of a temporary ceasefire for Orthodox Christmas.

In Philadelphia, Ukrainian refugees attended a special celebration at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, where it's a bittersweet Christmas Eve, with so much turmoil back home. "The bombs were falling. The buildings nearby were under fire," Alla Pukhtetska said. Pukhtetska saw so much suffering in Kiev but came to the United States in March and is grateful to celebrate Christmas Eve with her family. "It's like another birth."





Bishop Luke and his congregation welcomed her and others warmly and she is overwhelmed by the kindness. "We met a lot of people who also come from Ukraine and Poland. They were coming and saying, 'Oh please take this and don't be afraid to take this, because I am also a refugee, but 20 years ago,'" Pukhtetska explained. People like Halyna Kachur, who came to the U.S. more than 20 years ago. She says she's excited to celebrate the traditional Christmas Eve but is still very worried about relatives back home. "Oh very scary, my daughter and my grandson in Ukraine right now." But, on this holy night, she and others have hope and gratitude for so much help. "I should say thanks to our government and our people in the United States. I have so much support here," Alexander Kachur stated.

Bishop Luke is pictured here on Christmas Eve with Clergy during Artoklasia, the solemn blessing of the 5 loaves of bread.

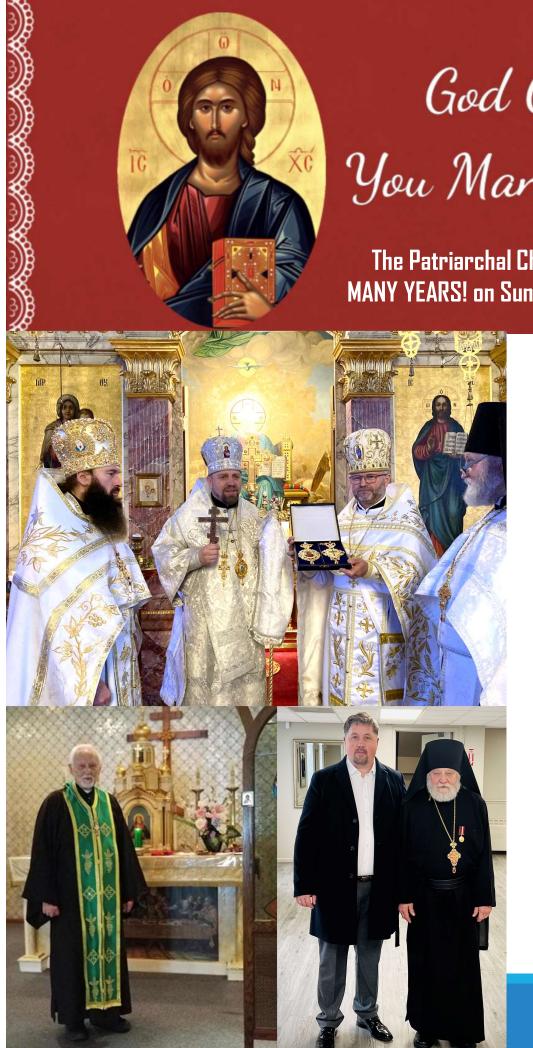


St. Nicholas Cathedral and the Ukrainian refugees. President (not pictured).









God Grant You Many Years!

The Patriarchal Choir sang a resounding MANY YEARS! on Sunday, January 8, 2023, to:

- ❖ Rev. Father Boris Zabrodsky, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Homewood, Illinois, who celebrated his 90th Birthday on Monday, January 9!
- * Bishop Luke, on his 1st Anniversary as Vicar Bishop of the UOC~KP in the USA and Canada!
- Hieromonk Father Dionysius, who recently celebrated his milestone 70th Birthday!



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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

- 1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, 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, Louboy, Vadym, Olexander, Iryna, George, Svilana and Maria, exp. 6/19/23

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It is was great sadness that we share this news:

OKSANA KUTSA

passed away earlier this week from a heart attack following COVID.

