



# St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

*Patriarchal Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivan Patriarchate*

## Bulletin for Sunday, July 25, 2021

**JULY 28, 2021: THE FEAST DAY OF THE  
HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES  
GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR (c. 958-1015)**

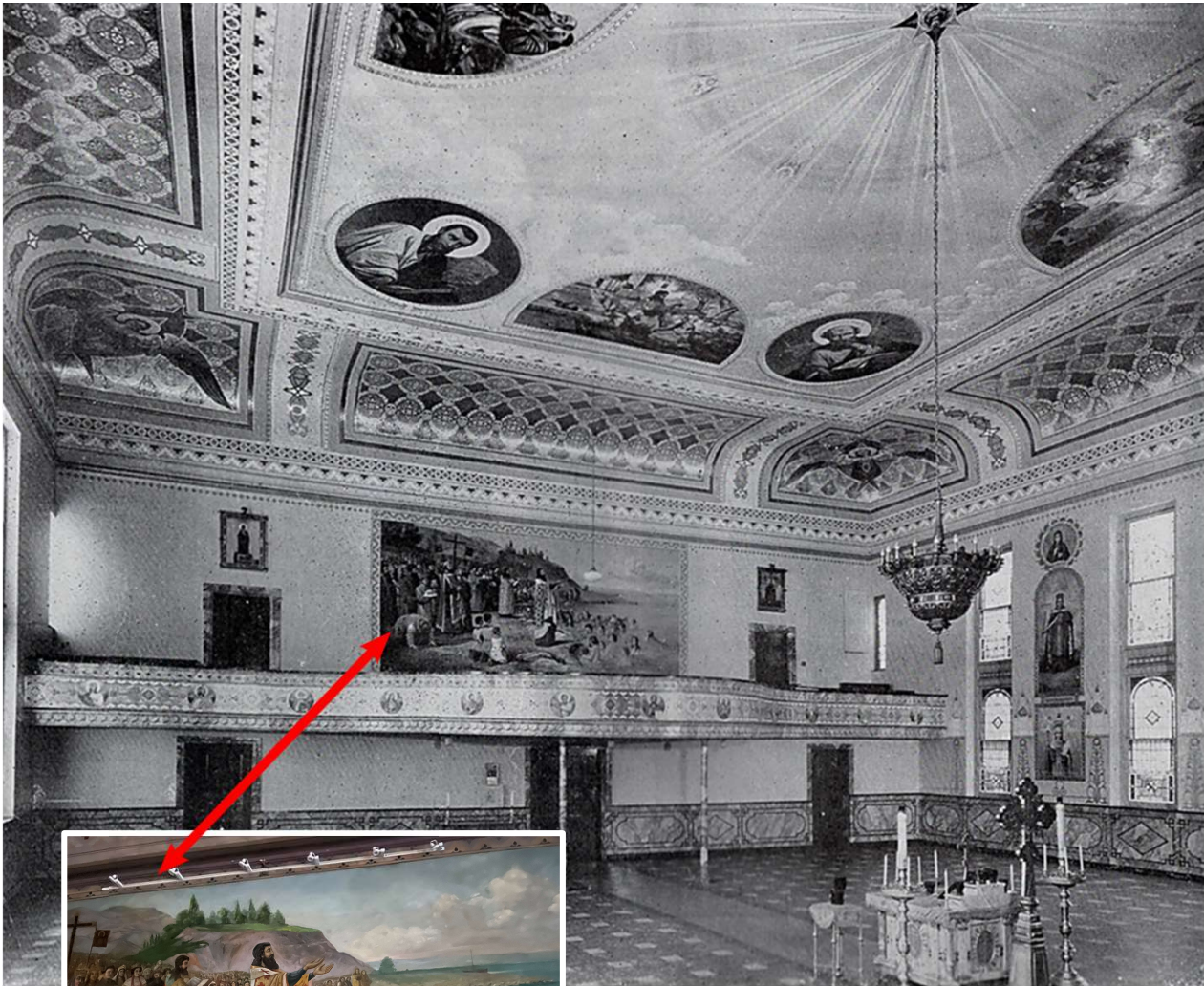


*The Baptism of Kievans,  
a painting by Klavdiy Lebedev (1852-1916)*

Born a pagan prince, Saint Vladimir's personal spiritual awakening eventually transformed an entire nation to Christianity with the mass Baptism of the Kyivans in the waters of the Dnieper River. Prince Vladimir subsequently demolished all pagan monuments and built monasteries and churches, starting with the Church of the Tithes, the first stone church in Kyiv. St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Kyiv is dedicated to Great Prince Vladimir.



