

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Bulletin for Sunday, March 19, 2023



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Veneration of the Holy Cross

Sunday, March 19, 2023



Every year, on the 3rd Sunday of Great Lent -- the Veneration of the Cross -- Judy and Tom Hanney donate the beautiful flowers (pictured on the cover of this Bulletin) that adorn the Holy Cross placed on the ananoi table in the center of the Sanctuary. The flowers are:

*In Memory of
Grandparents*

*Mary & Michael Matweychuk,
Parents*

*Helen & Stephen Sameruck,
Sister*

*Carol Irene Kauriga,
and
Brother*

Stephen Michael Sameruck

Memory Eternal

Sunday's Scripture Reading

Mark 8:34-9:1

Sunday, March 19, 2023

"Take up your cross and follow me," said Jesus Christ. And we should do just that: literally and symbolically. We venerate the Holy Cross today on this 3rd Sunday of Great Lent as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross -- and also to remind ourselves that this is the goal of our Lenten journey. But we also venerate the cross because Jesus said: "He who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." It is a simple statement that defines how we must live to be saved. The cross represents Jesus, and you should wear your cross so that everyone can see that you believe in the power of the crucifix and that God is with you always. The cross symbolizes that you are a disciple of Christ, which means you have chosen to follow Him on your journey through life. It is a winding road of bumps and potholes. We try to be obedient to Christ and His teachings, listening to the messages He gives us through the parables -- but we often stumble when we are discouraged or tempted by worldly things. Yet we always get back up because we have faith. You are on your journey as a disciple of Christ. And that is why during Great Lent you deny your SELF. Because only when you deny SELF -- or abstain from things during Great Lent -- can you take up your cross and follow Jesus.



Position of the fingers of the right hand in making the sign of the cross

The Holy Cross has a central place in our everyday lives, not only during Lent. We make the sign of the Cross when we pray, enter the church, venerate an icon and participate in worship services. The Cross is our protection and salvation.

And why do we adorn the Holy Cross with flowers? Think Spring, the rebirth of nature, the Resurrection....

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.



ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY
for the health of

Susan Guz

on her birthday today, Sunday, March 19
offered with love from

Ellen and Phil Hanavin

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!





- ❖ 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 the remaining SOUL SATURDAYS, March 18 and 25. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for Soul Saturday prayers.

Schedule of Services

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
<i>Beginning of Holy Week</i>	
Wednesday, April 12	6:00 pm: Holy Unction Healing Service
Thursday, April 13 HOLY THURSDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels

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 Frank Borriello, on his birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
5. For the health of Frank Borriello, on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
6. For the health of Frank Borriello, on his birthday, offered with love, Gail and Family
7. For the health of Frank Borriello, on his birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
8. For the health of Frank Borriello on his birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
9. For the health of Viktor Voloshnovskyy on his birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
10. For the health of Nicholas Philipp, on his birthday, Love, Uncle Tom, Aunt Judy and Family
11. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday, Love, Tom and Judy Hanney and the Whitmers
12. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday, offered by Gail Osborn
13. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
14. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp, George Zervos, Jennifer and Cory Redmond, Melissa Cardarelli
15. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
16. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday, Love, Dawn and Ron
17. For the health of Susan Guz, on her birthday, Love, Barbara Marozzi
18. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, offered by Barbara and George Latsios, Cassandra and Ray McNulty
19. For the health of Susan Guz on her birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
20. For the health of our sons, Alex and Matt, Love, Mom and Dad
21. For the health of our sister/Aunt Gail Osborn, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
22. For the health of Father Oleksii on his birthday, offered by Barbara and George Latsios, Cassandra and Ray McNulty
23. For the health of my beloved wife, Ellen, Love, Phil
24. For the health of Ellen Hanavin on her upcoming surgery, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp, George Zervos, Jennifer and Cory Redmond, Melissa Cardarelli
25. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, and a successful surgery, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
26. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, a successful surgery on March 24 and a speedy recovery, Love, Susan
27. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, a successful surgery and a speedy recovery, offered by Gail Osborn
28. For the health of my husband, Jim, on his birthday, offered by Barbara McMonigle

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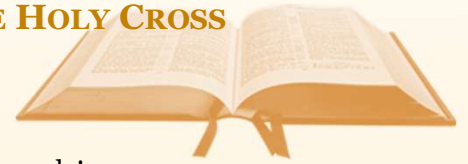
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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people!
The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

CHOIR: The Lord shall give strength to his people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people.

