

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, March 26, 2023



COMMEMORATION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS *Author of "The Ladder of Divine Ascent"*

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**"A sure sign of the
deadenning of the soul
is the avoidance of
church services."**

**St. John Climacus
(c. 579-c. 649)**

The Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

817 North 7th Street, Philadelphia – stnicholaseoc.org

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 and during Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM.

**On the 4th Sunday of Lent,
we commemorate**

St. John Climacus, a monk who spent 40 years in solitude and authored "*The Ladder of Divine Ascent*." The book is a guide on how to live a God-centered life. There are 30 chapters -- or 30 rungs -- in a divine ascent to Christ. Each chapter of St. John's treatise covers a particular vice or virtue.

The icon pictured to the right was inspired by St. John Climacus' treatise and depicts monks ascending the Ladder. It was painted in the 12th Century at the Monastery of Saint Catherine in Mount Sinai and remains a highly recognizable and graphic work of religious art.



❖ 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 SATURDAY, March 25. We are suggesting a \$25 donation for Soul Saturday prayers.

Schedule of Services

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>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
Friday, April 14 HOLY FRIDAY	3:00 pm: Vespers 6:30 pm: Funeral Service and Procession with Plaschanitsa
Saturday, April 15 HOLY SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets in the Sanctuary
Saturday-Sunday, April 15-16 PASCHA-EASTER	11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets and Agape Breakfast in the Cathedral Hall
Monday, April 17 BRIGHT MONDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Hours 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and Procession

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. **Responses are due back to Diane by April 3, 2023.**



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, there is a sign-up sheet in the Candle Room. THANK YOU!

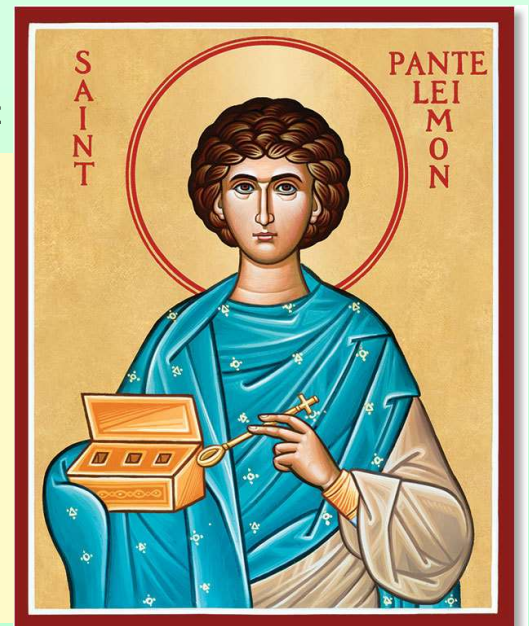


SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY



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 Dawn and Ron Healey
5. For the health of my Mom, for a successful surgery and speedy recovery, Love, Dawn, Ron and John xoxo
6. For the health of Rayisa and Olya Kovalova, Love, Dawn Healey xoxo
7. For the health of my beloved wife, Love, Phil
8. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, a successful surgery on March 24 and a speedy recovery, Love, Susan
9. In memory of our mom/grandmom, Dorothy Murphy, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
10. In Memory of our Father/Grandfather George Wohar on the Anniversary of his passing, offered by the Wohar Family. Memory Eternal!
11. In Memory of our Mother/Grandmother Helen Doukakis on the Anniversary of her passing, offered by the Wohar Family. Memory Eternal!
12. For the health of our daughter/sister/aunt Anastasia Wohar on her birthday, offered by Mom, Dad, Michael, Andrew, Amy and George
13. For the health of my sister, Barbara Marozzi, on her 80th Birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
14. For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
15. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, love, the Murphy Family
16. For the health of Lisa Gess, love, the Murphy Family
17. In memory of the newly-departed Vincent Albano, love, the Murphy Family
18. For the health of the Murphy Family, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
19. For the health of the Borriello Family, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
20. For the health of our sister/ Aunt, Gail Osborn, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt

**A prayer to the Holy Great Martyr and Healer St. Panteleimon:
We offer heartfelt prayers before your icon and humbly ask for your intercession with our merciful God that He may grant health and strength to our sister and servant of God,
ELLEN HANAVIN,
and to all who seek your help.**



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BREAKING NEWS

PROUD MOMENTS FOR THE MURPHY FAMILY! SON/BROTHER, ALEX, HARD AT WORK COVERING SPORTS!