This distinguished title -- Holy Equal-To-The-Apostles -- is bestowed as a recognition of various saints' outstanding service in the spreading and assertion of Christianity, comparable to that of the original apostles. That Prince Vladimir was elevated from paganism to the heights of sanctity is a testament to Christ's ability to convert sinners into saints.



If the painting on the cover of this Bulletin looks familiar, it is because a replica is hanging in the Sanctuary on the back wall of the Choir Loft. This is a photo of the Sanctuary taken in 1945 when the church was rededicated – a huge celebration that included the Mayor of Philadelphia at that time, the Hon. Bernard Samuel, the last Republican-elected Mayor of Philadelphia who held office from 1941-1952.



2021 marks the 1033<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Baptism of Kyivan-Rus-Ukraine. Three years ago, Father Bohdan led a group of parishioners, including the Church Council, on a historic pilgrimage to Kyiv, where they participated with more than 100,000 Orthodox faithful in the 1030<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Baptism of Kyivan-Rus-Ukraine.

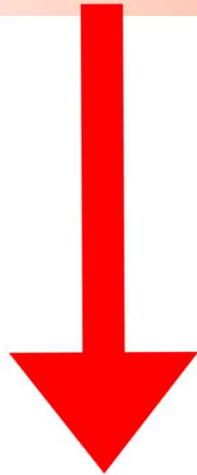


**This donation plaque, dated 1945, was rescued from our “medieval” cellar. Deteriorated and damaged by dampness, mold and mildew, the framed commemoration (written in old Slavonic) was recently restored and will be hung in our entrance foyer.**



# Our History

**Approximately 680 parishioners and friends of St. Nicholas Church donated money for the 1945 restoration. Tradition was to list the amount of each contribution, and you will see that donations ranged from \$1 to \$200.**



*Prior to the 1945 Rededication, a lot of work was accomplished in the Sanctuary and Rectory: many icons were painted and restored by iconographer George Novikoff; the faux marble, created by church parishioner Simeon Filipovich Frederick, was refurbished; the east wall was reconstructed; a new ambo built; the front steps were redone with white stone; new railings installed; and the rectory remodeled. All this is to say that renovation projects are part of our past...present...and future!*

**“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**

John 8:12

**Jesus is that light.**



## **CONVERTING OUR CANDLESTANDS TO SAND CANDLESTANDS *PRACTICALITY AND TRADITION***

Our brass candlestands are showing neglect and their age: they are covered with wax drippings; many are wobbly; and the small holders are missing. No one has the time to painstakingly remove the hardened wax that drips from burning candles, only to have the stands covered in candle wax again the very next week.

Converting the stands to sand candlestands makes sense. Upkeep is reduced to a quick regular polish of the brass. Melted wax is easily picked out of the sand and discarded. In addition, all sizes of candles can easily be placed in the sand.

Months ago, we experimented with converting one candlestand to sand -- the stand in front of the St. Nicholas icon. The domed top was removed; a cylinder prototype was fitted from the bottom of the vessel to the center ornamentation; and then the vessel -- the bowl -- was filled with sand. This popular stand was immediately filled with candles of all sizes.

So, the project moved forward this month. Over the next several weeks, each of our 11 stands will be taken to the church hall to be polished. The makeshift cylinder will be replaced with a custom-fitted, lacquered, fluted solid brass cylinder; the vessel filled with sand; and the stand returned to the Sanctuary. When the weather becomes cooler, the original domed tops will be cleaned of wax, polished and stored in our Sanctuary closet.

Sand candlestands have a long history in the Orthodox church. One custom is to draw a small sign of the Cross in the sand with the candle, then place the candle in the middle of the Cross. Light the candle. Quietly say a prayer. Make the sign of the Cross. Venerate the icon.

If you would like to donate towards this endeavor, the cost of converting each stand is \$50 (\$20 brass pipe; \$5 sand; \$25 labor to polish). After recently inquiring about the project, Vicki and Frank Borriello became the first sponsors! Thank you!

# Looking ahead at our calendar.....

our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

- Lunch will be served to all attendees.
- Father Bohdan, Rector, will open the meeting with a prayer.
- Tom Hanney, President, will present a full Agenda.
- This is your opportunity to hear about our accomplishments this past year and exciting future projects.
- Members will vote for Council Members.
- We invite you to ask questions.



