

## “Lord, have mercy on us.”

### In Sunday's Scripture reading – Matthew 9:27-35

-- two blind men exclaimed, “*Have mercy on us, Son of David,*” a variant of the well-known Jesus Prayer: “*Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.*” Not only did Jesus give sight to these two blind men, He enabled a mute man to speak and He cast out demons! The multitudes were amazed at Jesus' power. The self-important and resentful Pharisees thought the opposite. In their eyes, Jesus could do nothing right. Matthew writes in Verse 34 that the Pharisees said the only reason Jesus could cast out the demons was because he was Satan himself! Let this verse be a reminder that to the arrogant and self-righteous, proof of your good works does not matter. The Pharisees questioned, debated, and ridiculed Jesus even though they saw people being healed and lives changed right in front of them. Their scorn and disbelief were based not on insufficient evidence but on their jealousy of Jesus. Yet, as we know, their resentment did not stop Jesus from performing miracles. And so it should be with us. If your heart is pure and your intentions are good, let nothing stop you from doing good works for the glory of God.

*Say the Jesus Prayer frequently and humbly, with love, a purity of heart and mind and a fervent desire to be close to God.*



## TWO UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS VISIT ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, July 16, 2023, the clergy and congregation of St. Nicholas Cathedral were honored by the presence of two Ukrainian soldiers who attended Divine Liturgy, prayed and worshipped with us. The two men, severely wounded in the war in Ukraine, were in the United States to receive prosthetics made possible by Kind Deeds (KindDeeds.org), a non-profit organization run by volunteers. Kind Deeds facilitates treatment in Ukraine and later transfer patients to the USA to receive prostheses and rehabilitation, entirely free of cost. Kind Deeds currently has a waiting list of over 200 Ukrainian soldiers urgently in need of their services.



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Bishop Luke presented medals to the two soldiers, **Serhiy Pozniak** (Junior Lieutenant, National Guard of Ukraine & Head of the Association of Veteran Entrepreneurs) and **Oleg Khmelevskyi** (Paramedic) with appreciation for their bravery and the sacrifices they made defending their homeland.



*MAKING SACRIFICES FOR FREEDOM*

**Bishop Luke, wearing his military chaplain robe, is flanked by two heroes of Ukraine.**



## Schedule of Services

**VESPERS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023.  
DIVINE LITURGY STARTS AT 9:00 AM DURING THE  
SUMMER MONTHS.**



Sunday, July 23	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Sunday, July 30	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Sunday, August 6	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Sunday, August 13	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida

## SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Rayisa Kovalova, Love, Ellen and Phil
2. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
3. For the health of our Granddaughter, Mackenzie, on her 19th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle.
4. For the health of Alla Pukhtetska and prayers for a successful driver's road test on July 20, offered by Susan Guz
5. For the health of Susan Guz, offered by Kevan Jiang
6. For the health of Fr. Oleksii Kacharai, offered by Kevan Jiang
7. For the health of Tom and Judy Hanney, offered by Kevan Jiang
8. For the health of George and Barbara Latsios, offered by Kevan Jiang
9. For the health of Phil and Ellen Hanavin, offered by Kevan Jiang



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# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

## 7<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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Romans.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. **(Romans 15:1-7)**

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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** Alleluia! 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. When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. **(Matthew 9:27-35)**

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



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1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
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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. 8/1/24
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko 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. 4/19/24
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. 5/31/24
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. 5/2/24
24. +In loving memory of newly-departed sister-in-law/aunt, Sandra Chelak, who passed away on April 18. Memory Eternal. Offered by Dorothy Chelak, Denise Chelak and Nina Davis. exp. 5/21/24



*A beautiful gladiola blooms in the Rectory garden.*

The Easter plants that adorned the tomb in April were planted in the gardens of the Cathedral on Bright Monday by Alla Pukhtetska. The gladiolas are now in full bloom – and giving great joy to all passers-by!



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**- Sunday, September 24:**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
immediately followed by the first  
Pierogi Festival food prep session

**- Sunday, October 15:**  
**Sisterhood Annual Luncheon**

**- Saturday, November 4**  
**- Sunday, November 5:**  
**Pierogi Festival**

**- Sunday, December 17:**  
**St. Nicholas Patron Saint**  
**Luncheon**

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