

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

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*Bulletin for  
Sunday, July 19, 2020*

**Very Reverend  
Bohdan Zhoba, Rector**



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## *Newly-Discovered Works by Young "Iconographers"*



Read the story on  
the next page....



The icons – Holy  
Martyrs St. Platon and  
St. Paraskevi and  
St. Michael the  
Archangel – are  
painted on canvas and  
depict the holiness of  
these Saints.

Three well-  
preserved original  
icons were recently  
discovered –  
hidden for decades  
in an obscure bin  
in the St. Nicholas  
Church storage  
room.





## *On Sunday, July 12, Father Bohdan Presented Two Icons to Gail Osborn on the Occasion of Her Retirement*

*“Today we send our best wishes to Gail Osborn, who has recently retired from her job after many decades of employment. Congratulations, Gail. The hard work is over and now you can relax. And on this occasion, I have a gift for you. Two hand-painted original icons – one of St. Platon and one of St. Paraskevi – painted by two young, talented iconographers in Sunday School 30 years ago. And these young iconographers are very dear to you. They are your children – Geoffrey and Wendy.*

*Gail, may these unique icons remind you how special you are to St. Nicholas Church– and to your family. You taught your children a love for our Orthodox faith, and they will in turn do the same for their children. And this is how our Church will endure for generations to come.*

*Congratulations, Gail.  
God bless you.”*

*Father Bohdan*

A creative St. Nicholas Church Sunday School project almost 30 years ago instilled an important understanding of Orthodox iconography in young St. Nicholas Church students.

### **DO YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THE VARIOUS OBJECTS HELD BY SAINTS IN A PORTRAIT ICON?**

A **CROSS** indicates that the Saint is a Holy Martyr; a **SCROLL** means holy wisdom and is often shown in the hands of the holy Apostles; sainted Bishops hold the **GOSPEL BOOK**; a soldier-martyr who converted to Christianity holds a **WEAPON** (a sword, shield, lance or pike); and a small **CHURCH BUILDING** is held by those saints who are recognized as “pillars of the church,” like Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

**This Week's Bulletin is Sponsored by  
Ellen Hanavin and Barbara Marozzi  
In Honor of Their Beloved Parents, EMIL & HELEN LEVCHENCO,  
on Their Wedding Anniversary and Their Father on His Birthday**

## Schedule of Services

<b>Saturday, July 18</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, July 19</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Saturday, July 25</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, July 26</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Saturday, August 1</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, August 2</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Saturday, August 8</b>	<b>5:00 pm: Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday, August 9</b>	<b>9:00 am: Divine Liturgy</b>



*Emil & Helen Levchenco  
Married on July 16, 1939*

Looking ahead at our Church calendar....our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020. This year – weather permitting – we will hold the meeting **OUTSIDE** on our North Lawn. A lunch from the grill will be served to all attendees. President, Tom Hanney, will lead the meeting. This is your opportunity to hear about our accomplishments this past year and future projects. Members will vote for Council Members. We invite you to ask questions. (You may recall that our semi-annual update meeting scheduled for March 29 was canceled because of the quarantine, so there will be a lot of information to share at the September meeting.)

# ANNUAL MEETING



## 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.



## Donations to the Building Fund 2020

1. **Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello & Gail Osborn**  
*In Memory of Victoria Patterson*

2. **Anna Kuliasha**

3. **Colleen & Nicholas Philipp**  
*In Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond*

4. **Serge & Janet Loginow**  
*In Memory of Parents, Serge & Anna Loginow Grandparents, Harry & Ksenia Loginow Grandparents, John & Mary Sloma Uncle, Nick Sloma Aunt, Helen Trenchevski*

5. **Vicki & Frank Borriello**  
*In Honor of Susan Guz for all her work for the Church*

6. **Vicki Borriello, Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy & Gail Osborn**  
*In Memory of Karen Niehoff*

### CLERGY

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## CHURCH CALENDAR 2020

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18	SISTERHOOD OF THE PROTECTION (POKROVA) OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8	ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy

