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*Bulletin for  
Sunday, March 15, 2020*

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# PARISH MEETING



**Message from: President, Tom Hanney**  
**To: All Parishioners**

Our Annual Meeting was six months ago, and since then a lot of positive things have happened concerning our Church.

So, on **Sunday, March 29**, we will have a brief meeting in the Church Hall following Divine Liturgy. I will update you on various exciting Church projects.

*Please join us!*

Father Bohdan and I look forward to sharing important information with you!

# Bulletin for Sunday, March 15, 2020

- **Friday, March 13:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM
- **Saturday, March 14:** Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM; Vespers, 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 15:** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30 AM
- **Friday, March 20:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM
- **Saturday, March 21:** Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM; Vespers, 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 22:** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30 AM  
Veneration of the Cross



## Pre-Easter Calendar

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
Sunday, March 29	The President's Report: Parish Mid-Year Meeting, led by Tom Hanney, in Church Hall following Divine Liturgy
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.

## St. Romanos, the Melodist

Last Sunday, March 8, we celebrated the Triumph of Orthodoxy with a procession of Clergy and Parishioners carrying their most cherished icons.

In his sermon, Father Bohdan told us about a lesser known Saint: St. Romanos, the Melodist, the Patron Saint of all who sing in the Church. *“On this day, it is very appropriate,”* Father Bohdan said, *“to thank the Clergy, the Choir, the Readers and Chanters for their service to the Church - and to present them with icons of St. Romanos.”*



### **Presentation of St. Romanos Icons to:**

Patriarchal Choir Members: Anthony Sinigaglio, Eve Edwards, Jeff Edwards, Nancy Stott Trauger, David Sharp,  
Tom Hanney (Reader)

Patriarchal Choir Director: Susan Guz

Clergy: Father Bohdan Zhoba, Father Oleksii Kacharai, Deacon Daniel Terrazas

Absent from Photo:

Patriarchal Choir Members: Andrew McGowan, Marcia Zaruba O'Connor, Valentina Kariouk

Father Bohdan blessed the icons of St. Romanos with Holy Water prior to Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

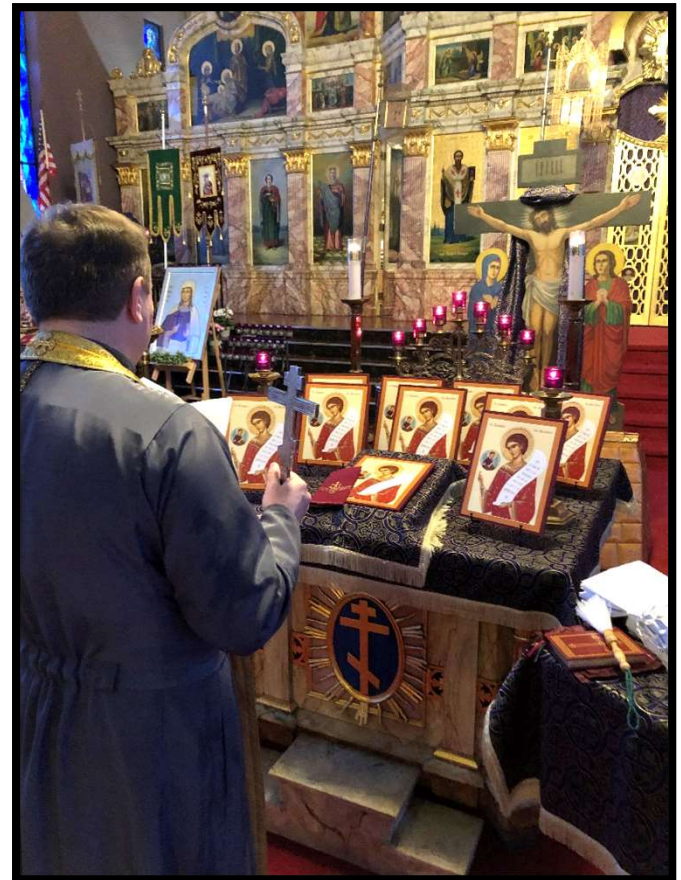


## Saint Romanos the Melodist - A Biography -

The hymnologists of the Orthodox Church are Christians of virtue and great faith, having been endowed with musical talent as well as the power of religious inspiration. Their creations enrich our worship services and help turn our souls towards God. Perhaps the greatest of all hymnologists is St. Romanos the Melodist. Many other hymnologists wrote ecclesiastical hymns, but none of them inspired the Christians as much as St. Romanos.

St. Romanos was a Syrian Christian who lived in the beginning of the 6th century. A convert to Orthodoxy from Judaism, he was ordained a deacon and served in the Church of Beirut. His talent was great. Unlike others, he wrote his hymns in simple language and produced a pleasant meter in the verse by the way he accented words. The hymns he composed appealed to the hearts of the people and are still sung today. St. Romanos has been called "Sweet Singer," "Melodist," and "Righteous Chanter." St. Romanos is credited with writing more than 1,000 kontakia. Between 50 and 80 of these hymns have survived and are still used in the Church. The hymns celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the living of a Christian life. One of his most famous compositions is the hymn celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, "Today the Virgin gives birth to One who is above all living things..." St. Romanos is also said to have composed the Akathist Hymn, a kontakion that we still chant during the Friday evening Heretismoï services of Great Lent.

