

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Patriarchal Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivan Patriarchate

Bulletin for Sunday, May 16, 2021

INSIDE:
Stunning Photos
from Easter,
captured
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Sunday of The Myrrh Bearing Women



On Sunday, May 9, the Sisterhood and Ladies of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral participated in the Akathist Prayer of the Holy Theotokos on Mother's Day. These faithful women strive to walk in the footsteps of the Myrrh Bearing Women: being the first to console, comfort, love, cope and endure.

Sunday of The Myrrh Bearing Women

- The Gospels record the faithfulness of Christ's women disciples at the Cross. The women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with myrrh-oils and spices but found the tomb empty. As they wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead. So the "myrrh bearing women" were the first to find out about Christ's Resurrection.

This event is celebrated in the Orthodox church on the Third Sunday after Pascha. Holy tradition names eight myrrh-bearers: the Virgin Mary; Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleophas; Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, James and John; Susanna; Mary, the sister of Lazarus; Martha, the sister of Lazarus.



The
Akathist
Prayer to
the Holy
Theotokos
on Mother's
Day,
Sun., May 9,
2021

The Wedding of Yulianna Shchetinkin and Grigorii Abramian



On Saturday, May 8, 2021, Father Oleksii Kacharai officiated at the marriage ceremony of Yulianna and Grigorii. The couple live in Maryland, found information about St. Nicholas Cathedral online, visited several other Orthodox churches and ultimately chose St. Nicholas for their wedding because of our Cathedral's beauty. May God Grant Them Many More Happy and Healthy Years Together!



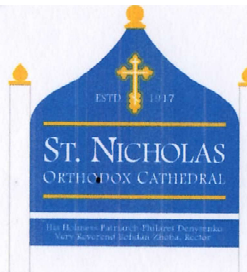
Our Hall rental on May 8, 2021, brought the Hall Fund to a new financial milestone: \$30,000 generated since October 2020! We surpassed our original goal!

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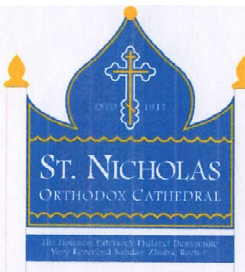
One of these proposed signs with our "Cathedral" name -- designed by Elmark Signs in West Chester, PA -- may replace the current signage on the front wall of our building and on our south lawn. The designs are currently on display in our Hall awaiting comments from parishioners. The new signs would be lighted from within, with machine-carved "routed" lettering and constructed in durable aluminum and vinyl. Please let us know what you think. We welcome your input!

Do you like #1, #2 or #3?

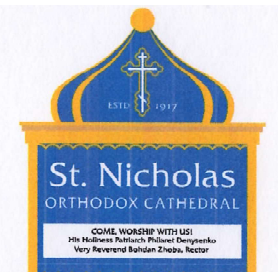
For our grass area, street level (corner of Brown & 7th Streets)



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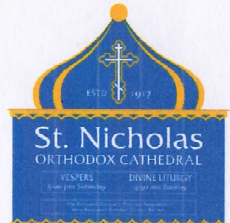
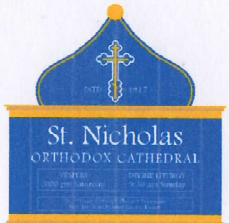
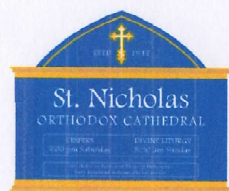


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A coordinated sign for the front wall of the building



Schedule of Services

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| Sunday, May 16 Myrrh-Bearing Women | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, May 23 Sunday of the Paralytic | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, May 30 Samaritan Woman | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, June 6 Sunday of the Blind Man | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Annual Church Picnic |
| Sunday, June 13 | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida |
| Sunday, June 20 PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by "Kneeling Prayers" Vespers and Moleben for our Fathers |
| Sunday, June 27 | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, July 4 | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, July 11 | 9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy |

**Please note:
Saturday Vespers will resume in September.**

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2021

- Patricia Walker
- Anna Kuliasha
- Colleen Philipp
- The Borriello Family, In Memory of David Patterson
- The Murphy Family, In Memory of our Mother/Mom-Mom, Lillian Fox
- In Memory of Tina Fedec
- Cassandra and Ray McNulty



On Sunday, May 9, 2021, we wished Happy Birthday! to Kirk Whitmer, our webmaster, and parishioner, Mariana Koziar (pictured here with her children, Diana and David).



*Beautiful
Imagery
from
Easter
2021*

**photographed
by
Anastasia
Whitmer**

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Resurrection Services began at 11:30 pm on Saturday, May 1, 2021, in a darkened Sanctuary with the Choir singing, "Do not lament Me, O Mother, seeing Me in the Tomb..."

Father Bohdan and Father Oleksii lifted the epitaphion from the tomb just before midnight, carried it through the Royal Doors and placed it on the altar. The Royal Doors and curtain were closed.

Father Bohdan then emerged into a pitch black Sanctuary holding the Holy Fire, proclaiming: "Come ye, take light from the light, that is never overtaken by night. Come, glorify the Christ that is risen from the dead."





While the Clergy, Choir and Congregation encircled the Cathedral three times in a procession singing *"Thy Resurrection, O Christ, our Savior, the angels in Heaven sing, enable us on earth to glorify Thee, in purity of heart!,"* the Sisterhood and a few parishioners quickly lit 250 vigils and candles inside the Sanctuary and removed all dark purple fabric from the furnishings to expose white cloths.



At the top of the Cathedral steps after the final walk around the building, Father Bohdan joyously proclaimed "CHRIST IS RISEN"



He then knocked on the front door three times saying, "Lift up your head, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of Glory may enter!"





