

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyiv Patriarchate
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Bulletin for Sunday, November 26, 2023

Happy
THANKSGIVING



Give
THANKS
to the Lord

Psalm 136:1

for He is good. His love endures forever.



John 10:9-16

Sunday,
November 26, 2023

Sermon

“I am the good Shepherd.”

These words are repeated twice in today’s Scripture reading. And who is the good Shepherd? Jesus Christ.

The Scripture reading explains the role of the shepherd as he tends to his flock of sheep, and the great responsibility of the shepherd to manage and care for the flock. It would seem easy to live the life of a sheep. No thinking necessary. Just follow the shepherd. And if we substitute all of us for the sheep, then we would be guaranteed eternal life. Yet, we were not created with a sheep’s brain. We were created with free will, to act independently and to make choices. The Shepherd – Jesus Christ – will care for us and guide us and teach us. But do we listen? Left to ourselves, do we always make the right decisions? Follow the right path? How easy it would be just to submit to the Shepherd. But we do not. We resist, we challenge, we defy, we reject the Shepherd. Today’s Scripture reading reminds us that we have two choices in life: either we recognize that we need the Shepherd to guide us through this challenging, sometimes difficult, life; or we break away from the flock and stray off course, susceptible to all the temptations of life. The responsibility is yours. The choice is yours. As your spiritual leader, I urge you to follow the voice of your Shepherd, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

+Bishop Luke



Give,
and it shall
be given
unto you.

Luke 6:38



Schedule of Services	
Thursday, November 23	2:00 pm: THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER in the Cathedral Hall
Tuesday, November 28	NATIVITY FAST BEGINS
Saturday, December 2	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 3	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 9	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 10	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 16	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 17	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Vesting 9:15 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Moleben to St. Nicholas and Patron Saint Lunch in the Cathedral Hall

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of my nephew, Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
2. For the health of my sister, Barbara Marozzi, Love, Ellen



ALTAR CANDLES
LIT TODAY
In Memory of Our
Mother/Grandmother,
HELEN LEVCHENCO, on her birthday
- MEMORY ETERNAL -
Offered with love by
Ellen & Phil Hanavin and Dawn Healey

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- Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor
- Andrew Bowling, Bass
- Susan Guz, Choir Director

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NATIVITY FAST



The Orthodox Church prepares its faithful to welcome the Nativity of Christ in a worthy manner by means of a 40-day Nativity fast, which lasts from November 28 to January 7.

Let us journey toward the Feast of the Nativity with joyous hearts! Fast not only from food, but also from hatred and fear. Repent. Do good and be kind to all. Forgive. Be generous. Give alms. In all things, give glory to God.

Advent – the Nativity Fast – starts Tuesday, November 28. A special online **PIEROGI ADVENT SALE** will begin Black Friday. However, before the public sale starts, we are giving our parishioners the opportunity -- from now until Black Friday -- to buy pierogi (while we still have some inventory). Prices are: \$12/dozen for potato/cheese pierogi. \$8/quart for halushki. Let Judy Hanney know as soon as possible if you want to stock up on pierogi or halushki for the holidays!
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The maximum capacity of Liberty North Hall – our Cathedral Hall – is 120 people. The 120 banquet chairs to seat those 120 people are hauled back and forth from the storage area into the Hall several times during each week. Needless to say, a chair dolly is essential. So, when our original dolly broke and was not fixable, parishioner Colleen Philipp came forward to donate a new heavy-duty dolly. It arrived just in time to set up for a big party – with all 120 chairs! **THANK YOU, COLLEEN,** for your donation!

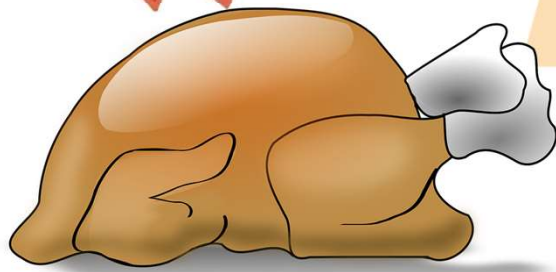




ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/24
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/24
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. 12/31/23
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. 10/1/26
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. 10/13/24
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. 8/1/24
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/23
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. 10/18/24
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. 4/19/24
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/24
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/24
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/23
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/24
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/24
17. +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
18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Bishop Luke 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. 12/31/23
19. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/24
20. +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. 12/31/23
21. +In memory of Alexander and Ewdokia Janoczkin and son Michail, offered by the Janoczkin, Wojnarowicz and Adams families. exp. 12/31/23
22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/24
23. +In loving memory of newly-departed sister-in-law/aunt, Sandra Chelak, who passed away on April 18 and brother-in-law/uncle, George Chelak, who passed away on July 24. Memory Eternal. Offered by Dorothy Chelak, Denise Chelak and Nina Davis. exp. 5/21/24

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Special thanks to the following organizations and parishioners who donated turkeys:

- Rotary Club of Willow Grove
- Caring for Friends Food Bank
- Barbara and George Latsios
- Judy and Tom Hanney
- Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer
- Colleen Philipp
- Susan Guz

LET'S CELEBRATE &
GIVE THANKS

THANKSGIVING DINNER

**on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday,
November 23, 2023, in our Cathedral Hall.**

**All are welcome to enjoy a traditional
American Thanksgiving menu with classic
old-time favorites: turkey, gravy, stuffing and
all the trimmings!**

Cost: \$15 per person

Start time: 2:00 PM

**Please let Barbara Latsios know if you plan to
attend. All proceeds benefit the Sisterhood.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

CHOIR: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah God is known. His Name is great in Israel! Pray and make your vows.

CHOIR: Before the Lord our God!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. **(Hebrews 7:26-8:2)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

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. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. **(John 10:9-16)**

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

2 Baptisms

On Sunday, November 19, 2023, Bishop Luke officiated at two Baptisms at St. Nicholas Cathedral.



Congratulations to
Iryna Patronym and Riste Aleksoski on the
Baptism of their daughter, Adriana.
(Iryna and Riste were married in St. Nicholas Cathedral
on November 16, 2019.)



**Congratulations to
Nikolay Kyankov and
Rostyslava Khanina on the
Baptism of their son, Nikolas.**



Save
the
date



St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

Sunday, December 17, 2023

**COME JOIN US at our Annual St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch
Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patron Saint Nicholas the
Wonderworker, Archibishop of Myra**

This festive annual event will follow Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall on
Sunday, December 17, 2023.

Tickets are \$25 for adults; children 12 and younger are free.

The event includes lunch, music, and most probably a visit from Santa Claus,
too! All ticket sales benefit the Cathedral's Building Fund.

***This is such an important annual event
that, 106 years ago, our Cathedral
founders made it mandatory in our
By-Laws!***



In our Cathedral Hall...



Thursday, November 23, 2:00 pm:
THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Sunday, December 17, following
Divine Liturgy:
St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

Saturday, January 6, 2024:
Christmas Eve Holy Supper at
5:00 pm, followed by Vespers and
Singing of Carols at 6:30 pm



Sunday, January 7, 2024:
Christmas Day Hierarchal Divine
Liturgy, followed by Christmas Lunch



Sunday, February 11, 2024, following
Divine Liturgy:
A Fundraiser for St. Nicholas
Cathedral and Gala Birthday
Celebration honoring 3 pillars
of the Cathedral on their
milestone 70th Birthdays

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