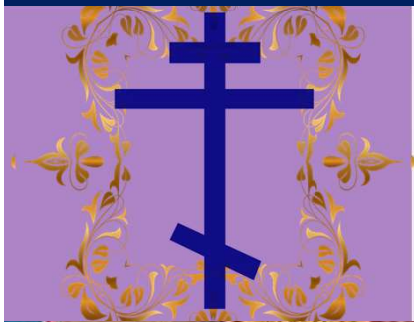


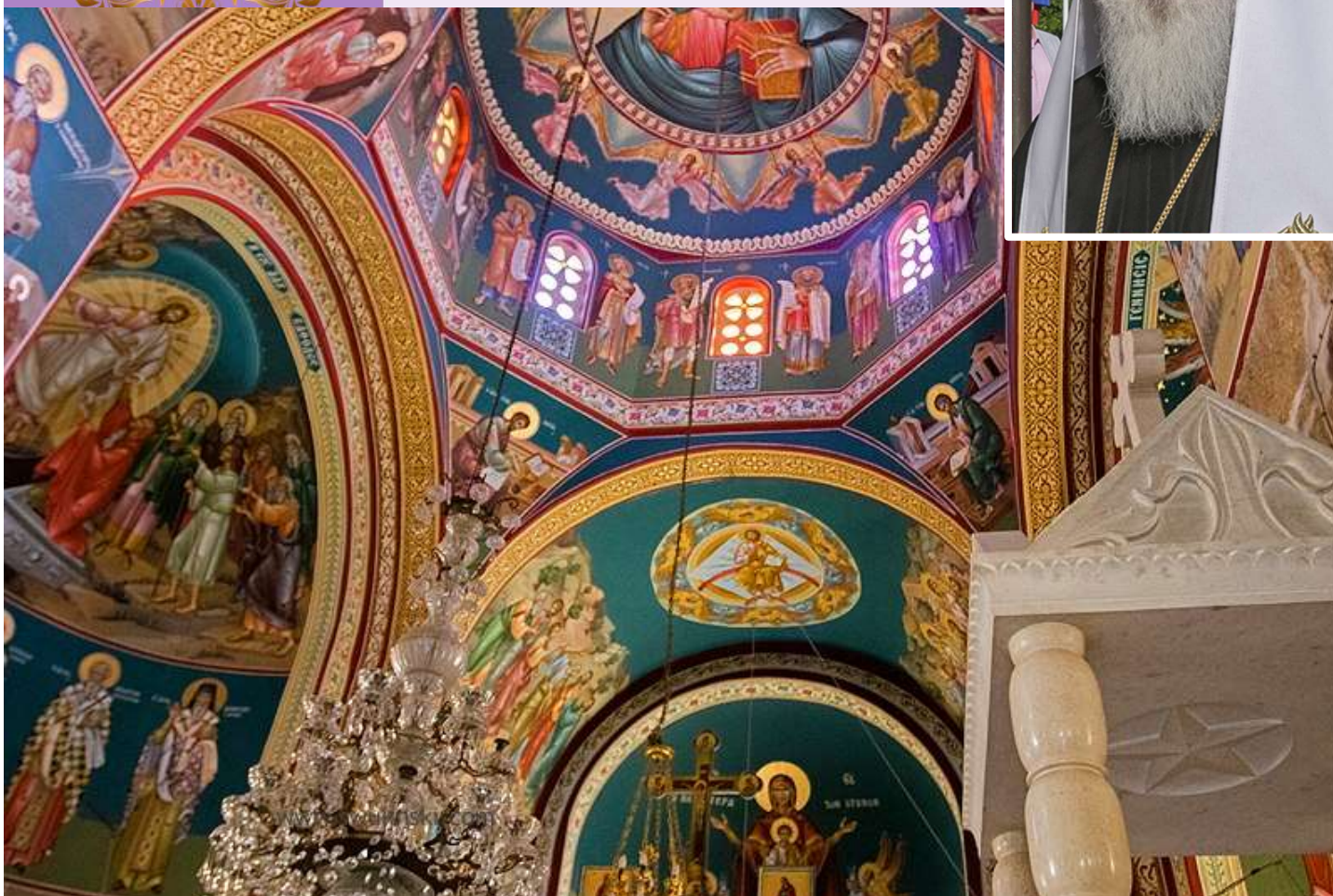
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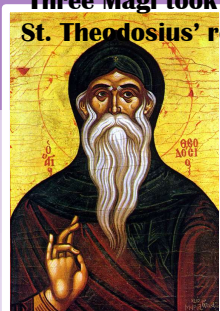
Bulletin for Sunday, January 24, 2021