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of Andrew and Amy Wohar on their 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, offered by Mom, Dad, Michael, Anastasia and Tom
2. For the health of Bohdana Zhoba on her birthday, offered by Judy and Tom Hanney and Family
3. For the health of Bohdana Zhoba on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of Bohdana Zhoba on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil Hanavin
5. For the health of our Granddaughter, Mackenzie, on her 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
6. For the restored health of Bakhtier Jalolov and safe travel of his brother, Rakmatullo Zhalolov
7. For the health of our uncle, Steve Lex, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt Murphy

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2021

- *Patricia Walker*
- *Anna Kuliasha*
- *Colleen Philipp*
- *The Borriello Family, In Memory of David Patterson*
- *The Murphy Family, In Memory of our Mother/Mom-Mom, Lillian Fox*
- *In Memory of Tina Fedec*
- *Cassandra and Ray McNulty*

## Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 25	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Sunday, August 1	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Sunday, August 8	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida
Sunday, August 15	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Sunday, August 22	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration (Thursday, August 19)
Sunday, August 29	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos (Saturday, August 28)
Sunday, September 5	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Sunday, September 12	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida
Sunday, September 19	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Sunday, September 26	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by <b>PARISH ANNUAL MEETING</b>
Sunday, October 3	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Sunday, October 10	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida
Sunday, October 17	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by the Akathist to the Holy Theotokos. At the conclusion of the prayer service, the Sisterhood Annual Luncheon will take place in the Church Hall.

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Info **must be received by noon on WEDNESDAY** to be published in the Sunday Bulletin.  
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Please remember our homebound parishioner:  
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# No Time Off for a Priest



***Father Bohdan works 24/7. And his relentless prayers and efforts get results...***

***Recently, Father was summoned to Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY, by the medical team of his long-time friend, Bakhtier. Father Bohdan drove to Brooklyn many times as his friend's health deteriorated. The doctors advised that critical medical decisions – that only a family member could make -- were needed. Bakhtier's only family, a brother, lives in Tajikistan with no hope of getting an exit visa. He told Father Bohdan that every day people queued in an endless line outside the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe hoping for a miracle and the granting of a visa to the USA.***

***Please, could Father Bohdan help once again, the brother begged. Father immediately called the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe – and then sent the following letter:***

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am Very Reverend Father Bohdan Zhoba, Rector of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, spiritual father, priest and long-time friend of Mr. Bakhtier Jalolov, who is a patient at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY and currently on life support.

I have visited Mr. Jalolov several times at Maimonides Medical Center and have spoken to his doctors. I can attest that the presence of family is critical at this time in order to make medical decisions for Mr. Jalolov. Mr. Jalolov is alone in the USA and has no family here to help him.

Given the dire circumstances, I implore you to please grant Mr. Jalolov's brother -- Mr. Rakhmatullo Zhalolov -- a temporary visa to visit his brother immediately.

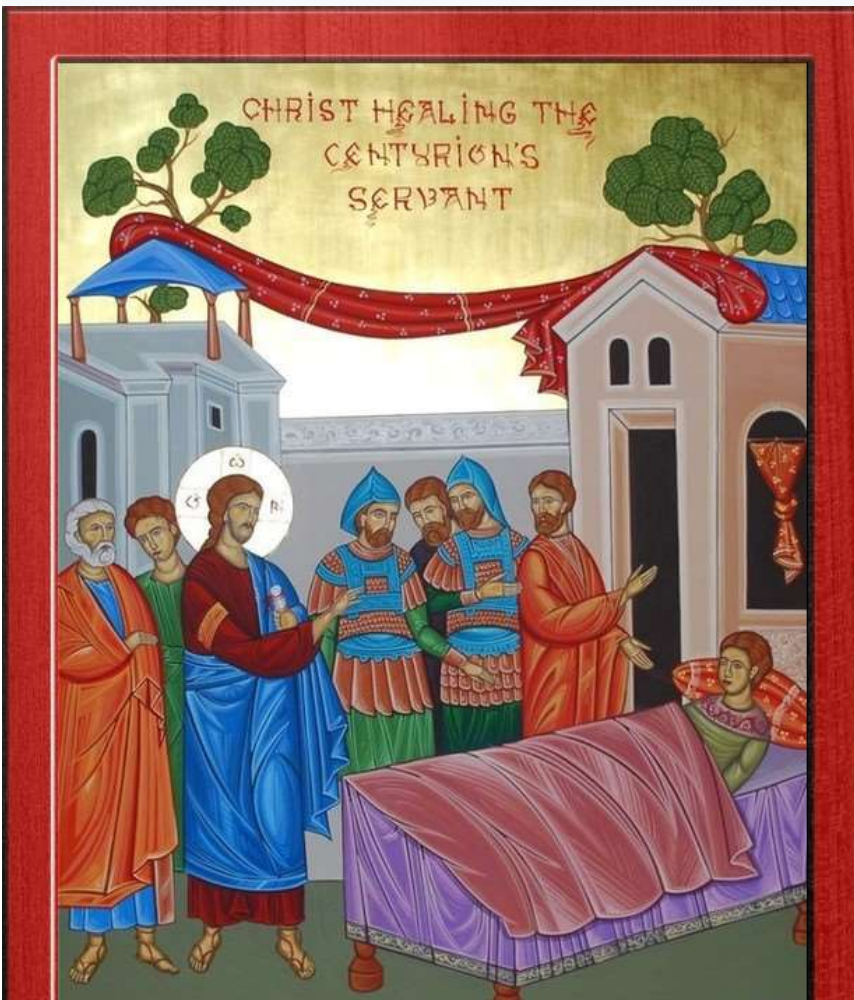
Thank you for your efforts to accomplish this urgent request. The family and I are forever grateful for your assistance.

