

**Recap of
our amazing,
record-
breaking
Annual
Fundraising
Pierogi
Festival
2020!**

**Where
to
begin?**

**With Saint
Euphrosynus,
the Orthodox
Patron Saint
of cooks, of
course!**

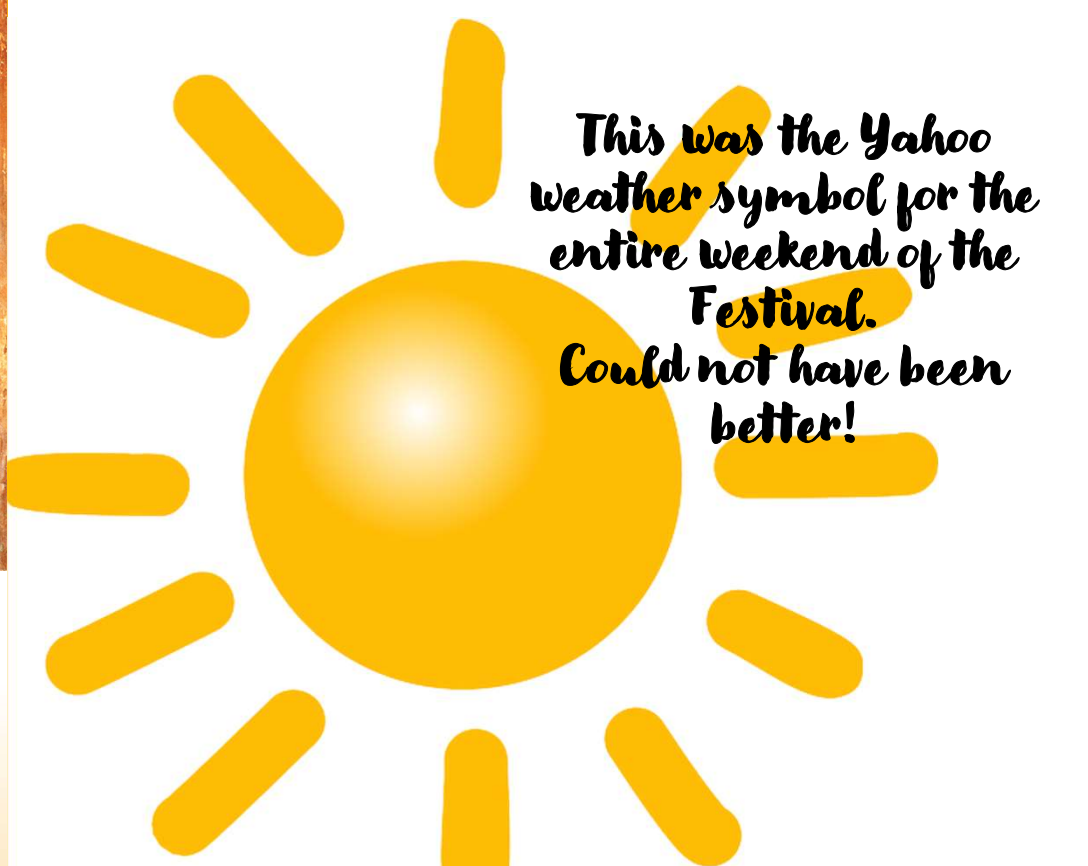
For more than 50 years, this writer has been in and out of the kitchen at St. Nicholas Church. On the eve of the Pierogi Festival last weekend, she happened to look up and noticed for the very first time above the kitchen doorway the icon of St. Euphrosynus the Cook. A silent – but fervent prayer – followed...

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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This was the Yahoo weather symbol for the entire weekend of the Festival. Could not have been better!

Father Bohdan invites everyone to an **APPRECIATION LUNCH** that he will prepare himself on Sunday, November 15, following Divine Liturgy, to thank all the volunteers for their months of hard work.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY**

*...and that prayer to St. Euphrosynus the Cook began with an apology for being unaware of him her entire life and asked his intercession for a successful Festival. Her prayers were answered this past weekend:
IT WAS A PERFECT FESTIVAL!*

The Venerable Euphrosynus the Cook of Alexandria, was a monk in the 9th Century at one of the monasteries in Palestine. His feast day is September 11.

St. Euphrosynus lived as a simple and faithful monk, humbly and obediently serving as the cook of the monastery in which he lived.

He is the Patron Saint of chefs and all cooks.



THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY:

Judy Hanney, Festival Director, and Tom Hanney, Council President

With Appreciation and In Honor of

*Father Bohdan, Father Oleksii, Matushka Oksana, the Church Council and All of the Festival Volunteers
for their hard work and support in making this year's Festival such a success.*

Special Blessings for

Cassandra and Ray McNulty and Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer

for bringing the Festival's advertising and order fulfillment into the 21st Century!



