

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

## HIS HOLINESS PATRIARCH PHILARET CELEBRATES HIS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ENTHRONEMENT AS PATRIARCH

*Father Bohdan Presents a Commemorative Plaque from St. Nicholas Church  
to His Holiness in Kyiv, Ukraine on October 23, 2020*



### Mnohaya Lita!

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, 817 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123

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A close-up of the commemorative plaque.





On this joyous occasion, Father Bohdan traveled to Kyiv last week to extend in person his blessings and best wishes to His Holiness Patriarch Philaret from the St. Nicholas Church Parish.

As Father Bohdan was in Kyiv for only 3 days, he and Patriarch Philaret made the most of their time together. Father Bohdan updated the Patriarch on all St. Nicholas Church activities – everything from recent weddings and baptisms to our financial situation to the upcoming Pierogi Festival!



In good health and happy to see Father Bohdan, Patriarch Philaret was impressed by the collection of St. Nicholas Church Bulletins that Father Bohdan brought with him – newsletters that tell the weekly story of a very active, thriving and faithful parish.



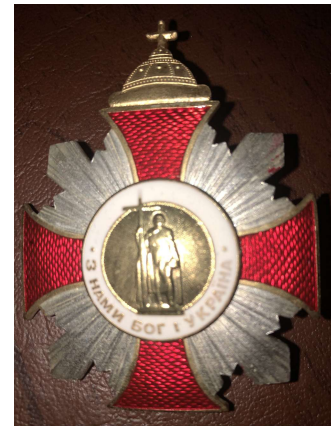








At the conclusion of their meeting, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret presented Father Bohdan with the prestigious Order of St. Volodymyr Medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, for his passionate, steadfast dedication to the welfare and future of the Patriarch's Stavropigia: our beloved St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church.



## Congratulations, Father Bohdan!

Past recipients of the St. Volodymyr Medal, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree:  
U.S. Senator John McCain, for his continuous work on behalf of Ukraine, in 2015;  
and U.S. Senator Rob Portman, co-chair of the Senate Ukraine Caucus, in 2018.

The levels of the St. Volodymyr Medal are: 1st Degree, 2nd Degree and Cavalier (the highest honor).



Clergy, including Father Bohdan, prepare for Vespers at  
St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Kyiv,  
Saturday evening, October 24, 2020



Very Reverend Borys Tabachek, Rector of St. Volodymyr Cathedral, stands in the center.

