

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

and God
said "Let
THERE BE
light"

Genesis 1:3



Barbara Latsios and Judy Hanney donate their beloved departed Parents' – Stephen and Helen Sameruck -- chandelier to the Church.

...and there was light.



This story begins with the passing of Helen Sameruck, on December 29, 2018. *Memory Eternal.* And then her daughters, Judy Hanney and Barbara Latsios, began the mammoth task of sorting through a lifetime of possessions in their family home on Rawle Street in Northeast Philadelphia. Judy and Barbara made the decision to donate the beautiful crystal chandelier, once hanging in Mrs. Sameruck's dining room, to St. Nicholas Church.

But it was not easy to move the chandelier to its new home in the Choir Loft. The chandelier was first rewired by an electrician in NJ. Then another electrician assessed the structural integrity of the Church ceiling and declared that the existing pendant light was "hanging on by a thread." In order to install the new chandelier, the ceiling would need to be reinforced and scaffolding built to reach the ceiling. Many months passed butmission accomplished last week! The project was completed to coincide with the presentation of medals from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret to Judy and Barbara for their lifetime devotion to St. Nicholas Church.

The chandelier was lit for the first time following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 15, as a surprise to the Hanney and Latsios Families and the congregation. THANK YOU, BARBARA AND JUDY, for your generosity and love for St. Nicholas Church. The chandelier, illuminated with LED bulbs, is a major improvement -- and looks like it was an original fixture in our 165-year-old building! Moreover, the memory of your beloved parents -- Helen and Stephen -- will be eternal.



Judy Hanney and Barbara Latsios express surprise and happiness seeing for the first time their parents' chandelier hanging in the Choir Loft.

Schedule of Services

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 and Panikhida
Saturday, December 19	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 20	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Patron Saint Gala Lunch and Commemoration of Father Bohdan's 25 th Ordination Anniversary

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



ATTENTION, EVERYONE:

The remodeling of the Kitchen starts Monday, December 7. To prepare, we need volunteers to stay after Divine Liturgy on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**, to empty the Kitchen cabinets and drawers. **THANK YOU!**

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, November 15, 2020

Luke 8:26-39

"My name is Legion, for we are many."

In today's Scripture reading, we are told of Jesus' power over nature and demons. The meaning of these verses should give us encouragement, especially in the troubling times we are living through now. Jesus encounters a mad man. He does not ignore him; He does not walk away; on the contrary, Jesus asks the tormented man his name. "My name is Legion," he replied, for he was possessed by many demons. We should be encouraged by the care and concern Jesus showed this person. Jesus cares for you in the same way. Jesus subsequently cast out the demons that possessed Legion into a herd of pigs who then plunged over a cliff into a river. The power Jesus had over Satan is encouraging too! That's more good news as you may be struggling with difficult decisions or life choices. Jesus' power can give you strength and make you what you need to be. And finally, be encouraged by the plan that Jesus has for you. This Scripture reading tells us that the once demon-possessed mad man became a missionary. Legion became a believer, going forth to spread the word of God. AMEN.

Father Bohdan Presents Medals of Recognition

Father Bohdan's remarks on Sunday, November 15, following Divine Liturgy:

“The Church occasionally honors members of its congregation with awards. And those awards are either an official letter of recognition called a Gramota -- or a medal. As I prepared for my recent trip to Ukraine and visit with the Patriarch, His Holiness asked me for the names of those members of my congregation who were deserving of an award from him. I presented my recommendations to His Holiness and returned to Philadelphia with medals for several parishioners who have served St. Nicholas Church selflessly and with great devotion. So, without further delay, I am happy to present 8 medals to these individuals. We pray that they continue their work for many more happy and healthy years – and inspire others to do the same.”

RAY McNULTY, I present this medal of St. George to you! Ray, you are our Church's future, a member of the “young generation.” You converted to the Orthodox faith 3 years ago and since then you have volunteered your time and labor through the years, especially with the Pierogi Festival. You also assist the Clergy during Divine Liturgy as an altar server. Congratulations, Ray!

