

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

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*Bulletin for
Sunday, March 22, 2020*

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Veneration of the Cross



On Sunday, March 22, the third Sunday of Great Lent, the Holy Cross is brought forth from the Altar and placed in the center of the church on the Analoï Table for veneration by the faithful. During the prostrations made before the Cross, the Choir sings: "Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify." The Church has set this event in the middle of Great Lent in order that the recollection of the suffering of Jesus Christ on the Cross might inspire and strengthen those fasting for the remainder of Great Lent.

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- **Friday, March 20:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- **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
- **Friday, March 27:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM
- **Saturday, March 28:** Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM; Vespers, 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 29:** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30 AM



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, March 20	9:00 am: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 21 SOUL SATURDAY	*10:00 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida
Friday, March 27	6:00 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 28 SOUL SATURDAY	*10:00 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida
Sunday, March 29	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Friday, April 3	6:00 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Friday, April 10	6:00 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 11 LAZARUS SATURDAY	9:00 am: SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY (tentative) 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers and Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 12 PALM SUNDAY	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by "Potato Pancake" Fellowship Lunch in Church Hall (tentative)
Wednesday, April 15	6:00 pm: Healing Service
Thursday, April 16 HOLY THURSDAY	6:00 pm: Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 17 HOLY FRIDAY	3:00 pm: Funeral Service 6:30 pm: Vespers and Procession with Plaschanitza
Saturday, April 18 HOLY SATURDAY	10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 11:00 am: Blessing of Easter Baskets <u>in the Sanctuary</u>
Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19 PASCHA-EASTER	11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy Approx. 1:30 am: Blessing of Easter Baskets followed by Agape Easter Breakfast in Church Hall
Monday, April 20 BRIGHT MONDAY	10:00 am: Divine Liturgy and Procession

*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.

Easter Flowers

It is time to order Easter flowers. Blank order forms have been emailed with the Bulletin. 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.



The Flowers
adorning the Holy Cross
on Sunday, March 22, were donated by
Judy and Tom Hanney
In Memory Of
Parents
Helen & Stephen Sameruck
Grandparents
Michael & Mary Matweychuk
Sister
Carol Irene Kauriga
Brother
Stephen Michael Sameruck

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, if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.



ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

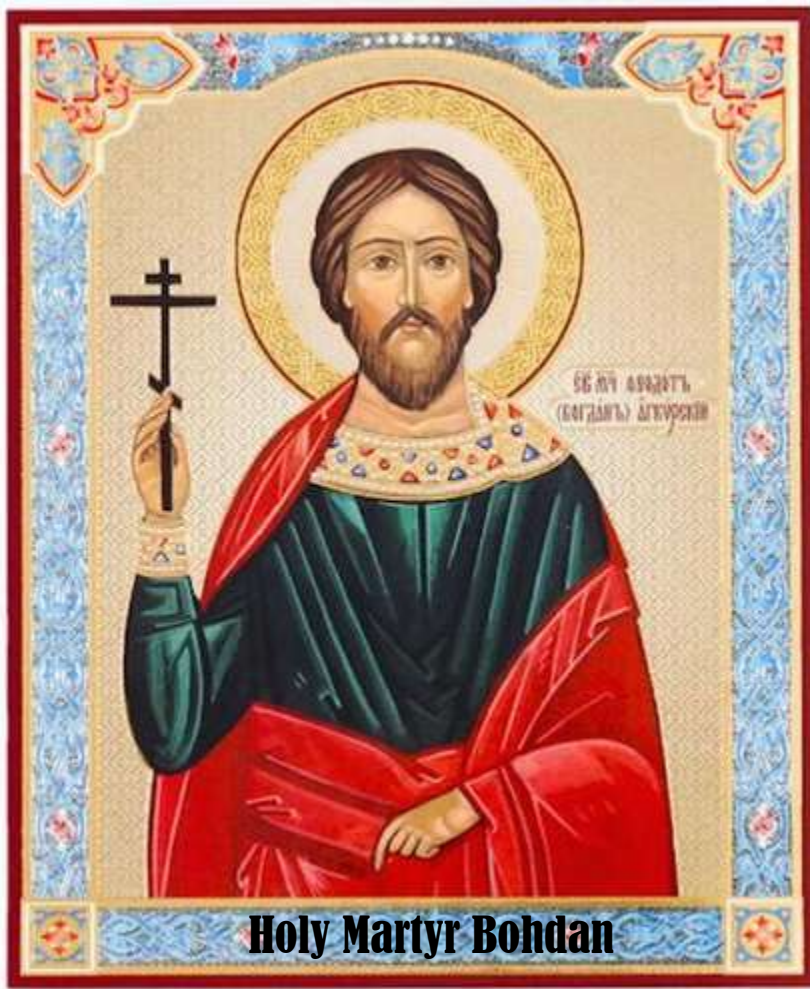
2 Corinthians 9:7

“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 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 Church to ensure its future!

Please give online: stnicholaseoc.org/donate; scroll down and click “Endowment Fund.”

THANK YOU!



Congratulations to Father Bohdan and Bohdan Skorets on their Feast Day of Holy Martyr Bohdan Sunday, March 15



Father Bohdan and Father Oleksii celebrated their Feast Day and Birthday, respectively, on Sunday March 15.