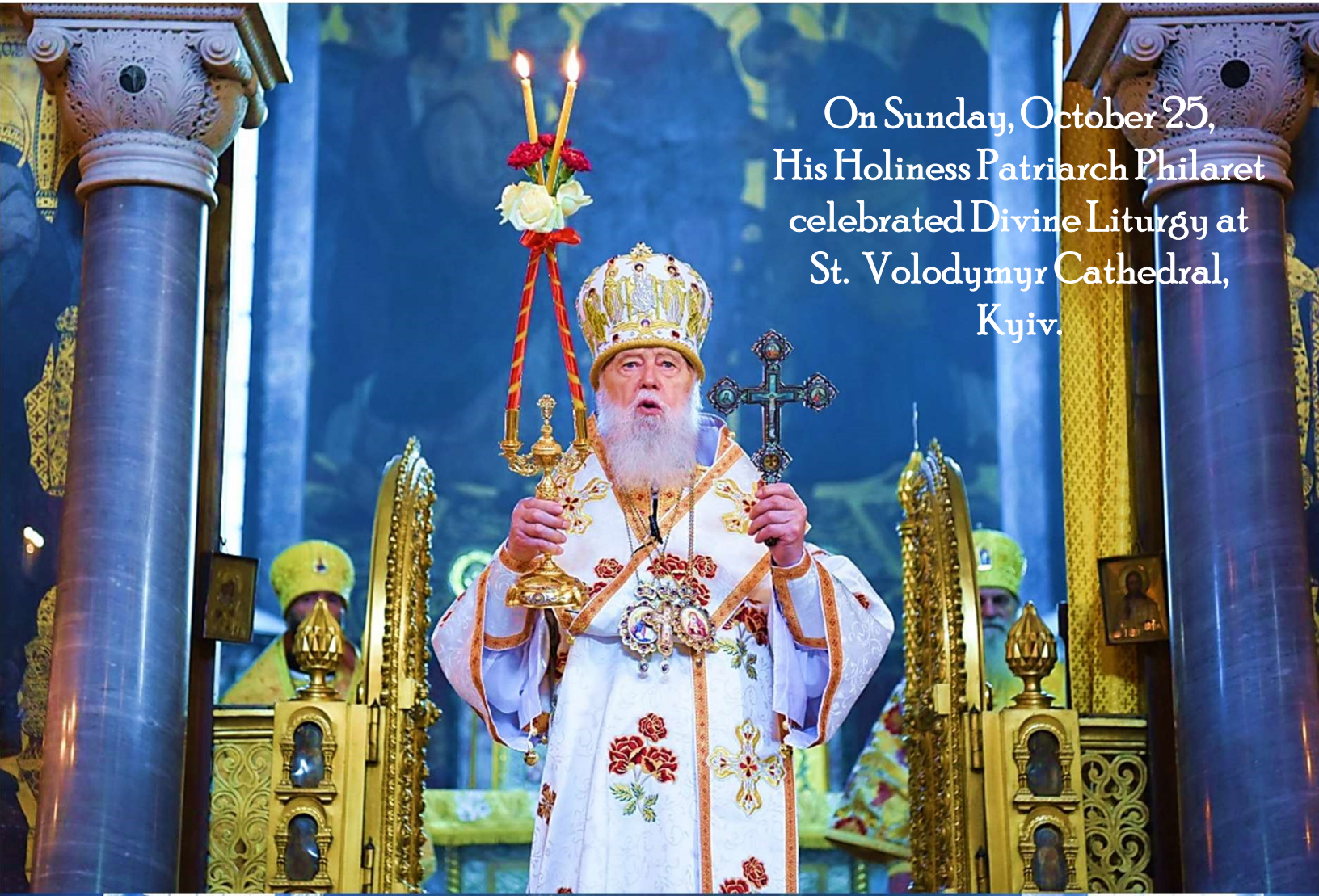




His Holiness Patriarch Philaret  
with Clergy during Vespers at  
St. Volodymyr Cathedral, Kyiv,  
Saturday, October 24.



On Sunday, October 25,  
His Holiness Patriarch Philaret  
celebrated Divine Liturgy at  
St. Volodymyr Cathedral,  
Kyiv.









**Following Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Andriy spoke to all those gathered in the Cathedral for the Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Enthronement of Patriarch Philaret. Here is an excerpt of his remarks:**

“Your Holiness! On behalf of the Council of Bishops, clergy, monks, believers of Ukraine and the diaspora, scholars and all Ukrainian intellectuals, accept cordial congratulations on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Patriarchal enthronement. Under your wise leadership, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate shows spiritual resilience. We are grateful to the Lord that in the person of Your Holiness we see an example of the spirit and strength to endure and remain on the path of Christ in the current difficult conditions. From day to day you work with full effort and talent, convincingly showing us all an inspiring example of “how to behave in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). You continue to lay the cornerstones for the construction of churches and hold meetings with heads of state and international institutions, diplomats, military, businessmen, representatives of culture and the public. Despite your respectable age, you continue to take an active part in meetings of representatives of embassies of different countries, give interviews, hold press conferences and speak on television programs, where you are inspired to defend the preservation of the Church of Christ of the Kyiv Patriarchate. Under your leadership, meetings of the Councils of Bishops are held regularly, at which important decisions are made regarding the preservation and growth of our Church. Your Holiness! on this solemn day we wish you mental and physical strength and God's generous help in the Patriarchal ministry for the “creation of the Body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12) and for the benefit of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate. May God, as generous and merciful, grant you many and good years!”

Bishop Andrew then presented His Holiness with a prosphora and a bouquet of flowers.

With appreciation to all present, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret said: “Your Eminences, venerable fathers, dear brothers and sisters! Thank you for coming, in such a difficult situation in which we are today, to celebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Patriarchal ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you for being with me today.

To Him be the glory forever and ever!”







Following Divine Liturgy, the Clergy pose for one final photo on this momentous day.





His Holiness  
Patriarch Philaret and  
Father Bohdan  
at the conclusion of  
Divine Liturgy.



This is our new flag that  
will be flying on the corner  
of 7th & Brown Streets  
next weekend!



**PIEROGI  
PICK UP HERE**

St. Nicholas  
Eastern Orthodox Church  
817 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
PIEROGI FESTIVAL!