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret celebrates his 92nd Birthday on Saturday, January 23, 2021!
Mnohaya Lita!



On Sunday, January 24, 2021, the Orthodox Church venerates **St. Theodosius the Great**. This is a photo of the “Monastery of Saint Theodosius” founded by the Saint in 476 located in the Palestine territory near Bethlehem. In the courtyard of the monastery, there is an entrance to a small cave, Theodosius’ retreat. This is the place where the Three Magi took shelter the first night after paying homage to the newborn Baby Jesus. It is also the place where St. Theodosius’ remains are buried. The Monastery of Saint Theodosius was repeatedly destroyed and rebuilt. The building standing today was completed in 1952.



Feast Day of Saint Theodosius the Great

(c. 423-529 AD) Cenobiarch, endowed with a magnificent voice, devoted Church reader and singer, compassionate, pious, generous, defender of Orthodoxy, healer, miracle worker...

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2021

On Thursday, January 14, 2021, following Divine Liturgy, Father Bohdan served a Moleben
"A Service of Thanksgiving at the New Year."

We only have to read – and listen to – the service carefully to realize how meaningful and relevant the age-old prayers are.



"That Thou will bless the crown of the coming year with Thy bounty, and quench the flames of discord, enmity and strife...."

"That Thou will deliver us throughout the coming year, and all the days of our life, from famine, flood, epidemic, hail, fire, the invasion of enemies, and from civil war, from sudden and unprovided death, from sickness, calamity, and distress..."

"We thank Thee for all the blessings Thou has poured out upon us during the past years of our lives, and we beg Thee, O all-bountiful Lord, bless this coming year with Thy goodness, direct our civil authorities in the path of goodness...."



Theophany

The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus Christ in the River Jordan is a joyous day at St. Nicholas Church.

You can always count on Father Bohdan to sprinkle you with a generous dose of Holy Water !

Traditionally the Blessing of Water is done on the Eve of the Feast of Theophany and the day itself, following Divine Liturgy (Tuesday, January 19). But this year, with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, Father Bohdan also blessed water following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 17, so that more people could be present and take part in the prayers.

On this Feast Day, the Lord's epiphany to the world, all creation becomes "very good" again (Genesis 1:31). The world is cleansed of pollution, corruption and evil and "filled with the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:19)

GOD IS WITH US!





The Feast of Theophany



Holy Water reached the Choir high in the Loft as they sang the Troparion of the Feast!







**Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, January 17, 2021
Mark 1:1-8**

In today's Scripture reading, St. Mark tells of John baptizing crowds in the River Jordan and preaching repentance through Baptism for the remission of sins. He also foretells that "One will come after me who is mightier than I...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Of course, St. Mark is referring to Jesus. I blessed water today – and will do so again on the Feast Day of Theophany, next Tuesday. The Blessing not only remembers the event of Jesus' Baptism but also expresses the Orthodox belief that – through the element of water -- all creation is sanctified through Christ.

Come up to the font and drink a cup now, and I will use this water to bless your homes in the coming weeks. Drink the Holy Water and cleanse yourself of impurity, corruption and evil -- and be filled with the fullness of God. AMEN.





