

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

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Forgiving Others As Jesus Christ Forgives Us

Join the St. Nicholas Church Clergy and Congregation on Sunday, March 1, 2020, as we begin Great Lent with Forgiveness Sunday Vespers and the special ceremony of mutual forgiveness (immediately following Divine Liturgy).

Before we begin the Lenten fast, we are reminded that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another.

The Sunday of Forgiveness is also known as Cheesefare Sunday. This is the last day that dairy products can be eaten before Lent.

Forgiveness Sunday also commemorates the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise, as depicted in the Icons.



Bulletin for
Sunday, March 1, 2020

Very Reverend
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You Are Invited To A
CHEESEFARE SUNDAY BRUNCH
in our Church Hall

Sunday, March 1, 2020
following Church Services

serving
CHEESE BLINTZES
from Bell's Market

with a variety of jams and jellies

A St. Nicholas Church Tradition



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- **Saturday, February 29:** Vespers, 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 1:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM – Cheesefare Sunday; Forgiveness Vespers
- **Friday, March 6:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 8:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM – Triumph of Orthodoxy; Vespers with Procession of Icons



Pre-Easter Calendar

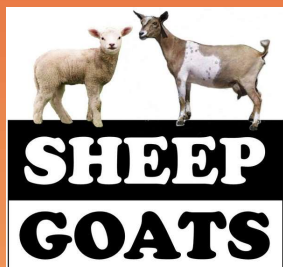
Sunday, March 1	Cheesefare – Forgiveness – Sunday (“Cheese Blintzes” Fellowship Lunch)
Monday, March 2	Great Lent Begins
Friday, March 6	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Friday, March 13	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 14	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, March 20	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 21	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, March 27	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 28	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, April 3	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Friday, April 10	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 11	SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY and lowering of chandelier
Sunday, April 12	Palm Sunday (“Potato Pancake” Fellowship Lunch)
Wednesday, April 15	Healing Service
Thursday, April 16	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 17	Holy Friday
Saturday, April 18	Holy Saturday; Blessing of Easter Baskets
Sunday, April 19	PASCHA EASTER; Blessing of Easter Baskets
Monday, April 20	Bright Monday
*NOTE: We are suggesting a donation of \$25 for the reading of the names of your beloved departed on all three Soul Saturdays. See Ellen in the Candle Room.	

SOUL SATURDAYS: In addition to Panikhidas for individuals, there are also several days during the year that are set aside as special general commemorations of the dead, when all departed Orthodox Christians will be prayed for together (this is especially to benefit those who have no one on earth to pray for them). The majority of these general commemorations fall on the various SOUL SATURDAYS. During Great Lent, Soul Saturdays will be March 14, 21 and 28. The Divine Liturgy service will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by the Panikhida. Please leave the names of your beloved departed and your donation (we are requesting a \$25 donation) in the Candle Room for these special Panikhidas. We have on file the names submitted by parishioners last year, and the list is in the Candle Room. Please double check your names when you leave your donation. Bread and koliva will be offered during these Panikhidas.

CONFESSIONS will be heard on:

- **FRIDAYS at 6:00 pm during Pre-Sanctified Liturgy;**
 - **SATURDAYS at 5:00 PM at Vespers;**
 - **SOUL SATURDAYS at 9:30 AM before Divine Liturgy; and**
- **SUNDAYS at 9:00 AM before Divine Liturgy**

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



Father Bohdan's Sermon

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Matthew 25:31-46

Do you remember how cold it was this past Friday, just 2 days ago? On 5th Street, under the overpass, there is a cluster of cardboard boxes, home to those who have no home. Can you imagine how terrible it is to sleep out in the cold, night after night? THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD GO I. Today's Scripture reading makes it clear that Jesus is everywhere and especially in the lives among the unfortunate. Indeed, Jesus says He is one of these unfortunate people. Jesus' words: "As you gave others food or drink or clothes, you did it to Me." And will I – will YOU -- be judged by our actions when we encounter such unfortunate people? Most definitely YES. Jesus makes this spiritual lesson simple for us. In the parable, He divides people into two groups: the sheep and the goats. The sheep are the compassionate givers; the disciples of Christ; the goats are the uncaring, selfish people who consciously decide not to follow Christ. And the sheep, by their nature, came to the aid of the needy. Their compassionate deeds are not a struggle, not a burden, but a natural act. You see a hungry, thirsty stranger, you give them food and drink without hesitation. And I know that you are good sheep. You are here listening to the words of Jesus Christ. You follow the words of Jesus Christ. And you, with a place at the right hand of God, will have everlasting salvation. AMEN.

ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

*Our annual **Endowment Fund Drive** begins simultaneously with the start of Lent. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Church to ensure its future!*

Please pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously. You can also give online on our website. Go to stnicholaseoc.org; click the DONATE tab at the bottom of the home page; scroll down and click "Endowment Fund."

THANK YOU!

Father Bohdan and the congregation wished Gail Osborn a Happy Birthday on Sunday, February 23. The Choir sang "Many Years" and everyone enjoyed birthday cake in Gail's honor.



Thank you to Renee Murphy & Family and Gail Osborn for the delicious Fellowship Lunch served on Sunday, February 23. The lunch was in memory of their beloved mother, Lillian Fox, on her birthday.

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- George Latsios
- Serge Loginov

SUNDAY VIGILS

LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35; Analoi Candles: \$25

Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of Kirk Whitmer, webmaster of stnicholaseoc.org, with appreciation, offered by Susan Guz
3. For the health of Phil Hanavin, our very handy handyman and friend, with appreciation, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of Tom Hanney, on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
5. For the health of our sister/ Aunt Karen Niehoff, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
6. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
7. For the health of my son-in-law, Patrick Snoke, on his birthday, Love, Gail
8. In memory of my mother, Lillian Fox, Love, Gail
9. For the health of Gail Osborn, on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
10. For the health of Tom Hanney, on his birthday, offered by Barbara and George Latsios and Family
11. For the health of Tom Hanney, on his birthday, offered by Ellen and Phil Hanavin
12. For the health and speedy recovery of our daughter, Dawn Healey, Love, Mom and Dad



Altar Candles Lit Today
for the health of
TOM HANNEY
on his Birthday,
offered with love, from
Judy,
Alexandra, Lloyd, Aidan,
Anastasia and Kirk



Analoi Candles Lit Today
in memory of our
Mother and Grandmother
LILLIAN FOX
offered with love, from
Gail, Karen, Renee & Families
- *Vechnaya Pamyat* -



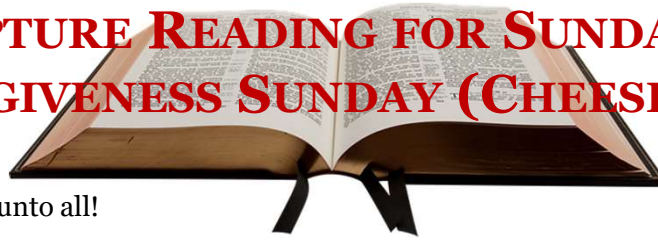
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1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and 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 the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +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
7. +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
8. +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
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +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
11. +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. 4/19/20
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
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. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitality, 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, Hrustyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
25. 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
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (CHEESEFARE)



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

CHOIR: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah God is known. His Name is great in Israel! Pray and make your vows.

CHOIR: Before the Lord our God!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Romans.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.. **(Romans 13:11-14:4)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

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. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **(Matthew 6:14-21)**

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