Cassandra McNulty expertly managed her team in the Kitchen, the busy hub of the Festival over the two days. Despite the 100-degree heat in the Kitchen, Cassandra kept the pierogies flowing to the food line in the Church Hall –always with a smile and ensuring everyone had fun at the same time! The volunteers looked sharp in their matching red Festival STAFF T-shirts that Cassandra designed *(paid for by an anonymous donor)*.

WE SOLD OUT OF 7,000 pierogies by 2 pm on Sunday! By closing time at 5 pm, it was potluck for those visitors still coming in our door.



The Raffle Basket display extended the length of the Church Hall – 42 Raffle items in all.

Frank and Vicki Borriello at the Raffle table where Frank sold tickets.

Frank was also our jovial Greeter, welcoming everyone to Pierogi Festival 2020!





The Raffle items included a huge Chocolate Hamper, Phillies gift bags, a \$300 Home Depot Gift Card, and an animated, musical bear who sang “Let It Snow!” – and many other enticing gifts.

Thanks to the efforts of Renee Murphy and her family (who began work on the creative raffle ideas back in January 2020!), and donations from Diane Kavchok, Dawn Healey, Michael Kavchok, the Borriello Family, Ellen Hanavin and Susan Guz, the Raffle was a great success and brought in an extra \$2,000 for the Church.

“There are more people here than at Disneyland!”

Commenting on the crowd at the Pierogi Festival, Lily Osborn exclaimed:

“I went to Disneyland in Florida this past August, and there are more people HERE at the Festival than at Disneyland!”



Lily Osborn is pictured here with her grandmother, Gail Osborn.

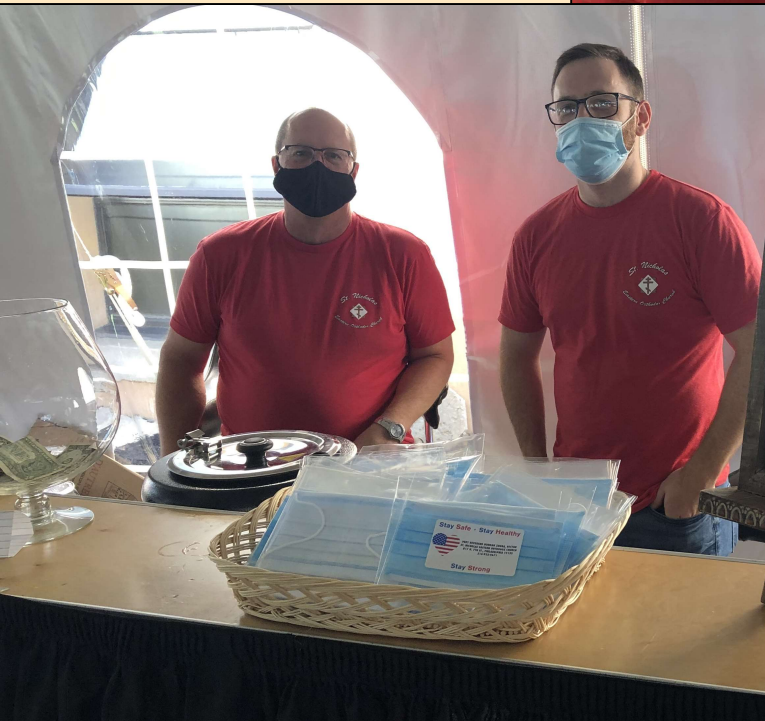
Indeed, the continuous food line extended all the way from inside the Church Hall, across the parking lot down to the sidewalk on Hoffman Place! Tom Hanney maintained the flow of people and ensured that folks distanced themselves safely. Police officers from the local precinct visited us twice – to pick up their take-out orders!



Diane Kavchok modeled her new Matryoshka Doll face mask!



Barbara and George Latsios



Ron Healey and Ray McNulty were our two bartenders. They donated all tips to the Church.

The Kauriga Ensemble



During the Festival, our tents were alive with MUSIC!

We were entertained by a variety of musicians.

On Day 1: guitarist, John Sellers, and the Stefan Kauriga jazz band;
on Day 2: the Kauriga Ensemble.



The two huge tents we set up on our South Lawn provided a safe place to eat – and dance -- to the music of the Kauriga Ensemble. Some visitors brought their own lounge chairs and blankets.

“The food was amazing, the beer was cold and the desserts were delicious. We also got to see the Church upstairs. So glad we came. It was a fun day!”

