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Sunday, May 24, 2020*

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OUR NEW NORMAL: As St. Nicholas Church gets closer to our reopening date, Father Bohdan begins to implement safety rules. Floor decals instruct us to practice social distancing and to stand 6 feet apart on the Communion line.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Governor Tom Wolf has extended the “stay-at-home” order for Philadelphia until June 4.

St. Nicholas Church will reopen the first weekend in June, Pentecost weekend, June 6-7.

Be prepared. Please review the safety guidelines included in the Bulletin.

All Church services are being live-streamed. To “attend” a virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg

Schedule of Services

to be served by Father Bohdan

with the Congregation praying at home until Pentecost

Saturday, May 23	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, May 24	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, May 30	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, May 31	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, June 6	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida for John Martin 12:00 noon: Grave Blessings at Oakland Cemetery 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, June 7 PENTECOST	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Vespers (kneeling prayers)
Saturday, June 13	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, June 14	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Moleben Honoring Students and Graduates

Moleben for All Students and Graduates

Sunday, June 14

**Please email names/photos of Graduates to
SNEOC100@gmail.com**



Is anyone graduating? We want to remember the Class of 2020 Graduates in our parish at the Moleben on Sunday, June 14, following Divine Liturgy. Please let us know if someone in your family is graduating College, High School, an Academy, or any study program. Email the information and a photo to SNEOC100@gmail.



**Father Bohdan reads the Holy Gospel – John 4:5-42 –
during Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 17, 2020**

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, May 17, 2020

John 4:5-42

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Today's Bible reading tells of a conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman who He encountered at Jacob's well. The water is symbolic of eternal life. And Jesus ultimately gives the Woman everlasting faith so that she would never be thirsty again. It is important to reflect on the initial meeting of Jesus and the Woman. When Jesus approached her at the well and said to her "give Me a drink," she was shocked because she was from Samaria and Jesus was a Jew – and, as is written in this Scripture passage: "Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." This Bible story shows us that Jesus cared about every person, regardless of gender, race, culture or station in life. The lesson for us is that we are all brothers and sisters, equal throughout eternity. The Samaritan woman was transformed by her meeting with Jesus – just as we all can be. She believed Jesus was truly the Messiah. She immediately repented her past misdeeds and left to tell her friends and neighbors how she met Jesus and His offer of life-giving water – or eternal life. So God can -- and will-- use anyone He chooses to spread His word. Brothers and sister, learn from this Scripture reading. Be tolerant of others, Love Thy Neighbor -- and realize that spiritual growth is a lifelong process.

Amen.

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St. Nicholas Church needs your financial help more than ever. Along with many other individuals and businesses, our Church has lost significant income during the pandemic – yet the bills do not stop. THANK YOU to those of you who have been making your weekly "envelope" contributions and vigil payments online. This is a sensible way to handle money during this challenging time.

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
3. Colleen and Nicholas Philipp in Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond



Please remember our homebound parishioner:

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SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35;
Analoí 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 my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
3. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of my nephew, Alex Murphy, on his graduation from the University of Maryland. Congratulations! Love, Aunt Gail
5. For the health of Alex Murphy on his graduation from college. Offered by Ellen Hanavin
6. For the health of Bill and Marie Simpson on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Offered by Ellen Hanavin
7. For the health of Dawn Healey for a continuing recovery. Love, Mom and Dad
8. For the health of our great niece Devon. Love, Aunt Ellen and Uncle Phil
9. For the health of Megan and Tom, who were exposed to the coronavirus, Love, Ellen and Dad
10. For the health of Susan Guz, for all of her help, Love, Ellen
11. For the health of Father Bohdan, on his birthday, with great admiration, Love, Ellen and "Godfather" Phil
12. For the health of Father Bohdan, on his birthday, offered by Tom & Judy Hanney & Family
13. For the health of Alex Murphy with congratulations on his college graduation, offered by the Hanney Family
14. For the health of my husband, Jim, on our 47th Wedding Anniversary, offered by Barbara McMonigle

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*In Honor of Father Bohdan
On His Birthday Today!*

*Many more happy and healthy years!
Mnohaya Lita!*

ALTAR CANDLES

Lit Today

For The Health Of
FATHER BOHDAN
On His 44th Birthday
Today

Sunday, May 24

MNOHAYA LITA!