You will remember Oksana. She was the young woman – 34 years old – who always set up a table with Ukrainian wares and traditional clothing at our Pierogi Festival to support Ukraine.

Oksana presented a beautiful icon of St. Nicholas to our Cathedral exactly one year ago at the Vicariate GALA on January 16, 2022.

Oksana was the volunteer who brought the donation boxes to the Cathedral to raise funds for Pavlo Motychka, the little Ukrainian boy who suffered from SMA and needed emergency medical care.

A lovely young woman...pleasant, compassionate, selfless, passionate, a good friend to Bishop Luke and many of our parishioners.

May Oksana be remembered for her good works.

May her memory be eternal.

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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

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 Timothy.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. **(2 Timothy 4:5-8)**

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.

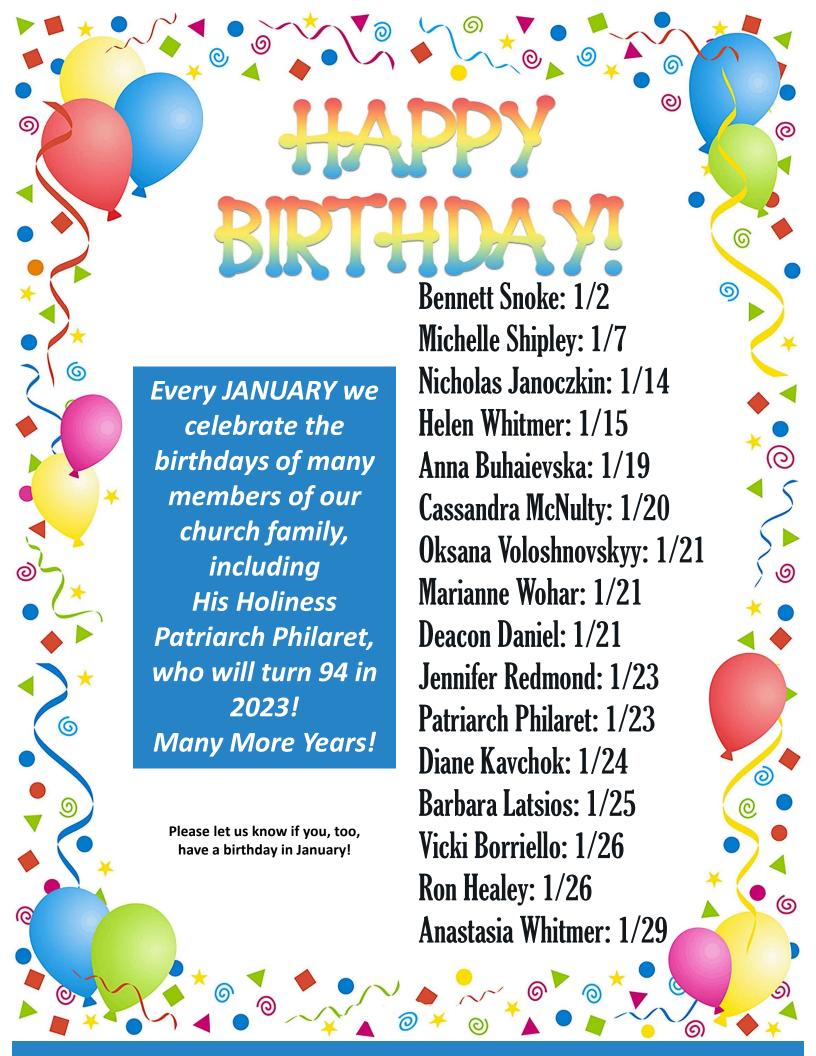
CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' "John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. (Mark 1:1-8)

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





BINGO ANYONE?

Our Hall is rented on Saturday, January 14, 2023, to a group that is hosting a Designer Bag BINGO event – and we are invited to join in the fun! All pertinent information is on their flyer. Perhaps we'll see you on Saturday!





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On Christmas Day, the gingerbread house was finally broken apart and enjoyed!