CHOIR: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." **(Hebrews 4:14-5:6)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most-High!
To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night!

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. When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." **(Mark 8:34-9:1)**

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



ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

Our annual **ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE** began 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 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.

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Your
contribution

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Cathedral
contribution

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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

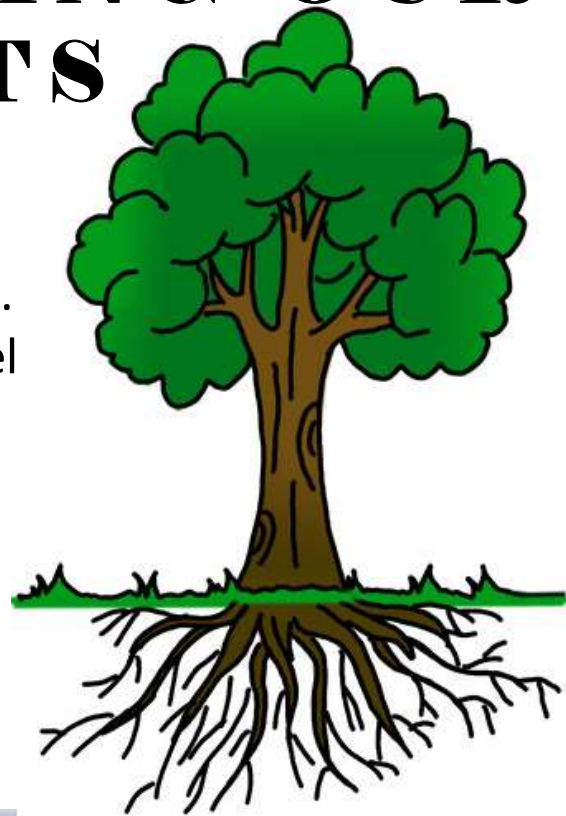
"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...”

*from the poem by Emma Lazarus
engraved on the base of the Statue of Liberty.*

SHARING OUR ROOTS

There was a message on our office answering machine last week from Dr. Yiorgo Topalidis, a research professor at the University of Florida. He is leading a research project for the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program and wants to interview **DESCENDANTS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE WHO ARRIVED IN THE USA IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY.** Those descendants are most of the long-time parishioners at St. Nicholas!



The project seeks to record the experiences of immigrants who came to America more than 100 years ago. Dr. Topalidis is specifically looking for memories, documents, tangible items our grandparents brought with them from Eastern Europe to America, photos, jewelry, housewares.... Tangible items would be photographed and scanned.

The end goal of this ongoing project is to compile the most comprehensive online archive for the University of Florida library, and produce podcasts, short documentaries and academic publications available to academia and the public. If you have something to share and are interested in talking to Dr. Topalidis, you can contact him directly at 727-207-0623 or ytopalidis@ufl.edu. Dr. Topalidis will be in the Philadelphia area from May 9-19, 2023.



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoi Candles:	\$25
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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, Svilana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23



Soul Saturday,
March 11, 2023.
The names of your beloved departed were read aloud by Bishop Luke at the Panikhida following Vespers on Soul Saturday.

On Sunday, March 12, 2023, on behalf of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, Bishop Luke presented a Gramota to CBS Eyewitness News reporter, Madeleine Wright, who followed the plight of the Ukrainian refugees over the past year. Bishop Luke appreciated the media exposure and television coverage that raised public awareness.



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