**ATTENTION, EVERYONE:**

**CLOCKS GO BACK  
ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1, SO....**you  
have an extra hour to help  
with the Pierogi Festival  
preparations!

Please stay after  
Divine Liturgy on  
Sunday, November 1,  
to lend a hand with  
last-minute Festival tasks  
e.g., filling the sour cream  
and cherry cups, setting up  
the food line tables, bakery  
and raffle basket areas,  
hanging door hangers in the  
neighborhood, etc.

**THANK YOU!**

The tent will be set up by professionals  
from East Coast Event Rental on  
Wednesday, November 4.





## CONGRATULATIONS, JUDY HANNEY AND HER PIEROGI TEAM!

On Saturday, October 24, the last day of pierogi preparation prior to the Festival, the 21 volunteers **EXCEEDED** their goal! They made 1,380 pierogies – for a TOTAL of **7,000** potato-cheese pierogies to be sold at the **Pierogi Festival** next weekend,

Saturday, November 7, and Sunday, November 8. **GREAT JOB! THANK YOU!** Starting Sunday, November 1, through the Festival weekend, we will need your help setting up for the Festival. Several of you already signed up for your assignments. If you are wondering how you can help, please email Judy: [tjahanney@yahoo.com](mailto:tjahanney@yahoo.com)



# Schedule of Services

Saturday, October 31	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, November 1	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 7: DAY 1, PIEROGI FESTIVAL	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, November 8: DAY 2, PIEROGI FESTIVAL	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 14	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, November 15	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 21	11:00 am: PET BLESSING on North Lawn 5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, November 22	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 28	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, November 29	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

We are renting our "south lawn" to Citylight Church on a week-to-week basis. Weather permitting, CLC will hold its worship services Sunday mornings on our grass from 8 am-9:30 am and 11:00 am-12:30 pm. This is a TEMPORARY situation. CLC will stop renting our outdoor space when Philadelphia transitions to the Green Phase. CLC has congregational singing accompanied by a keyboard. Pastor Mike Anderson said he expects up to 50 people to attend each service. Everyone will follow COVID-19 safeguards. (CLC is NOT using our parking lot; the CLC congregation will park on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.)



## CHURCH CALENDAR 2020-2021

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 12 noon-9 pm SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 12 noon-5 pm	ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 11 am-1 pm	PET BLESSING on the North Lawn
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2 pm	THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER. Donations of \$15.00 per person (no charge for children 17 and under) will benefit the St. Nicholas Church Sisterhood.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021	NATIVITY FAST (ADVENT)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	GALA LUNCH TO CELEBRATE OUR ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT & FATHER BOHDAN 25 <sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY, following Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021	CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY SUPPER at 5 pm, followed by Vespers at 7 pm.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021	CHRISTMAS DAY, Divine Liturgy at 10 am





## DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020

1. Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello & Gail Osborn  
*In Memory of Victoria Patterson*

2. Anna Kuliasha

3. Colleen & Nicholas Philipp  
*In Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond*

4. Serge & Janet Loginow  
*In Memory of Parents, Serge & Anna Loginow Grandparents, Harry & Ksenia Loginow Grandparents, John & Mary Sloma Uncle, Nick Sloma Aunt, Helen Trenchevski*

5. Vicki & Frank Borriello  
*In Honor of Susan Guz for all her work for the Church*

6. Vicki Borriello, Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy & Gail Osborn  
*In Memory of Karen Niehoff*

7. Barbara McMonigle

8. Ellen & Phil Hanavin

9. Borriello Family

10. John & Susie Sobchak

11. Barbara & George Latsios  
*In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck*

12. Dawn Healey

13. Father Bohdan Zhoba

14. Prof. Alexander & Halyna Kachur

15. Judy & Tom Hanney

*In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck*

16. Oksana & Victor Voloshnovskyy

17. Susan Guz

18. Diane Kavchok

19. Cassandra & Ray McNulty  
*In Memory of Helen Sameruck*

20. Anonymous

21. Susan Isaac

22. Borriello Family  
*In Memory of Daniel Clark*



## Preparing for General Confession

Until further notice, Father Bohdan will give absolution at General Confession during Divine Liturgy just prior to Communion. However, *it is essential that you properly prepare for Confession*: fast in the morning; examine your conscience; reflect on your actions and thoughts. The Confession Prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion. Please stand during the reading of this prayer.



### ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

- Thomas J. Hanney
- Frank Borriello
- Susan Guz
- George Latsios
- Serge Loginow

### CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### CLERGY

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Please remember our homebound parishioner:  
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Altar Candles: \$35;  
 Analoj Candles: \$25  
 Sunday Vigils: \$2;  
 Annual Vigils: \$100  
 Bulletin Sponsor: \$25

### SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of Susan Isaac on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
2. For the health of Ellen Hanavin and a successful surgery, offered by Susan Guz
3. For the health of George Latsios, offered by Tom, Judy and family
4. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, offered by Tom, Judy and family
5. For the health of Susan Isaac, on her birthday, offered by Tom, Judy and family
6. For the health of my brother-in-law, Bob Marozzi, Love, Ellen and Phil

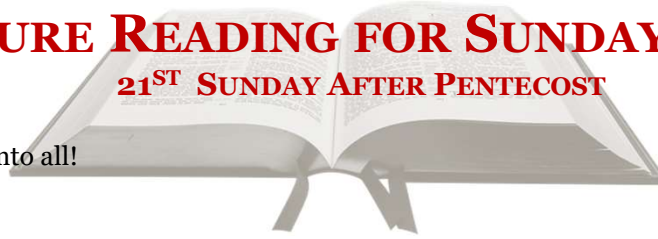
### ANNUAL VIGILS

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.11/1/21
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. 10/1/21
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. 12/31/20
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. 12/31/20
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
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. 12/31/20
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



# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**CHOIR:** O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**READER:** Bless the Lord, O my soul! O my God, Thou art very great! O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!

**CHOIR:** In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Galatians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **(Galatians 2:16-20)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** Go forth, prosper and reign because of truth and meekness and righteousness.  
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

**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 Luke.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear! Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. **(Luke 8:5-15)**

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





Renting our Church Hall – also known as Liberty North Banquet & Event Space – has been a great success and an additional source of revenue for St. Nicholas Church. On Saturday evening, October 24, the Hall was transformed into a beautiful setting for a wedding ceremony and reception. The events taking place in the Hall are varied: birthday parties, baby showers, wedding receptions, memorials, repasts and community meetings. The investment the Church made in renovating the Hall has paid off. **We are a popular venue in Northern Liberties!** [stnicholaseoc.org/hallrental](http://stnicholaseoc.org/hallrental)

# LIBERTY NORTH

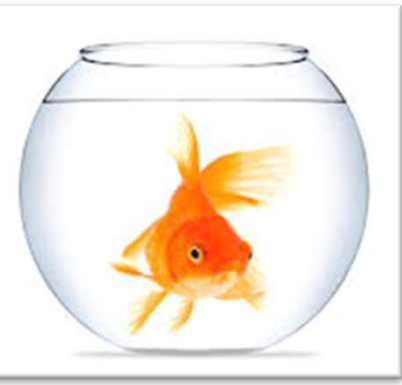
*Banquet & Event Space*



# Biennial Blessing of Pets

*Followed by a Procession  
Saturday, November 21*

In Orthodoxy, we bless all sorts of things, dedicating and sanctifying them to the glory of God. It is a realization that all things are gifts from God intended for our good –and that we must be faithful stewards of these gifts. In blessing our pets, we make a commitment to care for the life entrusted to us. **Come join us on Saturday, November 21, 11:00-1:00 pm,** for our Biennial Blessing of Pets & Animals on our North Lawn. (You may recall that our 1<sup>st</sup> Blessing of Pets took place on October 27, 2018 – and was a great success!)



***Welcome Penny, Pepper, Baxter, Kevin, Zsuzsa and Your Pet, too!***



**Kevin**



You have all heard of St. Francis of Assisi, the Catholic Patron Saint of Animals. In Orthodoxy, we have our own Patron Saint of Animals: Saint Modestus. **Please join us for our Biennial Blessing of Pets on Saturday, November 21, at 11:00 am.** In addition to our parishioners, we are inviting the neighborhood community, as well as the Philadelphia Mounted Police, to participate. Weather permitting, we plan to have a procession starting in front of St. Nicholas Church, up 7<sup>th</sup> Street, turning on Poplar and returning to Church via Marshall Place and Hoffman Place.