**As Father Bohdan
censed the Sanctuary,
he shouted
repeatedly the
Paschal Greeting:**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
and the Congregation
responded:
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**Khristos voskres!
Voistinu voskres!**



**Christos anesti!
Alithos anesti!**



**Khristos voskrese!
Voistinu voskrese!**



President, Thomas Hanney, delivered the St. John Chrysostom Sermon prior to the start of Divine Liturgy.



The 4-member Patriarchal Choir sang the Paschal service continuously and flawlessly for 3 hours.

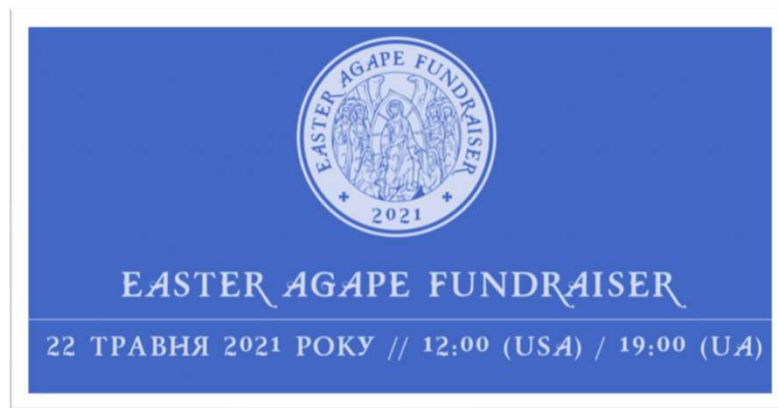


Christ Is Risen!



SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of my daughter, Stacey DeSimone, on her birthday, offered with love, from Mom
2. In memory of my Godmother, Evelyn Atlee, offered with love, from Gail Osborn
3. For the health of our Grandson, Ryan, on his 18th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
4. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer, with appreciation for donating their talents to St. Nicholas Cathedral
5. For the health of George Latsios, Love, Barbara, Cassandra and Ray
6. For the health of George Latsios and a successful surgery, Love, Ellen and Phil
7. For the health of Susan Guz, for all the work she does for the church, Love, Ellen and Phil



NEWS FROM THE VOLYN ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL ACADEMY IN LUTSK, UKRAINE

The school is holding its first-ever “Easter Agape Fundraiser” on Saturday, May 22, 2021, and you are invited to participate via Zoom. Details and registration information can be found on the Academy’s website: vpba.org. Your participation will support the Academy, underwrite research projects and provide scholarships to the best and most deserving students – our future clergy.

CHURCH COUNCIL

- Thomas J. Hanney, President
- Susan Guz, Vice-President
- Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer
- Frank Borriello, Secretary

ST. NICHOLAS PATRIARCHAL CHOIR

- Eve Edwards, Soprano
- Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto
- Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor
- Anthony Sinigaglio II, Bass
- Susan Guz, Choir Director

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ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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| Sunday Vigil: | \$2 |
| Analog 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. 11/1/21
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. 4/19/22
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, Sophia, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, 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
25. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/22

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRH BEARING WOMEN



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 Acts of the Holy Apostles.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. **(Acts 6:1-7)**

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 Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away-for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples-and Peter-that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. **(Mark 15:43-16:8)**

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

Save the Date!

SUNDAY,
JUNE 6, 2021

CHURCH PICNIC

FELLOWSHIP,
FOOD &
FUN!

following Divine Liturgy
Details to come.....



Father Bohdan and the Congregation were happy to see Zachary O'Connor on Sunday, May 9, 2021, who is home for summer break after finishing his Sophomore year at Penn State.

Also on Sunday, May 9, Marcia Zaruba O'Connor hosted a delicious brunch in memory of her father, Michael, on the 5th Anniversary of his passing. The O'Connor Family – Mike, Marcia and Zach – is pictured here with Father Bohdan and Tom Hanney. Thank you, Marcia & Family!



Christopher Borriello celebrated his birthday on Sunday, May 9. Happy Birthday! Chris is pictured here with Father Bohdan and Pepper at our biannual Pet Blessing last October.

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

Anna thanks everyone for the cards and prayers she has been receiving. She and her family are most grateful.



Email sneoc100@gmail.com to contribute information to this Bulletin.

Info must be received by noon on WEDNESDAY to be published in the Sunday Bulletin.
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On Sunday, May 9, 2021,
St. Thomas Sunday,
Father Bohdan joined
Parishioners at Oakland
Cemetery to bless the graves
of their loved ones.
Father Bohdan is pictured here
with Tom Hanney and Kirk
Whitmer at the grave of Very
Reverend Alexis Gougnin,
former pastor of St. Nicholas
Orthodox Cathedral, assigned
to the Church in 1935.
Memory Eternal.



SUNDAY SERMON

Father Bohdan's Sermon - Sunday, May 9, 2021
JOHN 20:19-31

Christ is Risen!

Happy Mother's Day! The Akathist to the Holy Theotokos we just prayed was in honor of all our mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and all women who nurture and comfort us.

Today is also St. Thomas Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter also called "Antipascha," and this is the first opportunity we have to commemorate the departed as panikhidas are forbidden in the Orthodox Church from Holy Thursday through today, a period of 11 days. Therefore, today is when we can finally announce the Resurrection of Christ to those who have departed this life before us. We will also share with the departed our blessed Pascha bread and Easter eggs.

We will gather at Oakland Cemetery immediately following the brunch downstairs hosted by Marcia O'Connor in memory of her father, Michael, on the 5th anniversary of his passing. Our pilgrimage to the cemeteries and blessing the graves is a beautiful, important custom in our Orthodox church, and one that parents should teach their children. Everyone should make the effort to visit the graves of our beloved departed for they depending on us. They should never be forgotten.

Memory Eternal! Christ is Risen!