

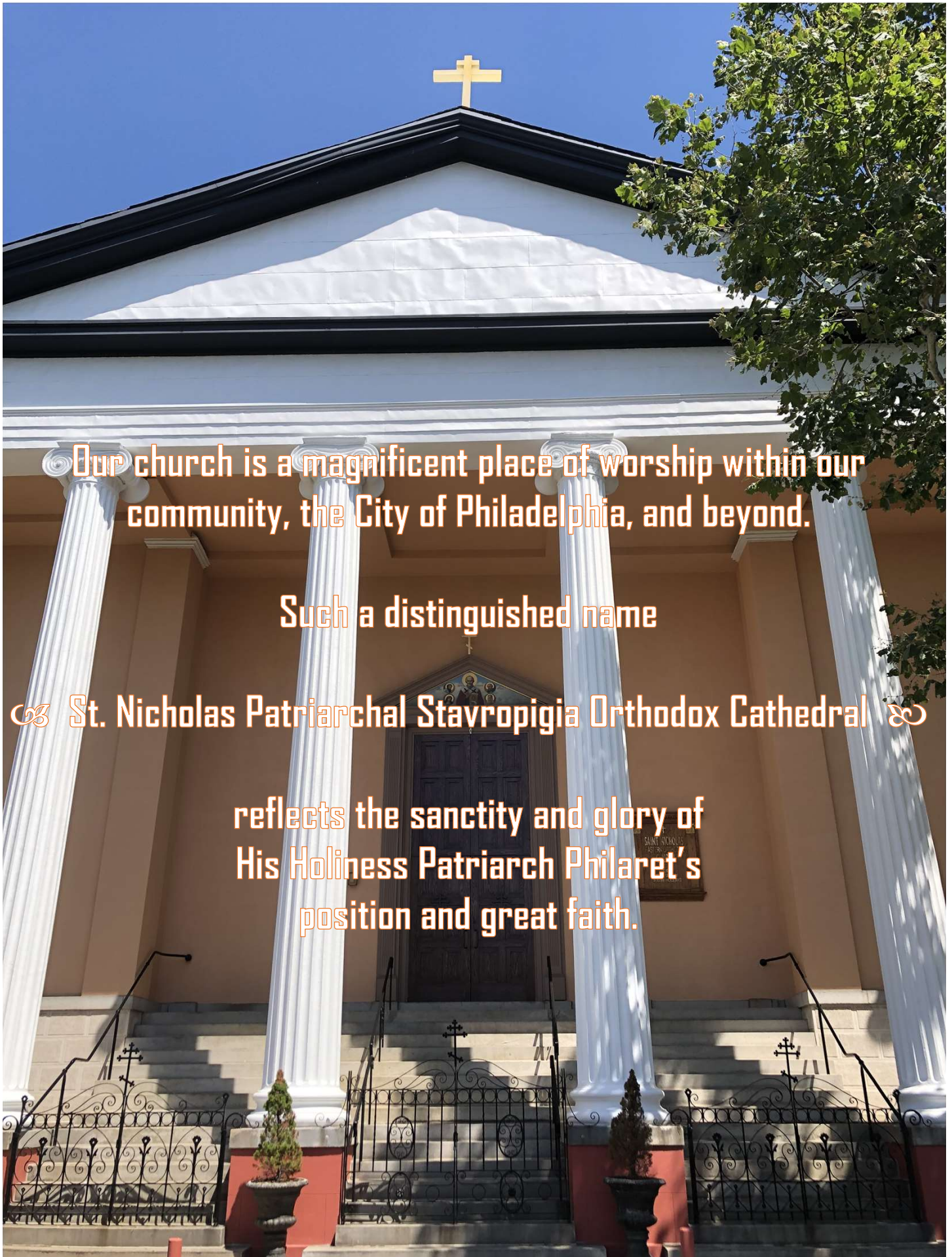


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**Patriarchal Stavropigia of the
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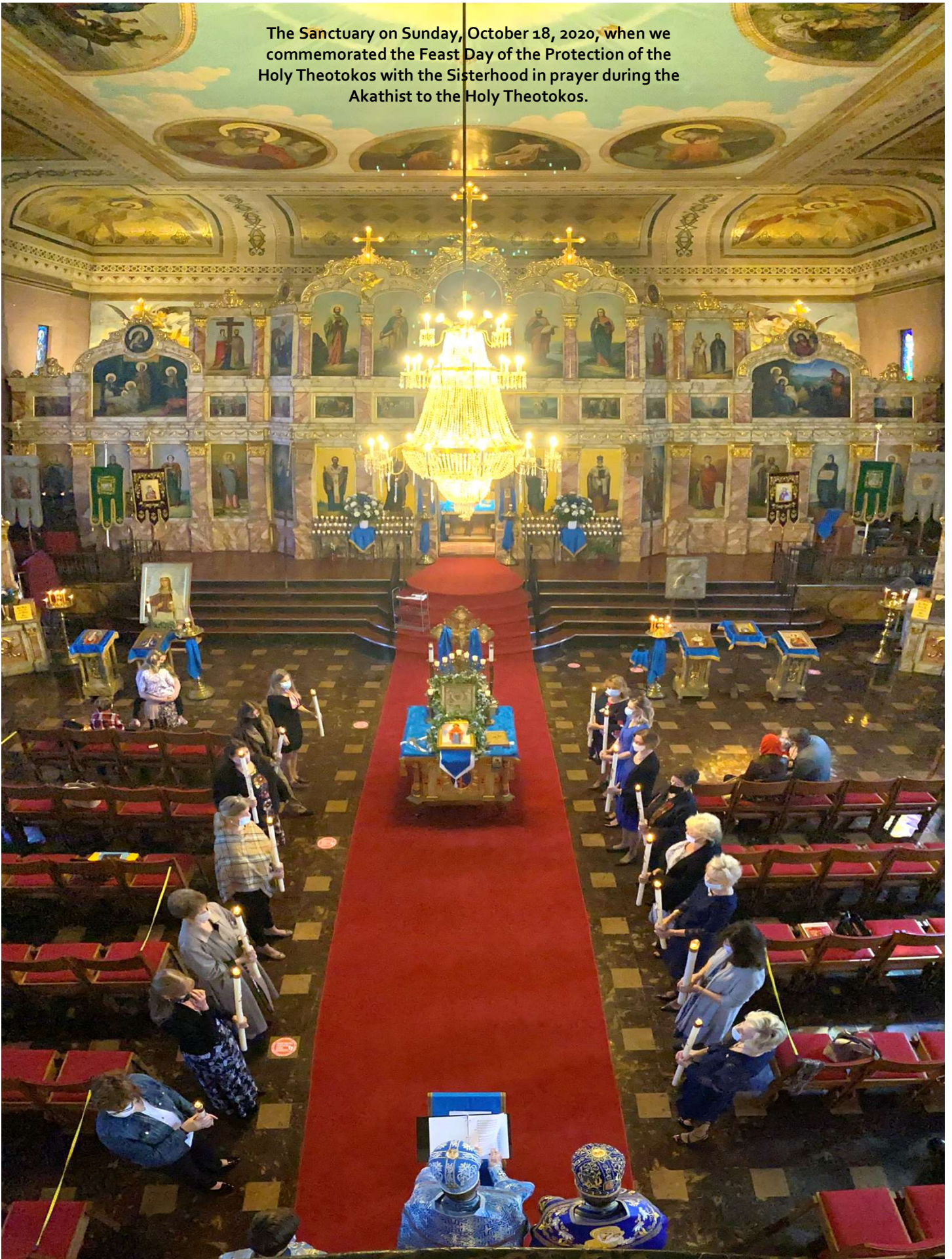
Our church is a magnificent place of worship within our community, the City of Philadelphia, and beyond.

Such a distinguished name

☞ St. Nicholas Patriarchal Stavropigia Orthodox Cathedral ☞

reflects the sanctity and glory of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret's position and great faith.

The Sanctuary on Sunday, October 18, 2020, when we commemorated the Feast Day of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos with the Sisterhood in prayer during the Akathist to the Holy Theotokos.



Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, *Rector*

Decree:
an official order

Patriarch:
*the highest-ranking Bishop in
Eastern Orthodoxy*

The Church Council
Thomas Hanney, *President*
Susan Guz, *Vice-President*
Ellen Hanavin, *Treasurer*
Frank Borriello, *Secretary*

and
The Sisterhood
of the Protection of the Theotokos
Barbara Latsios, *President*

**are pleased to share this auspicious
announcement:**

**On Wednesday, February 24, 2021,
His Holiness Patriarch Philaret issued and
signed Decree No. 8, granting the status and
name of "Cathedral" to St. Nicholas Church.**

**Accordingly, 104-year-old St. Nicholas Church
is now**

**St. Nicholas Patriarchal Stavropigia
Orthodox Cathedral**

**the central church of the
Vicariate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Kyivan Patriarchate in the USA and Canada.**



Cathedral:
*the principal church with
which a Bishop is officially
associated*

Stavropigia means:
*St. Nicholas Church reports
directly to Patriarch
Philaret. We have been a
Stavropigia since 2016.*

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The status of Cathedral was granted to Saint Nicholas Patriarchal Stavropigia Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the United States in accordance with the decision of the Vicariate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyivan Patriarchate in the United States and Canada.