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	
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
Saturday, February 6	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 7	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of the Church Kitchen
Saturday, February 13	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 14	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida, followed by a Valentine's Lunch and Dance in the Church Hall
Saturday, February 20	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 21 Publican & Pharisee	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, February 27	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, February 28 Prodigal Son	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

- **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!

Sunday, February 14, 2021, 12:00 noon-?



Valentine's Lunch and Dance

Tickets are \$20 each for a delicious lunch of hot roast beef sandwiches, salads, desserts, wine toast and music by The Kauriga Ensemble! Reserve your seats early. Space is limited. See Barbara Latsios or Judy Hanney or email sneoc100@gmail.com to make your reservation by Feb. 7.



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 be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion. Please stand during the reading of this prayer.

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Liturgical Calendars for 2021, compliments of Fletcher-Nasevich, have arrived! Please pick up your calendar in the Candle Room while they last.

SHARED DAYS = Full Service & days of strict fast.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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- Patricia Walker
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SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

*"I am the light
of the world.
Whoever
follows me will
never walk in
darkness, but
will have the
light of life."
John 8:12*



1. For the health of Barbara Latsios, on her birthday, Love, George, Cassandra and Ray
2. For the health of Barbara Latsios, on her birthday, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
3. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer, on her birthday, Love, Mom, Dad, Alexandra, Lloyd and Aidan
4. In memory of Stephen Michael Sameruck, on his birthday and anniversary of his passing, offered by Tom, Judy and Family
5. For the health of Barbara Latsios on her birthday, offered by Colleen, George, Nicholas, Jennifer, Melissa and Cory
6. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday, offered by Collen, George, Nicholas, Jennifer, Melissa and Cory
7. In memory of Stephen Sameruck on his birthday, offered by Colleen, Nicholas and Jennifer
8. For the health of Vicki Borriello on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
9. For the health of Barbara Latsios on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
10. For the health of Cassandra McNulty on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
11. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
12. For the health of Tom Archut on his birthday. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
13. For the health and continued recovery of Ellen Hanavin. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
14. For the health of my husband, Ron, on his birthday. Love, Dawn xoxox
15. For the health and successful surgeries of Aunt Marie and Uncle Bill. Love, Dawn & Ron Healey
16. For the health of Vicki Borriello on her 70th Birthday, offered with Love, Diane Kavchok
17. For the health of Vicki Borriello on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
18. For the health of Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios, on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
19. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
20. For the health of Diane Kavchok on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
21. For the health of Diane Kavchok on her birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
22. For the health of our cousin, Vicki Borriello, on her "special" birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
23. For the health of Diane Kavchok on her birthday, offered with love by Gail Osborn
24. For the health of Vicki Borriello on her special birthday, offered with love by Gail Osborn
25. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer, on her birthday, Love, Aunt Barbara, Uncle George, Cassandra and Ray
26. For the health of Devon, Love, Mom-Mom
27. For the health of my brother, Ted, Love, Barbara
28. For the health of my sister, Ellen, Love, Barbara
29. For the unspoken request for Father Bohdan, Love, Barbara
30. For the health of Barbara Latsios on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
31. For the health of our son-in-law, Ron Healey, on his birthday, Love, Mom and Dad

ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



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

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

THE SCRIPTURE READING
FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021
33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

CHOIR: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah God is known. His Name is great in Israel! Pray and make your vows.

CHOIR: Before the Lord our God!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the 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: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

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.

Happy Birthday Anna



Bearing gifts – a cheesecake (Anna’s favorite!), flowers, our Church calendar and Bulletin, birthday cards and Holy Oil – Father Bohdan paid **ANNA KULIASHA** a visit at St. Martha Center in Downingtown, PA, on Friday, January 15, to personally wish her good health and “many years” on her 85th Birthday! With great disappointment, upon his arrival Father Bohdan was not permitted to see Anna because of COVID restrictions. However, the staff promised that Anna would receive her gifts and Father’s blessings.



