

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Bulletin for Sunday, March 12, 2023

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts



The first
Presanctified
Liturgy of
this Lenten
season,
Wednesday,
March 1.

*"Let my prayer
arise in Thy sight
as incense and let
the lifting up of
my hands be an
evening sacrifice."*

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is an ancient, reverent Lenten evening service composed of Vespers prayers and hymns, solemn incensing and Scripture readings, culminating with Holy Communion. There is no consecration of the Eucharistic gifts at Presanctified Liturgy. Instead, the Sacrament that was consecrated at Divine Liturgy the previous Sunday is distributed to the faithful. What is the purpose of Presanctified Liturgy? During Lent, Divine Liturgy is not served on weekdays. Because of this, the faithful are given the opportunity to receive Holy Communion during the week by attending the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

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CONFESSIONS



Bishop Luke will hear your confession Sunday mornings between the start of Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM and the Entrance Hymn “O Come Let Us Worship.” If you want confession, you can approach Bishop Luke during this time, and he will walk from the Bishop’s Chair in the center of the Sanctuary to the confessional area at the far left of the altar. Confessions are also heard every Saturday at 5:00 PM at Vespers.

PALM SUNDAY IS ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY...

Our pussy willow stems will be delivered by Pennock Floral on Saturday, April 1, in time to be blessed at Vespers on Lazarus Saturday, April 8, and distributed on Palm Sunday, April 9.



In response to our appeal in a recent Bulletin, we immediately received donations for the pussy willows from faithful, generous, long-time parishioners:

- **COLLEEN PHILIPP.** Her donation is in memory of beloved parents, Pauline Redmond on the 7th Anniversary of her passing (April 15) and Charles John Redmond on his 98th Birthday (April 14); and
- **DIANE KAVCHOK.** Her donation is with continued prayers for the health of her nephew, Chris Kavchok.

THANK YOU! The pussy willows are paid for in full. Thank you also to **Colleen Philipp** and **George Zervos** for their assistance in searching for – and finding – an economical, local wholesale florist.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

Just as you prepare yourself spiritually for Easter, we all need to prepare for the complete experience of Easter, and that includes flowers, vigils, and the Agape Breakfast.

FLOWERS

In preparation for Holy Friday, the Tomb of Jesus will be set up in the Sanctuary Holy Thursday night, April 13, following the Holy Passion service of the reading of the Twelve Gospels. A variety of seasonal, potted, flowering Easter plants will decorate the Tomb. This year again, instead of pre-ordering, you will be able to select from the plants and take one or more home after Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, April 17 – FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$15.



BASKETS of fresh cut flowers, however, will still need to be pre-ordered. Please give your basket order to Ellen Hanavin in the Candle Room. The baskets are \$40 each and are beautifully arranged by our florist for decades, Carrolls Flowers.

EASTER VIGILS

Diane Kavchok will be contacting you by email for any revisions to your Easter vigil list. To our new parishioners: please contact Diane by email, kavchokd@aol.com, if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.



AGAPE BREAKFAST

We will be passing the basket following Divine Liturgy on Sundays to collect donations for the Agape Breakfast, organized once again by Vicki Borriello. If you want to bring your favorite Pascha dish for the breakfast, look for the sign-up sheet in the Candle Room, to be displayed soon. THANK YOU!



SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, March 5, 2023



PROCESSION OF ICONS

THE SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY

As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught.
As the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized.
As the Universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth.
As Truth was revealed, as Falsehood has been dissolved.
As Wisdom has presented, as Christ awarded.

Let us declare, let us assert.

Let us preach in like manner Christ in true God.

And honor His saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in deeds, in churches, in Holy Icons.

This is the Faith of the Apostles.

This is the Faith of the Fathers.

This is the Faith of the Orthodox.

This is the Faith which has established the Universe.

The "Synodikon of Orthodoxy" are the decisions of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787 A.D. that refer to the veneration of holy icons.
The reading of them on the Sunday of Orthodoxy gave the title "Synodikon of Orthodoxy"





**Our Cathedral Council President
TOM HANNEY
continued his
70th Birthday celebration on
Sunday, March 5, 2023.**

***Following Divine Liturgy,
Bishop Luke presented Tom with
flowers, a cake and a Gramota
from His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret -- with wishes
from all for
MANY MORE HAPPY
AND HEALTHY YEARS!***





**This Week's Bulletin Is
Sponsored By:
*Barbara and George Latsios***

- ❖ During Great Lent, Presanctified Liturgy will be WEDNESDAY evenings at 5:00 PM.
- ❖ During Great Lent, our monthly Panikhidas on Sundays will be suspended. Prayers for your beloved departed will be on SOUL SATURDAYS, March 11, 18 and 25. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for Soul Saturday prayers.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, March 11 SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Panikhida
Sunday, March 12	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, March 15	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 18 SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Panikhida
Sunday, March 19 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, March 22	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 25 SOUL SATURDAY	5:00 pm: Vespers, followed by Panikhida
Sunday, March 26	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Semi-Annual Meeting of Parishioners in the Cathedral Hall
Wednesday, March 29	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 1	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 2	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, April 5	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 8 LAZARUS SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers and Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 9 PALM SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by a traditional "Potato Pancake" Fellowship Brunch in the Cathedral Hall

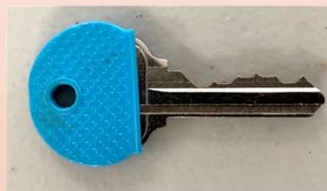
SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY



1. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
2. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
3. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
4. For the health of my son-in-law, Nick DeSimone, on his birthday, offered with Love, Gail Osborn
5. For the health of Father Oleksii on his birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
6. For the health of Father Oleksii on his birthday, offered by Ellen and Phil Hanavin
7. For the health of Julie Zayon on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood

DID YOU LOSE THIS KEY?