Donations to the Building Fund 2020

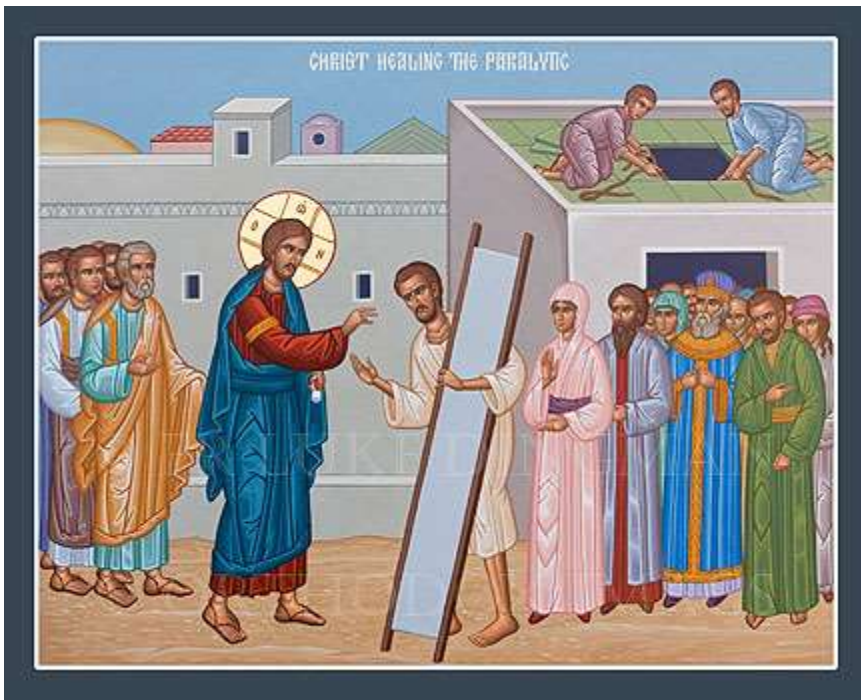
1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn
2. Anna Kuliasha



Originally scheduled for Sunday, March 29...

PARISH
MEETING

...has been postponed to a Sunday in April. We will keep you updated.



Father Bohdan's Sermon

March 15, 2020

Mark 2:1-12

Today'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. And then began an interchange between the scribes and Jesus. The scribes 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.** The lesson I share with you today 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. AMEN.

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THANK YOU!

Christopher, Julia
and Pepper!



Happy Birthday



We celebrated FOUR March Birthdays on Sunday, March 15, 2020: Father Oleksii (March 14); Frank Borriello (March 18); Susan Guz (March 19); and David Kuchmiak, who turns 5 years old on March 20.

Vicki, Christopher and the Borriello Family; Khatuna Gogirashvili, and her daughter, Mariama Shinjiashvili prepared a delicious Birthday luncheon, with Lenten birthday cakes as dessert. The table was beautifully decorated with balloons and flowers. THANK YOU!



SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35; Analoι Candles: \$25
Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100

ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY

In Memory of Our Beloved Mother, HELEN GUZ,
on the 3rd Anniversary of her passing (March 24, 2017)

~ MEMORY ETERNAL ~

offered by Patricia Walker and Susan Guz

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 my son, brother, Godfather, Nicholas Philipp, on his birthday, offered by Colleen Philipp, George Zervos, Jennifer and Cory Redmond
5. For the health of Frank Borriello, on his birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin
6. For the health and quick recovery of our daughter, Dawn Healey, Love, Mom and Dad

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, in response to the quarantine measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret blessed all churches of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate to include intensified and special prayers for deliverance from the global pandemic. Consequently, Father Bohdan will say the following prayer during Divine Liturgy. His Holiness instructed that it is also a blessing to include this prayer in your morning and evening prayers **at home**:



“O Lord our God, God of our salvation, look with mercy upon Your humble servants. We have sinned before You, but do not punish us and the world with malady and disease. Turn away Your anger from Your servants. Take away Your terrible sword, which is righteously lifted up against us, Your poor and weak servants. Do not punish us, O Merciful Lord, for our iniquities, foolishness, pride and impatience with one another, for our wickedness and insincere, false love. Lord, Jesus Christ our God, though you punish, you also show mercy as the Father of the Prodigal Son. Remember the great sufferings of Your people, the persecution of the Church, the exiled and the tortured, and because we did not lose faith in You, the only True God, in suffering and in captivity, we pray that You have compassion on us now. We thank You for Your mercy and Your boundless love. Although we sin before You, we serve You only. And now, look upon us, O Lord of Love, forgive our trespasses and deliver us from sickness. Be merciful. Your Church, for which You shed Your blood on the Cross, prays to You. Forgive us so that we may always glorify Your holy name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.”



ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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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, 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 22

VENERATION OF THE 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.



A Work in Progress:
Hawthorne Painting
continued the “front of
the church” project this
week. Two pillars have
been given a first coat;
four more to go! Then a
second coat on all -- and
the project is completed!

**Thank you for helping
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much-needed work to
preserve our 165-year-old
building.**

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SAINT NICHOLAS
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CHURCH
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11am SUNDAY
9:30am HOLIDAYS