

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Bulletin for Sunday, March 5, 2023



An Icon
Commemorating
the Veneration
of Icons!

The Triumph of Orthodoxy

A Victory for Icons!

This Sunday, March 5, is the first Sunday of Great Lent, and we celebrate the “Triumph of Orthodoxy” in commemoration of the reinstatement of icons in churches in the year 843. Please bring your most meaningful icon to church to hold throughout the Divine Liturgy and during the procession following Dismissal.

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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.



On Sunday, 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. 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. 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.

**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 4	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 5 ORTHODOXY SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by the Procession of Icons
Wednesday, March 8	5:00 pm: Presanctified Liturgy
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
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
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

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 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 my son-in-law, Patrick Snoke, offered with love, Gail
7. In memory of our mother/grandmother, Lillian Fox, on the 19th anniversary of her passing, offered with love, Gail and Family
8. For the health of Susan Guz, Love, Ellen
9. For the health of Phil, Love, Ellen

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

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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.)





H A P P Y

B I R T H D A Y

On Sunday, February 26, 2023, Bishop Luke and the congregation sang Happy Birthday! to Cathedral Council President, Tom Hanney, and to long-time parishioner, Gail Osborn. Tom and Gail share the same birthdate: February 28. MANY YEARS!

Following Vespers on Saturday evening, February 25, 2023, reporter Katie Katro and her cameraman from the Channel 6 Action News team came to St. Nicholas Cathedral to interview Bishop Luke, as the world marked one year of war in Ukraine with prayers and rallies.



THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY – TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

CHOIR: Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

READER: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers.

CHOIR: And praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **(Hebrews 11:24-26; 11:32-12:2)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: We have heard with our ears, O God. Our fathers have told us what deeds Thou did perform in their days, in the days of old. Thou hast saved us from our foes and hast put to confusion those who hate us.

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 John.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." **(John 1:43-51)**

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.

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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."

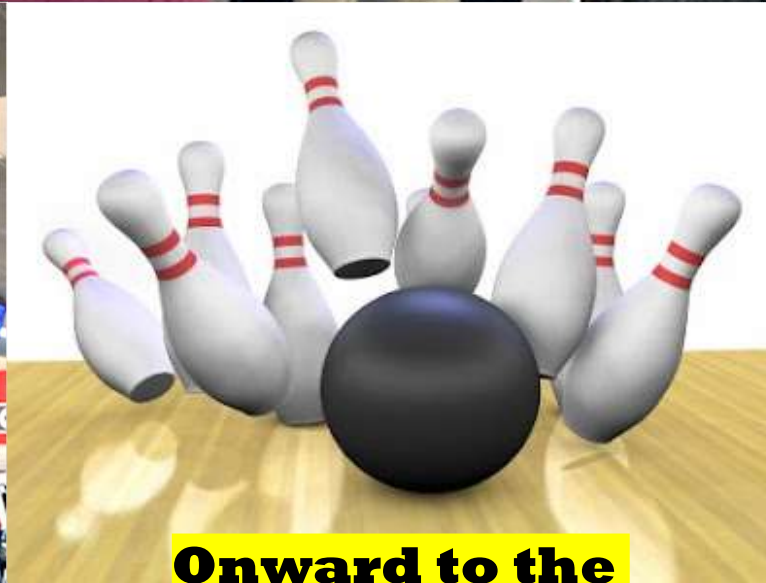


ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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

Last month we congratulated Nicholas Janoczkin on winning the Gold Medal at his first Special Olympics NJ Bowling Tournament. Nicholas went on to compete in his second Tournament recently and won **GOLD again!**



Onward to the NATIONALS in April! CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN, NICK!

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18 | Speckled Eggs

Our homemade creamy, smooth peanut butter eggs and chewy, shredded coconut eggs start in copper kettles, are hand-shaped, then covered in Belgian chocolate, making them a delicious addition to any Easter basket!

Jelly Beans

Look for a candy order form in the Candle Room window and mark your choices by Sunday, March 5. St. Nicholas Cathedral will receive a portion of the sales price of each item - up to \$5 on most items! Your order will be ready for pick-up in the Candle Room on Sunday, March 26 - in plenty of time for Orthodox Easter on April 16!

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