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Please remember our homebound parishioner:  
**Ms. Anna Kuliasha**  
St. Martha Center  
470 Manor Avenue  
Downingtown, PA 19335  
Tel: 610-873-8490



*Attention, Ladies of the Church: Consider joining the **SISTERHOOD**. Annual Dues are only \$10. Contact Sisterhood President, **Barbara Latsios**.*

### CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

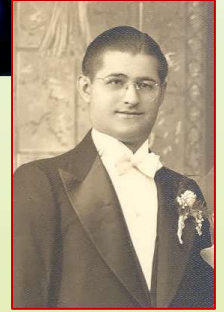
- Thomas J. Hanney
- Frank Borriello
- Susan Guz
- George Latsios
- Serge Loginow

All Church services are being live-streamed. To “attend” a virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link:

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806\\_Lzrg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg)**



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



**ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY**  
**In Memory of Beloved Father / Grandfather**  
**EMIL LEVCHENCO**

**On His Birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin & Dawn Healey**

**SUNDAY VIGILS**

1. For the health of Valentina Kariouk, on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
2. For the health of Bohdana Zhoba, on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered by Susan Guz

**ANNUAL VIGILS**

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. 11/1/20
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. 12/31/20
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. 10/1/20
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. 10/13/20
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. 8/1/20
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
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. 9/18/20
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. 12/31/20
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
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, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
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. 11/1/20
18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
19. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, July 12  
Matthew 16:13-19

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says to Peter: "**On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**" In other words, no matter what catastrophes our Church may encounter, Jesus reassures us that the Church will survive -- and thrive. And in this present day, could we interpret Hades to mean something so terrible that our congregation is forced to stay away from St. Nicholas Church? Could Hades mean something like the coronavirus? If you believe that, then this Scripture passage – "**on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it**" – should give you comfort, strength, encouragement – and faith – that one day we will not wear masks, one day we can embrace each other again and one day our sanctuary will be full. Do not despair! Can you worship God anywhere? Absolutely. But if you are not a vital part of the church, then your spiritual life will waste away. If you are not serving and worshipping in a church family, you will experience a void, an emptiness. When we gather together in person, working together, believing together, praying together, we can do so much more as a group than as an individual. When we take your energy, and your time, and your talent, and your faith – and put them all together – we can accomplish anything. That is why church as a physical building in which we can gather is essential. Today's Gospel reading affirms that. AMEN.

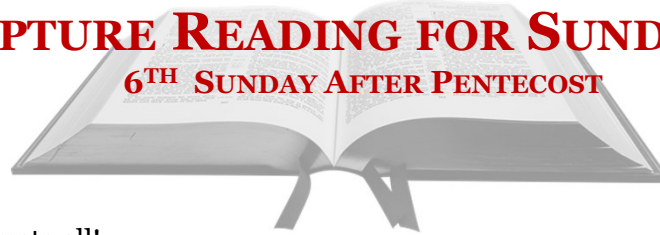


**Message from: Barbara Latsios,  
President of the Sisterhood**

The St. Nicholas Church "Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos" would like you to reserve **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**, for our annual luncheon following Divine Liturgy. The luncheon is our only fundraiser. We use this event each year to raise money for essential items needed in our Church by the Clergy. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults 18 and older. Children 17 and under are free of charge. The luncheon always includes a full course menu. Your attendance makes this event a success and we look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Barbara Latsios at 215-814-5384 or at [gbcl@comcast.net](mailto:gbcl@comcast.net) for reservations or additional information!

Thank you! *Barbara*

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19



6<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 5th Tone: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

**CHOIR:** Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

**READER:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is Godly. Thou, O Lord, shall protect us.

**CHOIR:** And preserve us from this generation forever!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Romans.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

**(Romans 12:6-14)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. For Thou has said: "Mercy will be established forever, and My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

**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. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. **(Matthew 9:1-8)**

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