This is a photo of Anna celebrating her birthday in our Church Hall **LAST YEAR.**

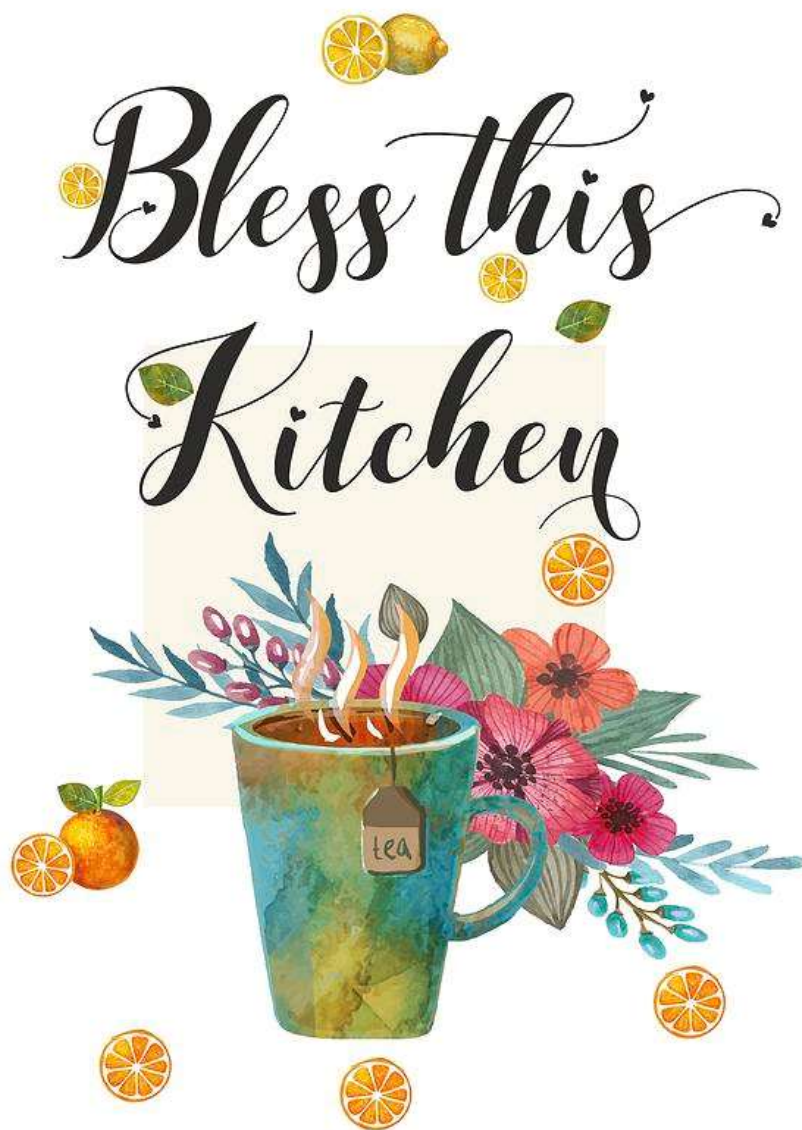


HAPPY BIRTHDAY



On Sunday, January 17, 2021, Parishioners enjoyed a Fellowship Lunch and Birthday Cake in honor of Cassandra Elena McNulty's 30th Birthday. Her Mom and Dad – Barbara and George Latsios – treated the Congregation to a delicious lunch of hoagies and chicken noodle soup. **Thank you!** Congratulations, Cassandra, and all of our parishioners who celebrate birthdays in January! Pictured here are George and Barbara Latsios, Cassandra and Ray McNulty and Father Bohdan.





On Sunday,
February 7,
2021.

Father
Bohdan
will bless
our newly-
remodeled
Church
Kitchen, the
generous
benefactors
who made the
renovation
possible, and
all those who
lent a
helping
hand.

A Fellowship
Lunch in our
Church Hall
will follow.
Cheesesteak
Pierogies will
be on the
menu!