

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, January 31, 2021

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH YEAR



St. Volodymyr
Patriarchal
Cathedral
Kyiv, Ukraine



ST. ATHANASIUS
THE GREAT,
PATRIARCH OF
ALEXANDRIA



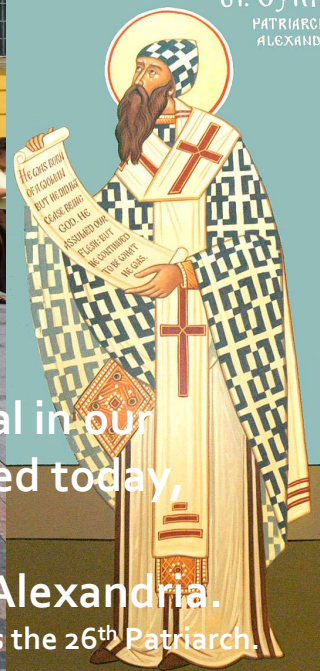
Orthodox Church life is an annual cycle of worship and at the core is Easter, the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection of Christ. Soon we will start the Pre-Lenten period of our Church year, followed by Great Lent (which begins this year on MARCH 15). After Easter (MAY 2), there are 50 days of celebration until Pentecost. Each following Sunday is counted in terms of Pentecost (e.g., the First Sunday after Pentecost, the Second Sunday, etc.) until Pre-Lent begins again.....

The veneration of saints is also fundamental in our Orthodox daily lives. Two saints are venerated today, Sunday, January 31, 2021:

St. Athanasius and St. Cyril, two Patriarchs of Alexandria.

St. Athanasius (c.293-373) was the 20th Patriarch; St. Cyril (c.375-444) was the 26th Patriarch.

ST. CYRIL,
PATRIARCH OF
ALEXANDRIA





Blessing of homes began 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 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 <i>Valentine's Day Lunch and Dance</i> 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	9:00 a m: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 6 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 7 MEATFARE SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

**Sisterhood Annual Dues for 2021:
\$10
(see Barbara Latsios)**

**Church 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!**

Please remember our homebound parishioner:

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

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of our beloved aunt, Dorothy Chelak, on her 93rd birthday, offered by Susan Guz and Patricia Walker
2. In memory of Carol Irene Kauriga, offered by Tom, Judy and Family
3. In memory of my Aunt Helen Marx, offered with love by Gail Osborn
4. In memory of Helen Trenchevski, offered with love by Gail Osborn
5. In memory of newly-departed MaryAnn Varhula, offered by Diane Kavchok & Family
6. For the health of Barbara, Love, Vicki
7. For the health of Anastasia, from her Best Buddy and Ellen
8. For the health of Father Bohdan for all of his prayers, Love, Ellen
9. For the health of Susan, Love, Ellen

*“For Thou
will light my
candle. The
Lord my God
will enlighten
my darkness.”*

Psalm 18:28



*From that time Jesus began to preach,
saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand.”*

Father Bohdan’s Sermon – Sunday, January 24, 2021
Matthew 4:12-17

Today’s Scripture reading is very short, only 4 sentences. And we are told in just 9 words about a fateful time in the life of Jesus: when He began to preach for the first time. After learning that John the Baptist was imprisoned, Jesus went to Capernaum, a small fishing village, to begin His ministry, building a team of disciples, saying: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus was the light that shone on Capernaum. The Scripture reading tells us that the people had been in darkness, figuratively, until Jesus’ arrival. Did they believe what He preached? Some did, some did not. Some were angry and refused His message. However, some dropped everything to follow Him. Some, as in His first disciples, Simon called Peter, Andrew, James and John. “Come follow Me,” Jesus said, and they did.

Let this short Scripture reading, this ancient message, be a reminder to you to repent, as Jesus instructed. For when you repent, you acknowledge your misdeeds, your faults, your imperfections. Repent means to change direction; go the other way; or stop what you are doing and do the opposite instead. And when you do this, your life will change – for the better -- as you get closer to God. See Jesus as the light in a dark world. Just like He was the light in that small fishing village of Capernaum. AMEN.



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoï 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 31, 2021
34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

CHOIR: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye Righteous! Praise befits the just! Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

CHOIR: As we have set our hope on Thee.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Colossians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **(Colossians 3:12-16)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: God gives vengeance unto me and subdues people under me!
He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully with Christ, with David and his seed forever.

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 Luke.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." **(Luke 18:18-27)**

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

**On Wednesday,
January 27,
we celebrate the
Feast Day of
St. Nina of Georgia.**

What is her story?

When we imagine determined women -- women with a mission -- we think of pioneer women, or women who are leaders of their countries, or women who run huge corporations. Strong women with great intellect, vision and power. And there are also extraordinary women in our everyday lives, women who make a difference in their circle of friends and families now. But through the centuries, there have always been such remarkable women. And if we go back to the year 296 AD, we find St. Nina.

What is her story?



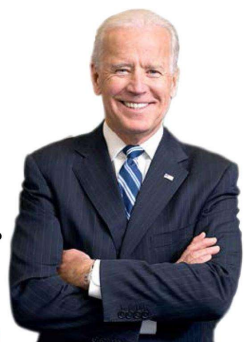
St. Nina was a relative of Great-martyr George and the only daughter of a well-respected couple. Her father was a Roman army chief, and her mother, Susanna, was the sister of the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When Nina was 12, her parents separated. Her father became a monk, and her mother was ordained a Deaconess. Nina was raised in the Christian faith by an old woman named Sara. And it was Sara who told Nina that Jesus' robe had arrived in Georgia, a country of pagans.