It was found in our parking lot on Sunday, March 5, 2023.
We are holding it in the Church Office.



SEMI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 26, 2023 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy

The Agenda will include a performance review of the Endowment Fund and election of one new Endowment Fund Committee member. If you are interested in being nominated for the open member position and serving a 5-year term, please email Endowment Fund Committee Chairman: Tom Hanney,

teetomhanney@yahoo.com

(A member of the Endowment Fund Committee must be an Orthodox Christian and a member in good standing of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral for at least two years.)

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL

- Thomas J. Hanney, President
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- Susan Guz, Choir Director

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- Thomas J. Hanney
- Susan Guz
- George Latsios
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Soul Saturdays

Prayers for Your Beloved Departed

On Soul Saturdays, Bishop Luke prays for the souls of your departed loved ones, reading aloud the names on the lists you provided. The list of names of your beloved departed is kept in a book in the Candle Room. If you want to include someone dear to you, please send an email to sneoc100@gmail.com or just mark the book that is in the Candle Room. The special Soul Saturday Panikhida follows Vespers. The Soul Saturdays during Lent are March 11, March 18 and March 25. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for the reading of your beloved departed names. Thank you. (There are no monthly Panikhidas in March and April.)



THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – GREGORY PALAMAS



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 Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers..."You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him. **(Hebrews 1:10-2:3)**

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 Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you. And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone? But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins-He said to the paralytic, I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" **(Mark 2:1-12)**

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



ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

Our annual **ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE** begins simultaneously with the start of Lent, this year on **MONDAY, FEB. 27**. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Cathedral to ensure its future!

By donating to the Endowment Fund, you make a long-term investment in St. Nicholas Cathedral. Your contribution is invested in mutual funds administered by a professional money manager. The Endowment Fund ensures sustainability of the Cathedral and a stable financial position years down the road. Funds can only be distributed after approval by the Endowment Committee, comprised of five Cathedral members who are responsible stewards of your gift.

The Cathedral Council has authorized the **MATCHING** of your contribution to the Endowment Fund this year. An equal sum will be transferred from the Cathedral's Operating Fund directly into the Endowment Fund following Easter, the conclusion of the annual fund drive.

Your
contribution

Cathedral
contribution

Double the
Savings!

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!

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."

Arise, take up your bed and walk

Scripture Reading

for Sunday, March 12, 2023
Mark 2:1-12

Sunday's Scripture reading is about the paralytic man who was carried on a pallet and lowered through the roof of a house where a huge crowd was gathered to hear Jesus Christ preach. It is a remarkable account of an extraordinary act compelled by faith. Jesus was so moved by this incredible feat that he told the paralytic man that his sins were forgiven. The scribes who heard this were stuck on Jesus' words, even to the point of accusing Him of blasphemy. Jesus responded with different words: he said to the paralytic man, **ARISE TAKE UP YOUR BED AND WALK**. One lesson is this: do not let **WORDS** get in the way of what you want to achieve by your faith and spiritual goals. **ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS**. And whether Jesus said to the paralytic man your sins are forgiven, or arise take up your bed and walk, the result was the same. An amazing miracle occurred, and the crowd who witnessed it was changed forever. So, instead of talking, take action for the glory of God. Take action driven by your faith. Take action in the name of Jesus Christ. Let your faith be synonymous with **ACTION**. Believe, and act on it. And you, too, may make a difference in someone's life forever.





ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoi 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. 11/1/23
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. 12/31/23
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. 8/1/23
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco 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. 4/19/23
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. 5/31/23
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. 5/2/23
24. +In memory of Tatiana, Alexander, Sergey, Nadezhda, Alexander and Anna, offered by Anton Spassky. exp. 6/12/23
25. For the health of soldier Olexiy, Loubov, Vadym, Olexander, Iryna, George, Svlana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23



On Saturday, March 4, 2023, Liberty North Hall was the venue for a basketball-themed 1st Birthday Party, and the birthday boy had a memorable name: SIR....! The Hall was decorated with colorful balloons and custom party favors for Sir and his many little friends.

Liberty North Hall is booked every Saturday through August. A full financial and operating report will be given to parishioners at the Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2023.



RESET YOUR CLOCKS

Daylight Saving Time

PUSH
YOUR
CLOCKS
AHEAD
ONE
HOUR



SUNDAY
MARCH 12

Let's do Lunch

Please volunteer to host a Sunday Fellowship Lunch. Mark the Sunday of your choice on the calendar hanging on the white refrigerator in the kitchen. A Fellowship Lunch is a good opportunity to raise funds for the Cathedral AND spend time socializing with your St. Nicholas friends! You can also choose which Cathedral Fund should receive the money collected from the lunch.



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