Philaret
PATRIARCH OF KYIV
AND ALL-RUS UKRAINE



**After the
announcement
of our
Cathedral
status, we
received
heartfelt
greetings with
congratulations
...from near
and afar!**

**Here are just a
few of the many
messages.**

**Thank You,
Everyone!**

***“God Bless St. Nicholas Patriarchal Stavropigia
Orthodox Cathedral.”***

**Very Reverend Borys Tabachek, Rector
St. Volodymyr Patriarchal Cathedral, Kyiv, Ukraine**

***“Слава Богу! We are praising God from our
St. Nicholas, Святой Миколай, in Homewood,
Illinois.”***

**Отець Йосип
Father Joseph, Second Priest
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Homewood, IL**

***“The honors for St. Nicholas just keep piling up!
Congratulations to all!”***

**David Sharp, (alternate) Tenor
St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir**

***“Congratulations on the honor and new cathedral
status for your parish.”***

**Reverend Thomas Monnat
St. Patrick’s Anglican Chapel
Ardmore, PA**

***“Sto Lat! May you and St. Nicholas Cathedral
live another 100 years!”***

**Father Krzysztof (Chris) Mendelewski
St. Joseph Parish
Davie, FL**

***“Thanks for forwarding the news re St. Nicholas
... now renamed a Cathedral. How awesome and
proud all your parishioners must be!”***

**Dorothy Chelak
Sun City, AZ**

Please remember our
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Schedule of Services

Saturday, March 6 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 7 MEATFARE SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 13	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 14 CHEESEFARE & FORGIVENESS SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida, followed by a "Cheese Blintzes" Fellowship Lunch in the Church Hall
Monday, March 15	GREAT LENT BEGINS
Friday, March 19	5:30 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 20	5:30 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 21 ORTHODOXY SUNDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Friday, March 26	5:30 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 27 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, March 28	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 2	5:30 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 3 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 4 GENERATION OF THE CROSS	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 9	5:30 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, April 10 SOUL SATURDAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, April 11	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy & Panikhida

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- *In Memory of Tatiana (Tina) Fedec*
- *Cassandra and Ray McNulty*

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY



Sisters

Helen Marx and Lillian Fox

**This Week's Bulletin
is
In Memory of Beloved
Mother/Grandmother**

LILLIAN FOX

**on the
17th Anniversary
of her passing**

**The Bulletin Is
Sponsored by Her
Daughters
Gail Osborn & Family
and
Renee Murphy &
Family**

1. For the health of Alexandra, Katherine-Maria, Solomiya, Michael, Lilyia, Christine, Juliet, Roman, David, Vitaly, Vladislava, Victoria, Brianna, Michael, Christine, Volodymyr, Stefan, Maria, Borislava, Emilia, Tetiana, Marianna, Justinia, Oksana, Solomika, Olga, Taras, Andrew, Yuri, offered by Solomiya and the Huerta Family
2. In memory of Volodymyr, Maria, Olga, Ivan, Volodymyr, Sophia, Oleksiy, Olga, Eugene, Francis, Maria, Julio, Macha, Puchi, Serhiy, Eugenia, Volodymyra, Roman, Anna, offered by Solomiya and the Huerta Family
3. Memory Eternal on the anniversary of the passing of my Mother, Helen Zaruba, offered by her daughter, Marcia
4. Prayers for a safe trip for Dawn and Ron Healey, offered by Marcia, Mike and Zach O'Connor
5. Happy belated birthday to Gail Osborn, offered by Marcia, Mike and Zach O'Connor
6. In memory of my mother/grandmother, Lillian Fox, offered with love by Gail Osborn and Family
7. For the health of Gail Osborn on her birthday, offered by Vicki and Frank Borriello & Family
8. For the continued good health of Dawn Healey, offered with love and happiness on good test results! Love, Mom and Dad



**Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, February 28, 2021
Luke 15:11-32**

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. We have heard this Scripture reading of the father and his two sons many times. I will focus on the happiness that the father experienced when his wayward son finally returned home to receive a joyous welcome....a party....a celebration! The spiritual message is that if you have sinned and are truly repentant as the Prodigal Son was, you can return to God the Father and be accepted by him with great joy no matter what you have done. I am sure you have experienced such joy, both in forgiving others and being forgiven. The Prodigal Son rejoiced in receiving his father's blessing of forgiveness. All Orthodox faithful rejoice in receiving blessings from God. And today all parishioners of St. Nicholas Church rejoice in receiving the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret in granting St. Nicholas Church the status of Cathedral -- an amazing historic event that we are fortunate to witness. So let's focus on the joy, the celebration, the feast we heard about in today's Scripture reading -- and know without any doubt that we are truly blessed to worship in St. Nicholas Patriarchal Stavropigia Orthodox Cathedral. Today is a day to give thanks and celebrate! **AMEN.**



ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analog Candles:	\$25
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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. 11/1/21
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. 12/31/21
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. 10/1/21
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. 10/13/21
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. 8/1/21
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/21
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. 9/18/21
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. 4/19/21
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/21
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/21
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/21
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/21
17. +In loving memory of our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/21
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. 11/1/30
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrustyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/21
20. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Olga, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan, Volodymyr. +In memory of Anna, Sophya, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunellia, Vasyl, Maria, Pavlo, Maria, Petro, Stepan, Anna, Stepania, Vasyl, Maryna, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/21
21. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/21
22. +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. 12/20/21
23. +In memory of newly-departed Alice (Lesya) Orlan, our beloved "Forever Friend," offered by Dorothy Chelak and Family. exp. 1/24/22
24. For the health of Vasyl, Paraska, Roman, Oksana, Andriy, Volodymyr, Orusya, Maria, Vitaliy, Taras, Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Ivan. +In memory of Paraska, Vasyl, Ivan, Vasyl, Evdokia, Maria, Paraska, Oksana. Offered by the Khanas and Petriv Families. exp. 3/1/22

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

MEATFARE SUNDAY



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 6th 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 Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. **(1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)**

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 Matthew.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. **(Matthew 25:31-46)**

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

A Historic Day

The first formal photo of Father Bohdan; Father Oleksii; the Patriarchal Choir; Council President, Thomas Hanney; Council Officers; Barbara Latsios, Sisterhood President; and YOU, some of our faithful Congregation on Sunday, February 28, 2021, following the first Divine Liturgy as St. Nicholas Patriarchal Stavropigia Orthodox Cathedral.



A Re-Cap of a Great Celebration on Sunday, February 28, 2021 - as posted on cerkva.info on 3/1/21

The Stavropigia parish of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia in the United States for the first time celebrated the status of a cathedral and the opportunity to be called the center and head office of the Vicariate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate. After the reading of the Holy Gospel, the Rector of the Cathedral and the Secretary of the Vicariate, Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, delivered a sermon. Father Bohdan congratulated the congregation on an important achievement that belongs to everyone in the congregation: that today the parish can lay claim to the dignity of becoming the chair of the ruling bishop.

“May our prayer today become an important act of gratitude to God for His benevolence to all of us, to everyone who comes to this holy temple. All these years we have been active in prayer, fasting and in our good intentions. Now we need to redouble our joint efforts to serve God and His pious people, those who need care, support and prayer,” said Father Bohdan. At the end of the service, a prayer was said to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker for the health and longevity of His Holiness Patriarch of Kyiv and All-Rus Ukraine Philaret, the parishioners of the Kyivan Patriarchate, as well as for the Ukrainian and American people. At the end of the prayer of thanksgiving, the Patriarchal Choir, led by Choir Director, Susan Guz, sang “Many Years” to Patriarch Philaret. Father Bohdan, together with the parishioners, congratulated the long-term Church Council President, Thomas Hanney, on his birthday, wishing him good health and God’s mercy. Father Bohdan also conveyed a blessing from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret. In honor of the occasion, all present sang “Many Years” to the beloved old age of the Cathedral! At the end of the service, the congregation attended a party to celebrate the high status of the Cathedral. The Sisterhood, led by President, Barbara Latsios, and Judy Hanney, organized a gala luncheon. The band led by Igor Sypnya performed for an appreciative crowd! Thank God for everything!

A Moleben to St. Nicholas immediately followed Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 28, during which Father Bohdan offered prayers of thanksgiving and intoned blessings for His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, the clergy and all parishioners.