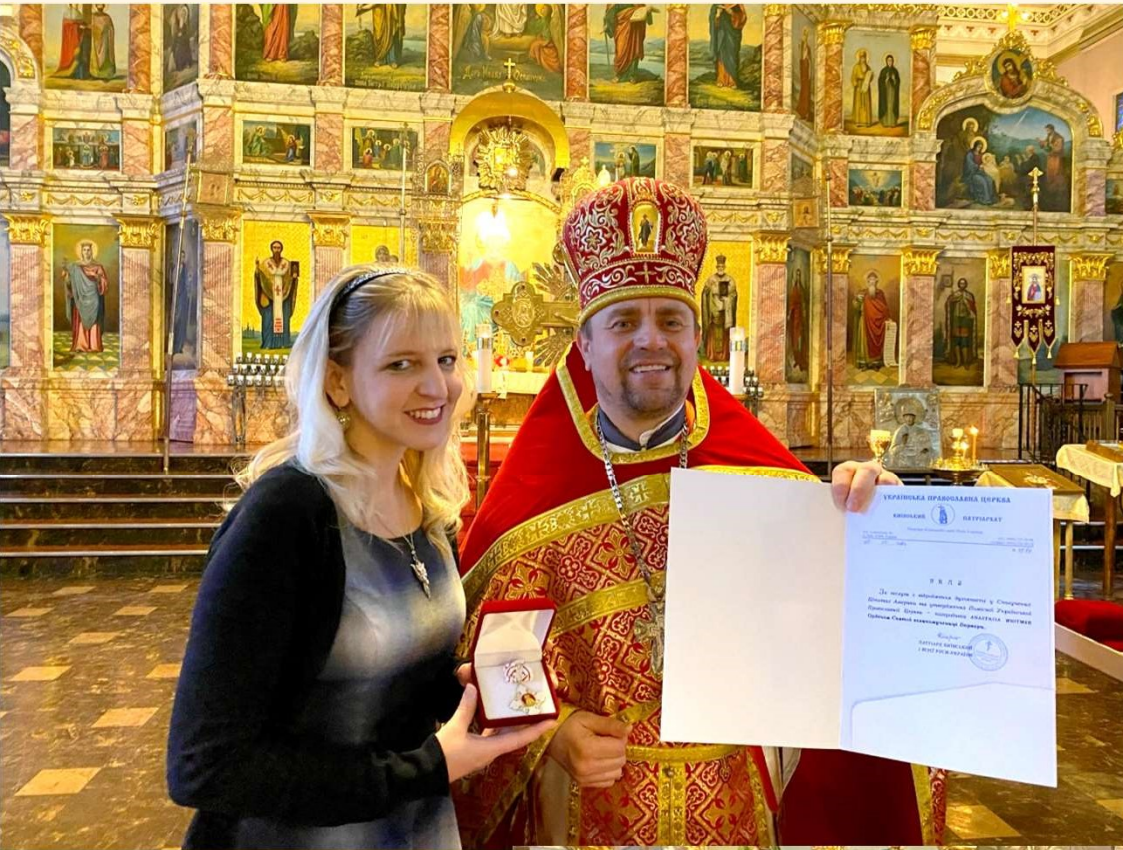




KIRK WHITMER, I present this medal of St. George to you! Kirk, you are our volunteer Webmaster, and your ongoing work maintaining our Church's website is essential. You have spent countless hours doing volunteer work for St. Nicholas Church, especially during the Festival. You, too, converted to the Orthodox faith in 2018, and you are the future of our Church. And, most recently, your photographs that have appeared in the Bulletin have been extraordinary. Congratulations, Kirk!

GEORGE LATSIOS, I present this medal of St. George to you! At 80 years old, you are our most senior active member of St. Nicholas Church. You have been a faithful and dedicated member of our Church for almost 50 years—and devoted to Orthodoxy your entire life. Congratulations, George!





ANASTASIA WHITMER, I present this medal of St. Barbara to you. You, too, Anastasia are the future of our church. You are also our official photographer. But since you were born, you have participated in every activity in the Church, from summer camps at the monastery, to Sunday School teacher, to Sisterhood member, to your work during the Festival. As your mother, Judy, noted in this week's Bulletin, you took us into the 21st Century with curbside pickup and online orders. Congratulations, Anastasia!

CASSANDRA McNULTY, I present this medal of St. Barbara to you. You, Cassandra, are the 4th generation of a founding family of St. Nicholas Church and also essential to our Church's future. Your business smarts, great personality, volunteer work, membership in the Sisterhood, and devotion to Orthodoxy your entire life are beautiful attributes. Congratulations, Cassandra!





DAWN HEALEY, I present this medal of St. Barbara to you. Although Dawn is not here today, she is enjoying a well-deserved vacation in St. Thomas, after devoting countless hours of volunteer work to the Festival. Dawn has been a member of the Sisterhood for decades and a benefactor of St. Nicholas Church. For her lifetime of great faith and devotion, I congratulate Dawn!

BARBARA LATSIOS, I present this medal of St. Nicholas to you! You have been the Sisterhood president for the past 3 years — and a member for at least 40 years! You are an enthusiastic volunteer and generous benefactor of the Church, devoted to the faith and your Church for a lifetime. Congratulations, Barbara!



JUDY HANNEY, I present this medal of St. Barbara to you! Like your sister, Barbara, you are devoted to St. Nicholas Church and the Orthodox faith and are a benefactor. You are our official Sunday School Director, Sisterhood member for decades, and you have put in countless hours of volunteer work your entire life. But most recently, you, as Pierogi Festival Director, and your team had a record-breaking Festival last weekend. Congratulations, Judy!

The Wedding of Oksana and Andriy Khanas

Saturday, November 14, 2020



Following Ukrainian tradition, the groom's mother baked a special, elaborately decorated wedding cake -- and presented it with appreciation to the Choir, pictured here with Father Bohdan!