God Bless You,  
V. Rev. Bohdan Zhoba

***In response to Father's letter, Rakhmatullo was then contacted by the U.S. Embassy and granted a visa to enter the USA!***

***God Bless YOU, Father Bohdan!***

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, July 18, 2021  
Matthew 8:5-13



In today's Bible reading, we meet the Centurion. He told Jesus that when he – the Centurion -- gave an order – whether to a soldier, or his servant, or to anyone – they followed his order. There was no doubt in his mind. And so the Centurion knew – he never questioned for a moment – that if Jesus said his servant would be healed – without ever seeing the servant – he would be healed. Even Jesus was amazed by such pure absolute faith! It starts within.....this faith....within your own world. For if your employees or friends or children don't listen to you, you begin to doubt that anyone follow orders.

You probably ask: how can I trust someone I cannot see (Jesus) if I cannot trust someone I do see? But we can. Our Bible reading today reminds us to keep true to ourselves and believe in the integrity of others. If you can renew your faith in others, you can definitely have faith in Jesus. Jesus is perfect. He does not have the same flaws that we have. Be like the Centurion and trust Jesus to follow through on the assignment! Jesus will not let you down! AMEN.



**ST. NICHOLAS PATRIARCHAL CHOIR**

- Eve Edwards, Soprano
- Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto
- Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor
- Anthony Sinigaglio II, Bass
- Susan Guz, Choir Director

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

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

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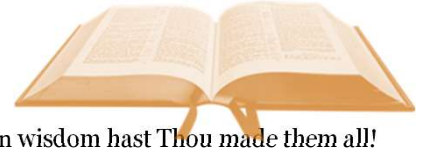
## ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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. 11/1/23
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. 4/19/22
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. 5/31/22
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, Sophia, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, 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
24. For the health of Vasyl, Paraska, Roman, Oksana, Andriy, Volodymyr, Orusya, Maria, Vitaliy, Taras, Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Ivan. +In memory of Paraska, Vasyl, Ivan, Vasyl, Evdokia, Maria, Paraska, Oksana. Offered by the Khanas and Petriv Families. exp. 3/1/22
25. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/22

# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

## 5<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 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**CHOIR:** O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**READER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! O my God Thou are very great! O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!

**CHOIR:** In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or " 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **(Romans 10:1-10)**

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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** Go forth, prosper and reign because of truth and meekness and righteousness.  
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

**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 He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. **(Matthew 8:28-9:1)**

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

**Father Bohdan Invites All Parishioners to a Celebratory Lunch following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 25, 2021, In Honor of His Daughter, Bohdana, on her Birthday!**



**Catering by**

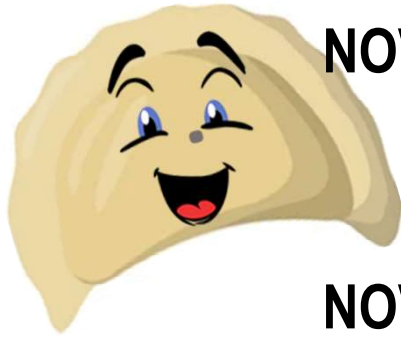
**Bell's  Market**

**Plus.....Father Bohdan will give out boxes of healthy breakfast food for you to take home!**





# PIEROGI Festival



SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 6, 2021  
12 noon-9 PM  
*and*  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
12 noon-5 PM



## Our Menu

Traditional Eastern European Food - Pierogies - Pelmeni - Blintzes - Kielbasa & Sauerkraut - Stuffed Cabbage - Borscht - Baked Goods - **AND MORE!**



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