

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

*Stavropigia
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Kyivan Patriarchate*



*Bulletin for
Sunday, July 26, 2020*

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Archangel Gabriel, the leader of the angels, is a faithful servant of the Almighty God. He appears in the Holy Scripture many times: to Saint Anna with the news that she would give birth to the Virgin Mary; and to the Holy Theotokos announcing that she would give birth to Jesus Christ. Archangel Gabriel remained with the Holy Virgin Mary when she was a child in the Temple of Jerusalem and watched over her throughout her earthly life. He appeared to the Priest Zachariah, foretelling the birth of the Forerunner of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist. And the Myrrh-Bearing Women heard from Archangel Gabriel the joyous news of Christ's Resurrection. The Church instructs us to pray to the great Archangel with faith and love. We celebrate Archangel Gabriel on Sunday, July 26. He is usually portrayed wearing blue or white garments and holding either a lily, trumpet, lantern, branch from Paradise or a spear in his right hand, and often a mirror with an X (the first letter of Christ in Greek) in his left hand. Archangel Gabriel's mission is to announce mankind's salvation.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

BUILDING FUND SUNDAY

Be
part!
of it!

"...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." MATTHEW 16:18

Our church building is more than 160 years old and is in constant need of repair and renovation. The Building Fund subsidizes the ongoing upkeep, and your donation to this Fund ensures that our building is well-maintained for many decades to come. Several major improvements have been completed this year or are in the process of being accomplished.

You already know that the front of the church was re-painted this Spring. On the opposite side of the building, our parking lot is badly cracked and will be re-paved on July 31 and August 3. The parking lot will then be CLOSED until August 31 to give the new asphalt ample time to harden.

And as we mentioned in a past Bulletin, the two metal storage containers on the north side of the church were leaking beyond repair and have been removed. A new "Amish shed" will be arriving by September and will beautifully provide much needed storage space. This structure is a definite improvement and will enhance our grounds.

The Building Fund pays for these improvements. On this "Building Fund Sunday," please donate what you can to keep the Fund well-endowed. THANKYOU!

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BEFORE

Besides the donation of money, the Church has historically relied on parishioners to donate their talent, time and labor to offset the cost of repairs – always mindful of our budget. This past week – in the heat and humidity – Father Oleksii and Father Bohdan removed a large unsightly tree stump (that measured almost 2 feet in diameter) on the north side of the church. Hour after hour, they dug around the stump and chopped it out by hand. Father Oleksii also climbed up the huge spruce tree behind the rectory and trimmed the branches so that the Amish shed can easily pass under when it is delivered next month. Their hard work saved the Church hundreds of dollars. Such care for the church and grounds shows our congregation, visitors and our neighbors how much we love St. Nicholas Church – and that it is a vibrant, thriving house of worship.

**THANK YOU, FATHER OLEKSII
AND FATHER BOHDAN!**



AFTER





PROJECT: REPAINTING THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH.
COMPLETED MARCH 2020
(THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020)

Be
part!
of it.

Because the Church parking lot is badly cracked and damaged, it will be re-paved on July 31 and August 3. The parking lot will then be CLOSED the entire month of August. (Please park your car either on Hoffman Place or in front of the church on 7th Street.)

SUNDAY, JULY 26
BUILDING FUND
SUNDAY



Schedule of Services

Saturday, July 25	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, July 26	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 1	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 2	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 8	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 9	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 15	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 16	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, August 22	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 23	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration
Saturday, August 29	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, August 30	9:00 am: Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos

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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Your contribution is automatically deposited
into the Church Fund of your choice.
You will be emailed a receipt.

Simple, easy, needed and greatly appreciated!

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



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

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of Louis Archut, on his birthday, Love, Aunt Dawn and Uncle Ron xoxo

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 19
Matthew 9:1-8**

Jesus performed a great many miracles: He healed the sick. He cast out demons. He calmed stormy seas. In today's Scripture reading, Jesus heals a paralyzed man, commanding him to walk. He said: "Your sins are forgiven. Arise, take up your bed and go to your house." The crowd was filled with awe by Jesus' power. They glorified God and believed. The Scribes, however, condemned Jesus. Their thoughts were: this man blasphemes.

This was one of many confrontations between Jesus and the Scribes whose job was to know and preserve God's word. But ironically, adhering to the letter of the law as the Scribes did conflicted with what Jesus taught and God actually wanted. In another passage of Matthew, Chapter 5:20, Jesus says: the righteousness of the Scribes is not enough to get anyone to heaven.

God knows that we are fallible human beings on a long road of missteps, negative thoughts, imperfect behavior. But if your heart is pure and you constantly try to change for the better, God promises forgiveness, peace and salvation. AMEN.

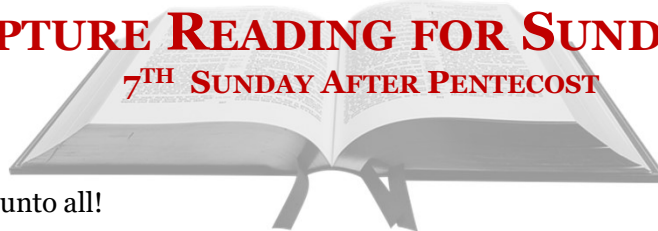


**Message from: Barbara Latsios,
President of the Sisterhood**

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 for reservations or additional information!

Thank you! *Barbara*

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 6th 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.



PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2020

November 7-8



Thank
You

THINKING AHEAD: Because the basket raffle at our Pierogi Festival last year was such a success, parishioner Renee Murphy had an idea how to make this year's raffle *even better*.

Starting NOW, Renee is collecting your unwanted gifts and gift cards. Then, over the next 3 months she will create attractive gift baskets using your donations to raffle off at our

Pierogi Festival 2020

November 7-8

our biggest annual fundraiser!

Please help and donate GIFT CARDS for the baskets from these stores: Target, ShopRite, Acme, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Amazon, or any other local Philadelphia establishment.

**Your raffle basket items can be
dropped off in the
Church Office.**

Troparion
Gabriel, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you, by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you: "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!"

Kontakion
You did look upon God's glory in heaven and did bring grace from on high to earth. Wise Gabriel, leader of angels, minister of God's glory, and divine defender of the world! Save and preserve those who cry to you: "Be our defense, so that no one can be against us!"