A comment from a friend and co-worker of parishioner and volunteer, Colleen Philipp



The Festival brought in many dear friends who we have not seen for some time – including Olga Petuch. She is pictured here with Father Bohdan who presented her with an icon of St. Nicholas from the Volodymyr Cathedral in Kyiv, with appreciation for her generous \$100 donation.

**We remember Olga’s husband – Paul – who would have celebrated his 100th Birthday this year.
MEMORY ETERNAL**

For the first time, following COVID-19 safeguards, we introduced curbside pick-up at the Festival.



Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer did a phenomenal job managing the many online pre-orders and subsequent delivery to customers who were handed their orders on 7th Street in front of the church.

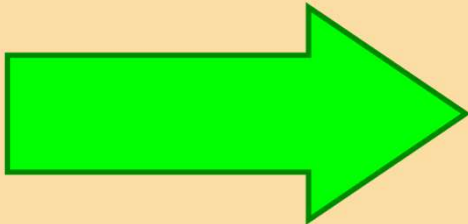
**A few of our volunteer Festival workers:
Kirk Whitmer, Benjamin and Rebekah Cliff
Ellen Hanavin, and the Food Line Girls!**



THE DAY AFTER



**This text message
and photo were
received
Monday,
November 9,
the day after the
Festival.**



“Hi Susan,

**Thank you for calling me today
and telling me that I won a Phillies
backpack! What a delightful
surprise. It was very nice of you to
meet me at the church.**

**Thank you, Saint Nicholas Eastern
Orthodox Church, for a lovely day
filled with wonderful people,
delicious food, cakes, great music
and a fantastic basket auction!
Woo Hoo!**

**Thank you for providing me an
opportunity to revisit my heritage
& celebrate my family history.
Pierogi Day was a spectacular
day! And I won a Phillies
backpack !! Yay !**

**Thank you so much. In God’s Love,
Sandy Harris”**

Schedule of Services

Saturday, November 14	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, November 15	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Panikhida, followed by APPRECIATION LUNCH in the Church Hall.
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
Saturday, December 5	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 6	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 12	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 13	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy



Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, November 8, 2020 - John 15:17-16:2

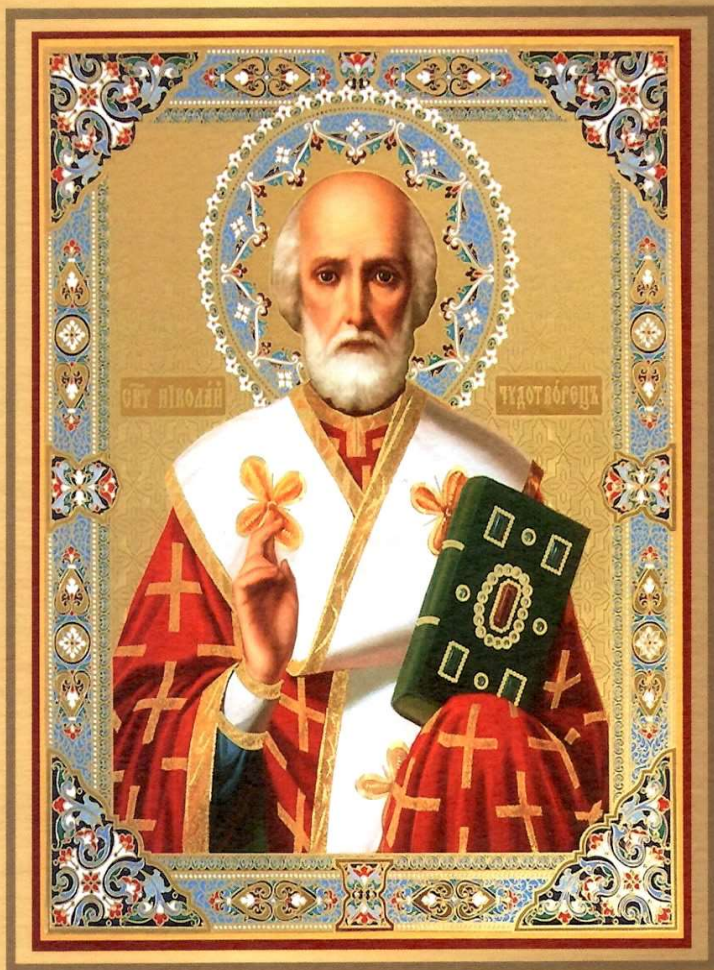
Today is Day 2 of our Pierogi Festival – a time of gathering of friends, family, neighbors – a great community event – and remarkable time of FELLOWSHIP. And we can relate our activities of yesterday and today to two Biblical concepts about our relationship to Jesus Christ: we are family to Him AND what a friend we have in Jesus! I will repeat 3 very important verses from Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John, today's reading, and you should commit them to memory. Jesus said: "You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants...but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you....These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

Brothers and Sisters, we live Jesus' commandment through activities such as this weekend's Festival. My heart soars when I see my congregation praying together – and working together – for the glory of God.