**Zsuzsa**



As stewards of God's creation we are called to care for, nurture and bless each other, our environment and the animal kingdom. On November 21, we will pray to St. Modestus, and Father Bohdan will bless our pets for the service they offer us -- for their gifts of friendship, companionship, protection and love.



*You are Invited to a Gala Lunch*

**to Commemorate  
Father Bohdan's  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
to the Priesthood  
and his  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor of  
St. Nicholas Church  
on**

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

**in our Church Hall**

**on the Day of the Annual Commemoration of  
Our Patron Saint Nicholas**



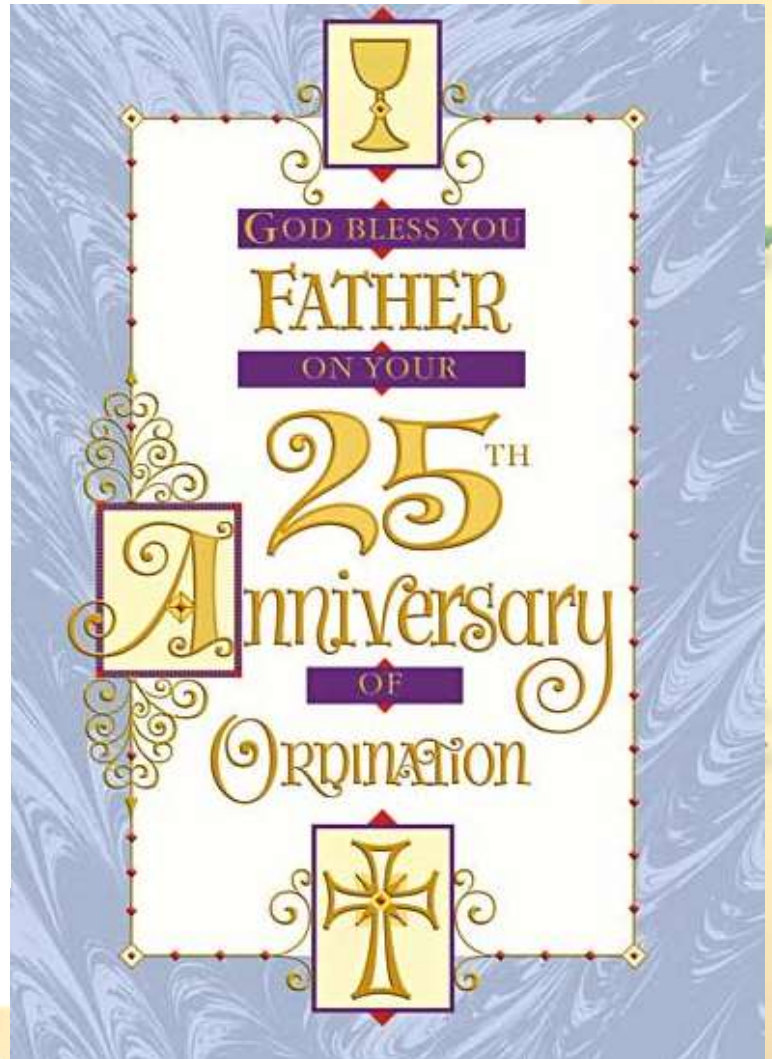
**THE BORRIELLO  
FAMILY** will once  
again prepare a  
delicious Lenten  
meal during the  
Nativity Fast

**SIMON SHARGO,**  
world-renowned  
clown and  
magician, will  
return this year  
to entertain the  
kids – young and  
old!



Tickets: \$25 for lunch and show  
Children up to 18 years of age are FREE!

*All tickets sales will benefit the  
St. Nicholas Church Benevolent Fund*





Greetings from  
our good  
friend – and  
favorite  
lawyer! – in  
Kyiv:  
Yaroslav  
Shevchenko  
(who is posing  
with a gift from  
Susan Guz,  
delivered by  
Father Bohdan ).



You will recall that Yaroslav  
visited St. Nicholas Church  
with Metropolitan John  
Yaremenko exactly two years  
ago -- in November 2018.  
Metropolitan John blessed the  
commencement of the  
Pierogi Festival that year.

Time flies!

These are just a FEW of the  
many icons that  
Father Bohdan brought  
back from Ukraine., gifts  
from His Holiness Patriarch  
Philaret and Father Borys  
Tabachek from the  
St. Volodymyr Cathedral  
-- with their blessings.