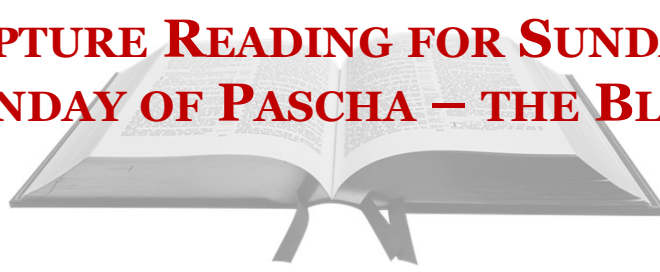
ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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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. 11/1/20
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. 4/19/21
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. 5/31/21
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, Vitaliy, 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, Hrustyna, 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 Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. 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 Davidyan, 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, MAY 24

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – THE BLIND MAN



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 5th Tone: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

CHOIR: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is Godly. Thou, O Lord, shall protect us.

CHOIR: And preserve us from this generation forever!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe. Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household. **(Acts 16:16-34)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. For Thou has said: "Mercy will be established forever, and My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

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. Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself. His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from. The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing. They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him. **(John 9:1-38)**

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

Safety Guidelines for the Reopening of St. Nicholas Church

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

St. Nicholas Church has created its own guidelines to prepare us to safely worship together in Church – only after we receive official directives regarding reopening from the Governors in the states that affect our parishioners. Our tentative plan is to reopen on June 7.

All services will be webcast.

- 1. Everyone must wear a mask. No mask, no entry.**
- 2. Upon entering the church, touching the exterior door handle is inevitable. Signs will be posted instructing everyone to immediately wash their hands upon entering the building and prior to going upstairs to the sanctuary.**
- 3. Bathroom entry doors will be left open to eliminate touching.**
- 4. Bathrooms will be amply stocked with soap and paper towels.**
- 5. Hall doors and the door to the sanctuary will be left open to eliminate touching.**
- 6. A plexiglass shield with an opening at the bottom will be set up in the candle room window. Hand sanitizer will be supplied for the person selling candles in the candle room.**
- 7. Every other row of seats will be roped off to prevent sitting in that row to enforce social distancing. Families can sit together.**
- 8. Signs will be placed telling worshippers not to touch or kiss the icons. Venerate, do not touch.**
- 9. The person passing the collection basket will wear a mask and gloves. No children should pass the basket at this time.**
- 10. Confession: Father Bohdan will give absolution during a general confession, after reading the prayer of St. John of Kronstadt. He will instruct penitents to prepare properly for general confession (fasting in the morning, praying, examining your conscience, reflecting on your actions and thoughts). The confession prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion.**
- 11. Communion. Father will wear a mask to protect himself when parishioners receive communion. Tables with trays will be set up to hold individual communion spoons, one tray for clean spoons; another for used spoons.**
- 12. Communion Line: An X will be marked on the floor with yellow tape every 6 feet to enforce social distancing.**
- 13. After receiving Communion, wine will be poured into disposable cups. Pieces of prosphora will also be put into individual disposable cups to prevent people from touching other pieces.**
- 14. A trash can, lined with a plastic bag, will be placed in the area to dispose of used cups.**
- 15. Prior to pouring the wine and setting up the bread on the communion cart, that person must wash his/her hands, in addition to wearing gloves and a mask.**
- 16. For the time being, the Choir Director will sing the responses alone. (The Choir members will return in September at which time the music stands will be moved further apart separated with clear plastic curtains.)**
- 17. We will refrain from socializing after church services. No coffee hour, no fellowship lunches until further notice.**
- 18. Father Bohdan will determine his own safety rules behind the altar. For the time being, he will continue to serve alone.**
- 19. Our church cleaning person will clean and disinfect the bathrooms and sanctuary during the week prior to the next Sunday's service.**
- 20. Reopening the Church does not mean that you must come. If you are not comfortable in attending, STAY HOME. If you are not feeling well, STAY HOME. If you want to attend and are healthy, welcome!**