Let's go downstairs now and enjoy this wonderful day.

25th Ordination Anniversary

Peace be unto you. As My Father has sent Me, so I send you.
John 20:21



Please join us for a
25th Anniversary of Ordination
celebration for

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba

Divine Liturgy
will be celebrated at

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church on
Sunday, December 20, 2020, at 9:30 am

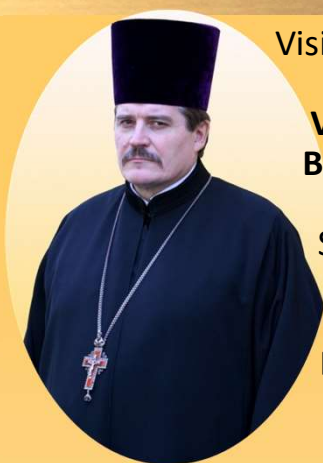
*A Gala Lunch will follow in our Church Hall.
We will also commemorate our
Patron Saint Nicholas on this day.*

RSVP: SNEOC100@gmail.com by December 6

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VERY REVEREND BOHDAN ZHOBA

THE BORRIELLO FAMILY will once again prepare a delicious Lenten meal for the Gala Lunch.



Visiting Clergy from Ukraine,
Very Reverend Borys Tabachek, Rector of St. Volodymyr Cathedral, will serve Divine Liturgy with Father Bohdan.

**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*

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





DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020

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

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.



Altar Candles: \$35;
 Analo Candles: \$25
 Sunday Vigils: \$2;
 Annual Vigils: \$100
 Bulletin Sponsor: \$25

SUNDAY VIGILS

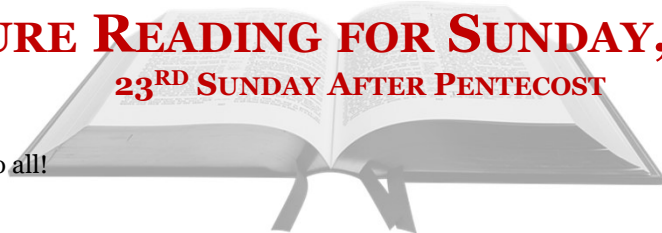
1. For the health of our special son/brother, Michael Wohar, on his 40th birthday, offered by Mom, Dad, Andrew, Amy, Anastasia and Tom
2. For the health of my daughter, Wendy Snoke, on her birthday, Love, Mom
3. For the health of Professor Sviatoslav Chokaliuk, offered by Susan Guz

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, Hrystyna, 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 15

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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 Ephesians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **(Ephesians 2:4-10)**

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.

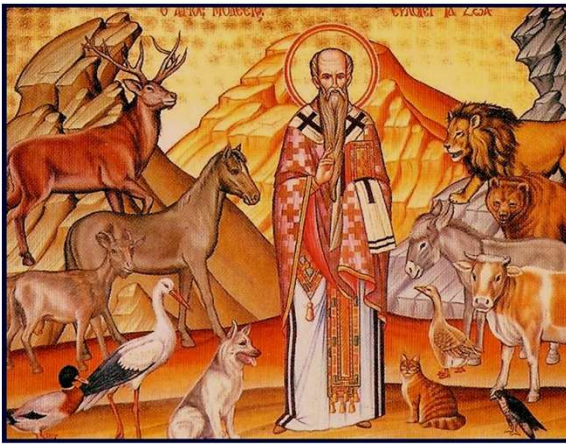
CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him. **(Luke 8:26-39)**

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



CHURCH CALENDAR 2020-2021

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 11 am-1 pm	PET BLESSING on the North Lawn
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2 pm-6 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 TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY, following Divine Liturgy. Tickets are \$25 for lunch and entertainment.
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

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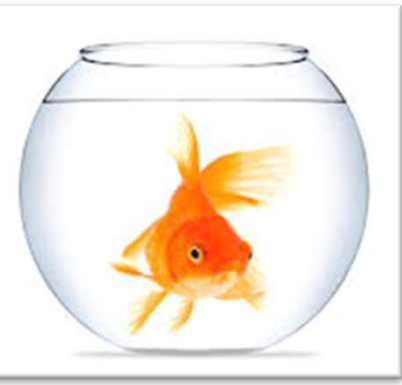
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Biennial Blessing of Pets

*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 1st 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 7th 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.