The St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir

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

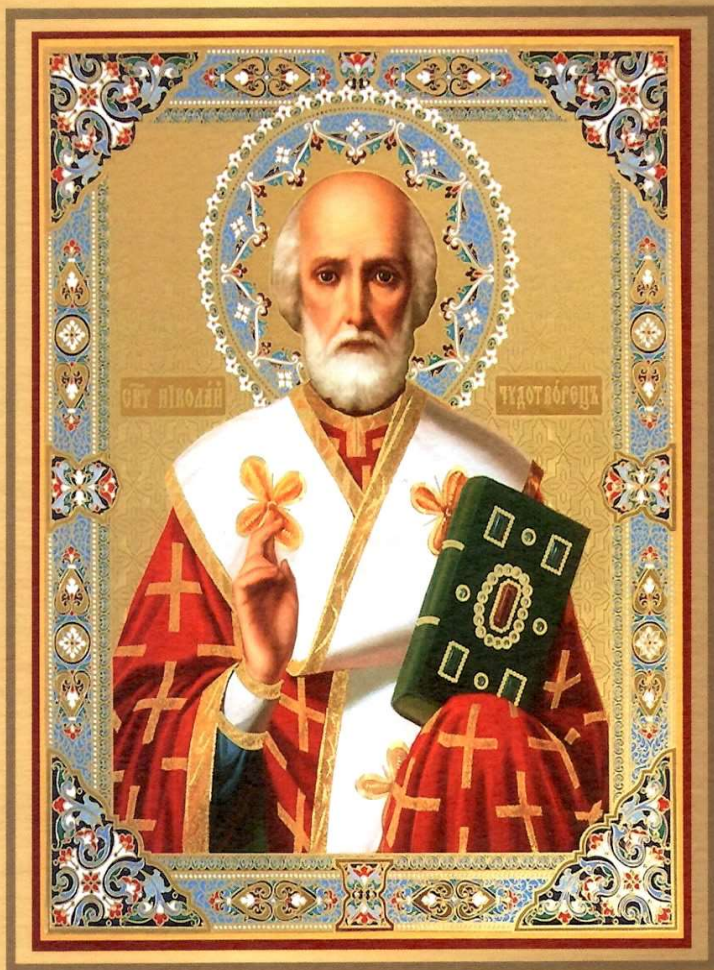
**Appreciation
Lunch**
Sunday,
November 15

*Thank You
To All Our
Wonderful
Volunteers!*



25th Ordination Anniversary

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



VERY REVEREND BOHDAN ZHOBA

Please join us for a
25th Anniversary of Ordination
celebration for
Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba

Divine Liturgy
will be celebrated at

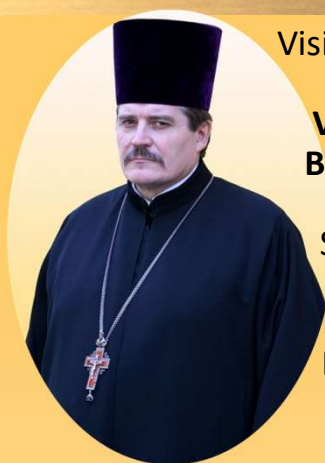
St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church on
Sunday, December 20, 2020, at 9:30 am

*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

817 North 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123

**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!



**This Week's Bulletin is Sponsored by:
Ellen Hanavin, Barbara Marozzi & Dawn Healey
In Memory of Beloved Mother/Grandmother**

HELEN LEVCHENCO

**On Her Birthday
-Memory Eternal-**



DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020



**1. Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy,
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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.

Please remember our
homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
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Altar Candles: \$35;
 Analo Candles: \$25
 Sunday Vigils: \$2;
 Annual Vigils: \$100
 Bulletin Sponsor: \$25

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. In memory of my Mom, Helen Levchenko, on her birthday, Love, Ellen Hanavin
2. In memory of my Grandmom, Helen Levchenko, on her birthday, Love, Dawn Healey

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 22

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

CHOIR: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people!

CHOIR: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Ephesians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. **(Ephesians 2:14-22)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, to sing praises in Thy Name, O Most-High!
To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night!

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

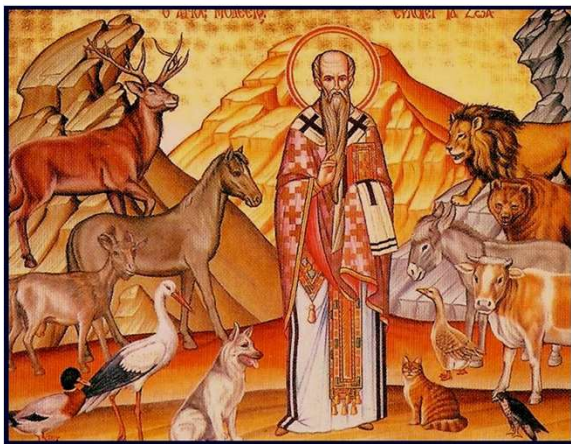
CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

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. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened. **(Luke 8:41-56)**

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



**Michael Kavchok
Michael Kuchmiak
Michael Wohar**

**- Memory Eternal -
+Michael Drobish
+Michael Peleszak
+Michael Stulpin
+Michael Zaruba**



**Blessings
on all the
"Michaels"
in our Parish**

**on the
Feast Day of
St. Michael the
Archangel
Saturday,
November 21**

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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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.