Upon learning this, Nina made it her mission to go to Georgia and venerate the robe that Mary had woven for her Beloved Son. Nina prayed to the Theotokos, asking for her blessing and to be made worthy of this task. The Most Holy Virgin appeared to Nina in a dream, blessing her to preach in Georgia with her protection. When Nina awoke, she was holding a cross in her hands.

In Georgia, all those who heard Nina preach converted to the Christian faith, to the great displeasure of the pagan King. The King resolved to kill all those who followed Jesus Christ. But then darkness came upon the King. Frightened, he prayed to Jesus Christ for the first time and became a believer. Because of St. Nina's courageous efforts and great faith, Georgia became a Christian nation. When St. Nina died, the King erected a church over her grave.

May St. Nina's life empower all women to seek opportunities for Orthodox fellowship, spiritual growth and community service so that you can change someone's life -- as St. Nina changed an entire nation.

Dear
Mr.
PRESIDENT



*Patriarch Philaret
congratulates Joseph Biden
on taking office as
President of the United States*



Dear Mr. President,

On the occasion of the inauguration, let me sincerely congratulate you on your election and assumption of the office of the President of the United States of America.

Many believers in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate are United States citizens.

With great warmth I recollect our repeated meetings in Washington when you were the Vice President of the United States.

Today, with my blessing, parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate in the United States hold prayers to the Lord to grant you success as the newly-elected President.

Ukrainians greatly appreciate the help of the United States of America in defending our national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

It is common knowledge that the United States has great respect for human rights and has always defended them around the world. I hope that during the term of your office, strategic cooperation between our countries will continue and the rights of believers of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate for the freedom of conscience will be protected. It is also my fervent prayer that our Church will renew its legal registration in Ukraine so that it will be able to act freely again and fulfill its mission of salvation.

I wish you good health, strength, inspiration in serving the American people and defending the ideals of freedom, peace, and democracy.

I call God's blessing upon you.

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PATRIARCH OF KYIV AND ALL RUS-UKRAINE



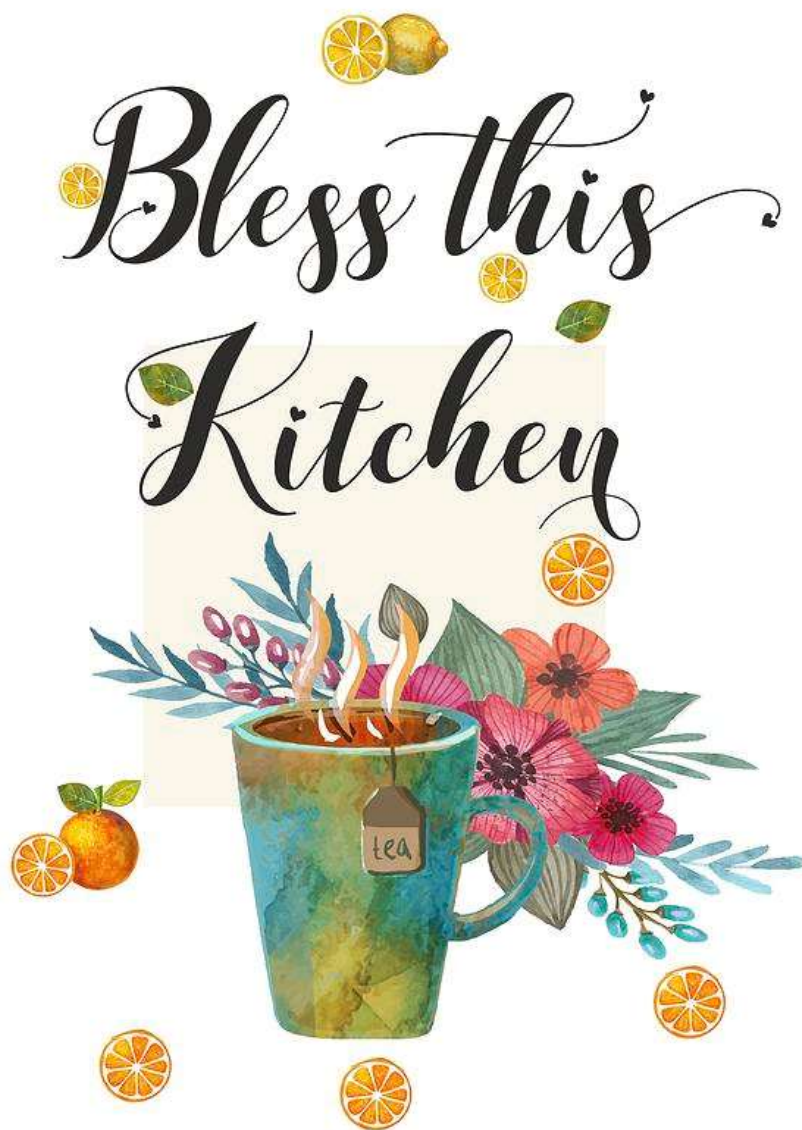


Father Bohdan Congratulated Vicki Borriello, Diane Kavchok and Oksana Voloshnovskyy on Their Birthdays!

A big thank-you to the Borriello Family for preparing a delicious Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, January 24.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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!



Sunday, February 14, 2021
12:00 noon in the Church Hall

Valentine's Day Lunch & 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.