St. Romanos died on October 1st in 510 AD. He was a productive genius and artist, writing and accenting thousands of kontakia. He has been called the Patron Saint of all who sing for the Church. Others say he is the leader in the world of religious hymnology. Surely, he has made a profound contribution to divine worship and deserves to be recognized by all who sing and by all who listen to the hymnology of our services. His Feast Day is celebrated on October 1. Each year on this Sunday, we will pause to honor the gifts and contributions of our church musicians — clergy, choir directors, choir members, chanters and readers. We thank them for their devotion to our Church through their ministry of music.





**ELLEN HANAVIN**, a long-time parishioner and Volunteer at St. Nicholas Church, has been the Church's Treasurer for the last 3 years. Ellen is also a highly-valued, compassionate and skilled caregiver and Certified Nursing Assistant (for the last 15 years), employed by Griswold Home Care. Recently, Griswold Home Care distinguished Ellen **"EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH."**

Father Bohdan congratulates Ellen on receiving the EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH award from Griswold Home Care.



AA proudly celebrated its **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Philadelphia** - and chose our Church Hall as the venue for the festivities on Saturday, March 7. We welcomed more than 200 attendees who heard about the history of AA in Philadelphia beginning with their first open meeting 40 years ago on Arrott Street. The Commemorative Program noted that *"Thousands of meetings have changed tens of thousands of lives."* The cake was decorated with the symbol of the AA program: recovery, unity, service.

## Easter Vigils

Starting the first week of April, 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](mailto:kavchokd@aol.com), or see Diane after church if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.

## Easter Flowers

Starting March 22, an order form for Easter flowers will be emailed with the weekly Bulletin. Blank order forms will also be available in the Candle Room. The flowers – tulips, geraniums, lilies, hyacinths and daffodils -- will adorn the tomb set up in our Sanctuary on Holy Friday through Easter. On Bright Monday, the potted plants will be available to take home. Please order yours by Sunday, April 5.

### Donations to the Building Fund 2020

1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn
2. Anna Kuliasha

Please remember our homebound parishioner:  
Ms. Anna Kuliasha  
St. Martha Rehabilitation Center  
470 Manor Avenue  
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This Week's Bulletin is sponsored by  
Barbara & George Latsios  
in honor of  
Susan Guz  
on her Birthday!

## 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/donate](http://stnicholaseoc.org/donate); scroll down and click “Endowment Fund.”*

**THANK YOU!**

## Father Bohdan's Sermon – March 8, 2020

### Sunday of Orthodoxy

Today we commemorate an event that happened more than 2,000 years ago – on March 11, 843 to be exact. This day was a victory for icons in Orthodox churches. Let me explain with a short Sunday School lesson about today – The Sunday of Orthodoxy. It started a century before the year 843 between the ICONOCLASTS and the ICONOPHILES. The iconoclasts were those who feared too much devotion was given icons in Orthodox worship and ultimately ALL icons were removed from Orthodox churches. However, the iconophiles believed the opposite: that icons represented the divine through art and beauty. The outcome was a decree that restored icons in the churches...a decree that proclaimed icons could be venerated and honored, but not worshipped, as worship was due only God. And in 843, Empress Theodora, her son, monks and clergy came in procession into the Hagia Sophia Cathedral in Constantinople and restored icons to their rightful place in the church. The day, the first Sunday of Lent, was called the Triumph of Orthodoxy or the Sunday of Orthodoxy. And so that is why we can honor icons in our church today. Icons in Orthodoxy are not optional. We venerate the icons by kissing them, burning candles in front of them, by using incense. And remembering the conflict between the iconoclasts and iconophiles will remind us of the distinction between veneration and worship. And that our devotion to icons is NOT idolatry, but rather an integral part of our faith and devotion to the saints represented in these beautiful works of art. AMEN.



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On Monday, March 9 – a beautiful, warm day – John Rennie and his crew from Hawthorne Painting began scraping the massive pillars at the front of our Church to prepare for painting. The crane arrived at 7:00 AM and work began on the huge project!



# SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35; Analoï 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 our sister/ Aunt Karen Niehoff, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
3. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
4. For the health of our mom/grandmom, Gail Osborn, on her birthday, offered with love, from Patrick, Wendy, Bennett & Celia
5. For the health of our husband/father, Patrick Snoke, on his birthday, offered with love, from Wendy, Bennett & Celia
6. For the health of our daughter, Dawn Healey, and for a successful surgery, Love, Mom and Dad
7. For the health of Frank Borriello, on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
8. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday.
9. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, offered by the Murphy Family
10. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, offered by Diane Kavchok
11. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, offered by Gail
12. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
13. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, Love, Barbara and George Latsios and Cassandra and Ray McNulty
14. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday. God grant you many more years! Love, Ellen and Phil
15. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
16. For the health of my son-in-law, Nick DeSimone, on his birthday, Love, Gail
17. For the health of Frank Borriello, on his birthday, Love, Gail
18. For the health of Dawn Healey and a successful surgery, Love, Tom and Judy Hanney
19. For the health of Dawn Healey and a successful surgery, Love Barbara and George Latsios
20. For the health of Dawn Healey on her upcoming surgery, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp, George Zervos, Jennifer and Cory Redmond
21. In memory of Harry Zervos of the first anniversary of his passing, offered by George Zervos, Colleen and Nicholas Philipp, Jennifer and Cory Redmond



## **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**



# ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

## 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 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, Hrystyna, 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 15

## SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT



**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 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.