This icon of St. Nicholas was given to St. Nicholas Church in 1983 by parishioner Sophie Gamble (nee Harbach), who passed away in 2011 at age 90. The icon had been given to her by her sister, Helen Harbach. Sophie presented it to the church on St. Nicholas Day, December 6, 1983, in loving memory of her sister and other family members so that the icon would receive the prayers and veneration of the entire church community. On Sun., Feb. 28, 2021, Sophie's wishes were respected as the congregation prayed to St. Nicholas during the Moleben.





*Imagery from
our "Cathedral"
Lunch and Dance*

*Sunday,
February 28, 2021*

*Our Hall was filled
to capacity.*

*A great time was had
by all!*

**Gail Osborn and Tom Hanney
share the same birthday:
February 28! Many More Years!**





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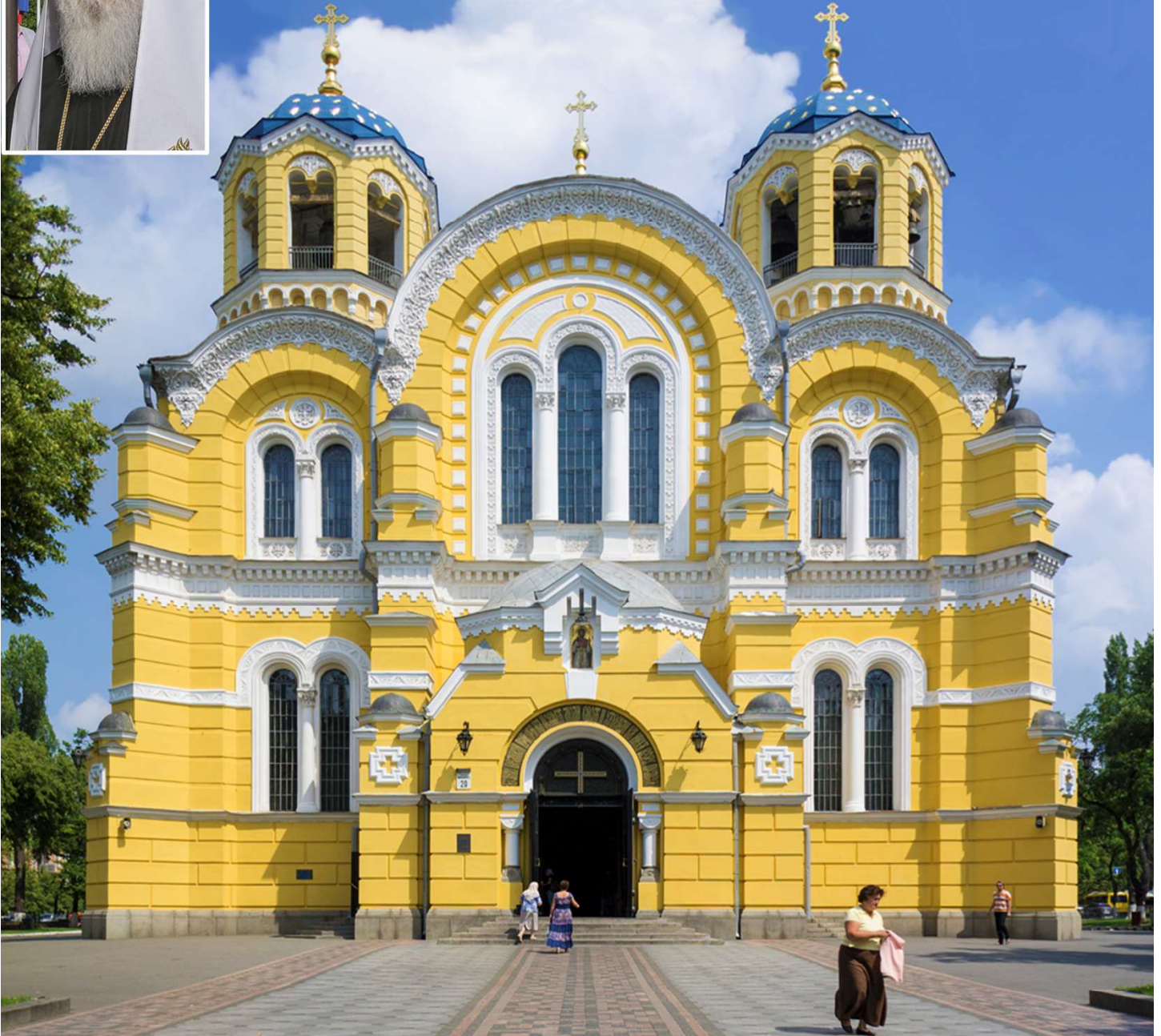






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