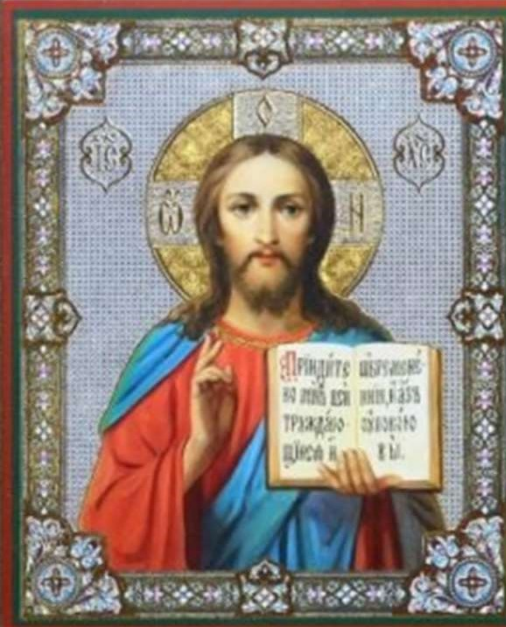


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*Bulletin for
Sunday, March 8, 2020*

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**Sunday, March 8: The Triumph of Orthodoxy
Bring your most cherished icon to Church to hold during the
Procession immediately following Divine Liturgy.**

PARISH MEETING



Message from: President, Tom Hanney
To: All Parishioners

Our Annual Meeting was six months ago, and since then a lot of positive things have happened concerning our Church.

So, on **Sunday, March 30**, we will have a brief meeting in the Church Hall following Divine Liturgy. I will update you on various exciting Church projects.

Please join us!

Father Bohdan and I look forward to sharing important information with you!

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- **Friday, March 6:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 8:** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30 AM
Sunday of Orthodoxy; Vespers with Procession of Icons
- **Friday, March 13:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 PM
- **Saturday, March 14:** Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM; Vespers, 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, March 15:** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30 AM



Pre-Easter Calendar

Friday, March 6	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Friday, March 13	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 14	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, March 20	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 21	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Friday, March 27	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 28	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Sunday, March 30	The President's Report: Parish Mid-Year Meeting, led by Tom Hanney, in Church Hall following Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 3	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Friday, April 10	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 11	SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY and lowering of chandelier
Sunday, April 12	Palm Sunday ("Potato Pancake" Fellowship Lunch)
Wednesday, April 15	Healing Service
Thursday, April 16	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 17	Holy Friday
Saturday, April 18	Holy Saturday; Blessing of Easter Baskets
Sunday April 19	PASCHA EASTER; Blessing of Easter Baskets
Monday, April 20	Bright Monday

*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.

CONFESSIONS will be heard on:

- FRIDAYS at 6:00 pm during Pre-Sanctified Liturgy;
 - SATURDAYS at 5:00 PM at Vespers;
- SOUL SATURDAYS at 9:30 AM before Divine Liturgy; and
 - SUNDAYS at 9:00 AM before Divine Liturgy

The Triumph of Orthodoxy is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent, March 8. The Feast is kept in memory of the final defeat of iconoclasm and the restoration of the icons to the churches by Empress Theodora in 842 AD.

Please remember our homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Rehabilitation Center
470 Manor Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Tel: 610-873-8490



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

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** begins 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 pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously. You can also give online on our website. Go to stnicholaseoc.org/donate; scroll down and click

“Endowment Fund.”

THANK YOU!

Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, March 8, 2020
Matthew 6:14-21



Great Lent begins tomorrow. And the Scripture gives instructions on how we are to behave during the next 40 days. There are 2 things to do: Number 1: **ASK FOR FORGIVENESS**. “Forgive my trespasses,” the Bible says, and these are words we have spoken since children when we recited the Lord’s Prayer. This is the easy part. Forgive me, we say...and then the burden is on the person to whom we speak. What if that person does **NOT** forgive you? Number 2: The challenging part, the difficult part, sometimes the part we never can resolve is when **WE** are **ASKED** to forgive. How can we forgive when we still feel the hurt of someone’s words or actions? Sometimes the pain is as fresh as the day it happened even though it may be 50 years ago! We hold grudges, we resent, we are bitter. And then every year we can be assured of this day – **TODAY** – Forgiveness Sunday – and Lent – and Confession – when we are continually given the opportunity to put the past transgressions of others aside, to reflect deeply, to contemplate, to meditate, to ponder, to pray – and then to **FORGIVE OTHERS** for their trespasses against us.

For the Scripture again is clear. **IF YOU FORGIVE MEN THEIR TRESPASSES, YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU**. So as we begin Lent, unburden yourself of ill will, unkind thoughts, hate and negative emotions. Welcome the Fast as a time to purify your body with healthy foods, a healthy mind and spirit and healthy prayers. And again, as the Scripture says, when you fast, do not do so with a sad face. Let no one know – except God. **AMEN**.



*“Therefore, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to all people,
especially to those who belong to the
family of believers.”*
Galatians 6:10

Once again, Phil Hanavin, donated his carpentry skills and his time to St. Nicholas Church. He installed much-needed custom-made shelves in our storeroom last week. **THANK YOU, PHIL!** This was not the first task (nor the last!) on Phil’s “to do” list concerning our Church. Among other things, he already put security boxes over our thermostats; reinforced the wrought iron rail into the Hall; fixed the threshold in the North Stairwell; secured the faux marble paneling in the Sanctuary that was warping and pulling away from the wall; installed a door closer; designed a more efficient kitchen layout.....

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Happy Birthday, Mr. President!



St. Nicholas Church President, Tom Hanney, celebrated his birthday on February 28 – and he shared his delicious birthday cake with the Congregation during our Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, March 1.

Tom is pictured here with Kirk Whitmer, Yaroslav Kacharai, Judy Hanney, Anastasia Whitmer and Father Oleksii Kacharai.

Building Fund

Decades ago, St. Nicholas Church established a BUILDING FUND. Why? Our church structure is more than 160 years old and as such is in constant need of repair and renovation. Our Building Fund subsidizes the ongoing upkeep, and your donation could ensure that our building is well-maintained for many decades to come.

Currently, the front of the Church is in crisis: the six massive white pillars are peeling; the concrete stucco is cracked; the fence is rusted. Your gift to the Building Fund would be used immediately to help reduce the cost of repainting and renovation. To save time, you can give directly online at stnicholaseoc.org/donate; scroll down to “Building Fund.”

THANK YOU!



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***Close-up photos of the front of
St. Nicholas Church and the
areas needing immediate
repair.***



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SUNDAY & ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of our new grandson/ nephew, George Joseph Wohar, offered by Robert, Marianne, Michael & Anastasia
3. For health of our daughter-in-law/aunt, Amy, on her birthday offered by Robert, Marianne, Michael and Anastasia
4. For the health of our sister/ Aunt Karen Niehoff, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
5. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
6. For the health of our daughter, Dawn Healey, and for a successful surgery, Love, Mom and Dad

ANNUAL VIGILS

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 Bivoïno. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoïno. 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 Davidyán, 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 8

SUNDAY 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. Praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

CHOIR: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our Fathers. Praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

READER: For Thou art just in all that Thou has 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 has saved us from our foes and has 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.