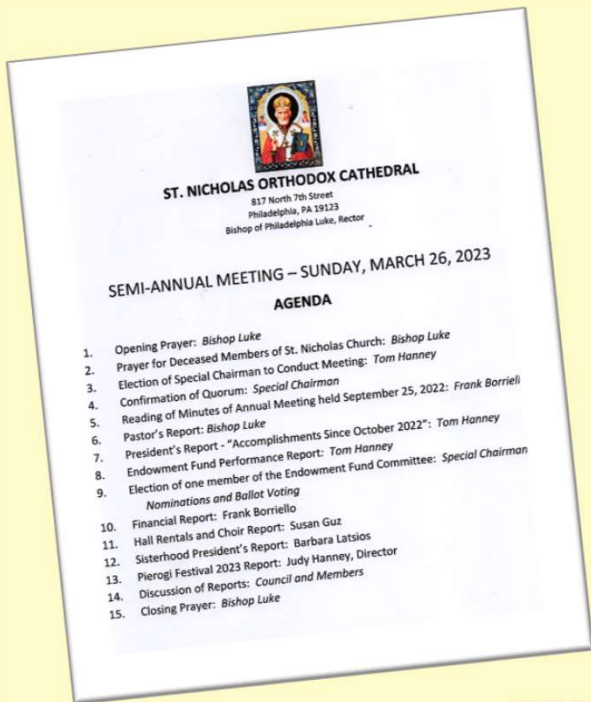
Last August 2022, long-time St. Nicholas Cathedral parishioner and altar server, **ALEX MURPHY**, relocated to Mississippi to start a new job as a **SPORTS JOURNALIST** working at The Commercial Dispatch newspaper in Columbus, Mississippi. Alex graduated the University of Maryland in 2020 as a Journalism major so his new job was the perfect fit. Indeed! Within months, Alex's byline appeared on the front page of The Commercial Dispatch, and locally, on the front page of The Medford Sun. And most recently, Alex was caught on camera covering the Ole Miss Rebels game at the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament in Nashville earlier this month. Next assignment: the NCAA Mens Basketball Tournament in Birmingham. One day...perhaps a Pulitzer Prize for sports writing, Alex!





Don't miss the
**SEMI
 ANNUAL
 MEETING!**

**Semi-Annual
 Parish Meeting
 Sunday, March 26, 2023
 following Divine Liturgy in
 our Cathedral Hall**



**This is a great opportunity to voice your
 comments and ask questions of our
 Cathedral Council President,
 Tom Hanney, and the Council Officers.
 Tom will review:**

**WHAT WE HAVE
 ACCOMPLISHED
 SINCE OCTOBER...**

**Tom will also tell us about the unexpected
 bequest the Cathedral recently received.**

Birthdays



On Sunday, March 19, 2023, Bishop Luke and parishioners celebrated FOUR birthdays! Left to right, holding birthday cakes: Volodymyr Kikelia, Susan Guz, Frank Borriello and Father Oleksii. MANY MORE HAPPY AND HEALTHY YEARS TO ALL!

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”



Veneration of the Holy Cross
Sunday, March 19, 2023

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: Let the saints exult in glory. Let them sing for joy on their couches.

CHOIR: Let the saints exult in glory. Let them sing for you on their couches.

READER: Sing to the Lord a new song. His praise in the assembly of the Saints. Let the saints exult in glory.

CHOIR: Let them sing for joy on their couches.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. **(Hebrews 6:13-20)**

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 Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not. He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." **(Mark 9:17-31)**

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

Scripture Reading

for Sunday, March 26, 2023

Mark 9:17-31



In Biblical times, there were no names for the many physical and mental ailments that our bodies and minds suffer from. And so the word “demons” described the disturbing and confusing maladies that struck people – as we hear in today’s Scripture reading. And Jesus Christ said that only through prayer and fasting could the demon be cast out and the soul and body healed. Think of prayer and fasting as “spiritual first aid” – treating the whole person, that is, body, soul, and spirit.



Prior to casting out the demonic spirit, Jesus looked at the father in today’s Scripture reading and said, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” The father was completely and totally honest admitting that he had unbelief, that he didn’t have complete faith and trust. ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’, he cried.

Yet Jesus healed his son without there being the type of faith that you would think you need for this miracle to happen. The father clearly said that he had doubts. So why did Jesus heal this man’s son? Perhaps because the man was honest. Once we’re honest about our doubts, we must, like the father in today’s Scripture reading, confess them. Confession begins the process of turning away from doubts -- to believing and having unwavering faith. And that is called repentance.

Lord, I
Believe.
Help my
unbelief.





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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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."



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, Svilana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23

Come participate in the
**Holy Unction
Healing Service**
**Wednesday, April 12,
6:00 PM**

The Sacrament of Holy Unction is offered for the healing of soul and body and for the forgiveness of sins. At the conclusion of the service, Bishop Luke puts holy oil on the forehead, eyes, ears, nostrils, lips, chest and hands of the parishioners in the form of the cross, saying: "*O Holy Father, physician of our souls and bodies, heal Thy servant [name] from every physical and emotional affliction.*"



Healing Service, April 20, 2022



We need 12 MEN to hold the large pillar candles on Holy Thursday night, April 13, 6:00 PM, during the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels. Please let Bishop Luke or Tom Hanney know if we can count on YOU to participate in this solemn service. At the conclusion, please stay to help set up the tomb in the center of the Sanctuary. **THANK YOU!**



The hyacinths that adorned the tomb of Christ LAST YEAR were planted in our Cathedral garden on Bright Monday 2022. They survived the winter and are now in full bloom!

Please consider a donation of \$15 towards this year's potted plants that will be set up on Holy Thursday night, April 13, 2023. You can either take your potted plants home on Bright Monday or donate them to the Cathedral for planting in our garden.

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