

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivan Patriarchate

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020



His love endures forever.

Have a Blessed, Happy Thanksgiving!

Food, Beer Garden, Music, Outside Dining, Carboide Pick Up

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church
817 N. 7th Street, free parking lot

**The Pierogi Festival 2020
numbers are in...**

(Are you sitting down?)

Saturday, November 7, noon-9 pm
Sunday, November 8, noon-5 pm

Pre-Order by 11/6. stnicholaseoc.org/donate/pierogi

**Income from the Festival
was a
record-breaking**

\$27,800.00!

Congratulations

**CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER BOHDAN
who taught us how to make superior pierogies!
and
FESTIVAL DIRECTOR, JUDY HANNEY,
AND HER TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!**

Thank you, everyone, for your efforts to support St. Nicholas Church.

Schedule of Services

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
Saturday, December 26	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 27	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

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 22, 2020 Luke 8:41-56

In last week's Scripture reading, we heard of Jesus' power over demons. In today's reading, Jesus demonstrates His power over disease and death. A multitude of people surrounded Jesus and a woman who suffered from disease for 12 years pushed her way through the crowd. Doctors could not help her, but when she merely touched the edge of Jesus' garment, she was immediately healed. Jesus said to the woman: **YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL.** If you ever feel estranged from God and others, come to Jesus, like this woman did, and He will save you. No matter what you have done, no matter what you have suffered, Jesus will give you peace. And then there was another distressed man in the crowd who was told that his daughter had died. When Jesus heard, He said to him: **JUST BELIEVE AND TRUST ME, AND SHE WILL BE MADE WELL.** And it was so. Her spirit returned and she arose immediately because, from God's perspective, the girl was simply sleeping. So we see that Jesus has no more trouble healing a dead person than a sick person. This is the incredible power of Jesus. If you believe in Him, you do not have to be afraid of sickness or death. The conclusion is that Jesus has the power to save **ANYONE.** Put your faith in Jesus not in people. **Come to church to strengthen your faith, not for the person who is sitting beside you.** Love your church for the glory of God, not for the glory of others. It is Jesus who will save you, no one else. **AMEN.**





On Sunday, November 22, 2020, prior to Divine Liturgy, Father Bohdan blessed two new candle stands, an ornate Holy Gospel and three icons of the Holy Theotokos. All items were donated to the Church.

Three wood-framed metal icons of the Holy Theotokos were donated to St. Nicholas Church by Susan Guz. The icons were a gift to her from Very Reverend Borys Tabachek, Rector of St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Kyiv. The icons are so beautiful that Susan wanted to share them with the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church, and so they will remain in the Sanctuary forever.





Thank you, Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy, who donated to St. Nicholas Church this beautiful Holy Gospel, with a sculpted gold-plated metal cover and enamel icons, made in Ukraine. The Holy Gospel currently rests on the Analoï Table in the center of the Sanctuary.







Two exquisite, brass, sand candle stands were donated to St. Nicholas Church by Father Bohdan's long-time friends, Lidia and Ivan (John) Berezhanskyi. John also donated several hundred beeswax taper candles he made in his own candle factory in Rochester, NY. John is pictured here (on the right) in a recent photo with his family. Thank you, John!



Pet Blessing

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Troparion in the 4th Tone:

“Having been counted worthy to receive Your gifts, O Lord and Master,
With haste we now offer You our thanks according to our strength.

We praise and glorify You, O Creator of all things,
Offering songs of gratitude for the companionship of our pets.
Glory to You, O Most Compassionate God!”



“O Master, Lord our God, Who has authority over all of creation: We pray to You, and we intercede before You, that as You brought into being and blessed all of the animals and creatures that inhabit the earth and appointed them to be subject to our care and dominion over them, bless now our pets which we are well-pleased to receive as our companions upon the earth. Grant that each pet here may be treasured with care so that we may love and honor all Your marvelous works. May we continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of Your abundant creation manifested in our pets with thankfulness of heart.”



On a beautiful, sunny November morning, with 60-degree temperatures, Father Bohdan prayed a Moleben on our South Lawn for our beloved pets, followed by a procession around the Church. A resounding “MANY YEARS” was sung for our faithful companions.

THE MIRACLE OF KEVIN

Last month, Kevin, Father Bohdan’s beloved 6-year-old papillon, ran away. At the time, he was not microchipped, not licensed, and was not wearing an ID tag. A frantic search through busy Philadelphia city streets was fruitless. Visits to two animal shelters proved hopeless. The only thing to do was to cry and pray for his return. Father Bohdan went to the Sanctuary three times in the hours that followed Kevin’s absence – and prayed fervently to St. Modestus, the Orthodox patron saint of animals. SIX HOURS LATER, Kevin found his way home by himself. He walked in the front door of the Rectory that was left ajar anticipating his return! Kevin was exhausted after his adventure, but safe and unharmed. He has since been microchipped, licensed and tagged! And we gave thanks to St. Modestus at the Pet Blessing that our prayers were answered.





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.



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

Altar Candles: \$35;
Analog Candles: \$25
Sunday Vigils: \$2;
Annual Vigils: \$100
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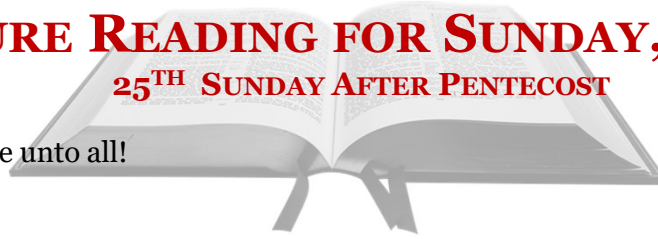


ANNUAL VIGILS

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 29

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 Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me. **(1 Corinthians 4:9-16)**

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 Matthew.

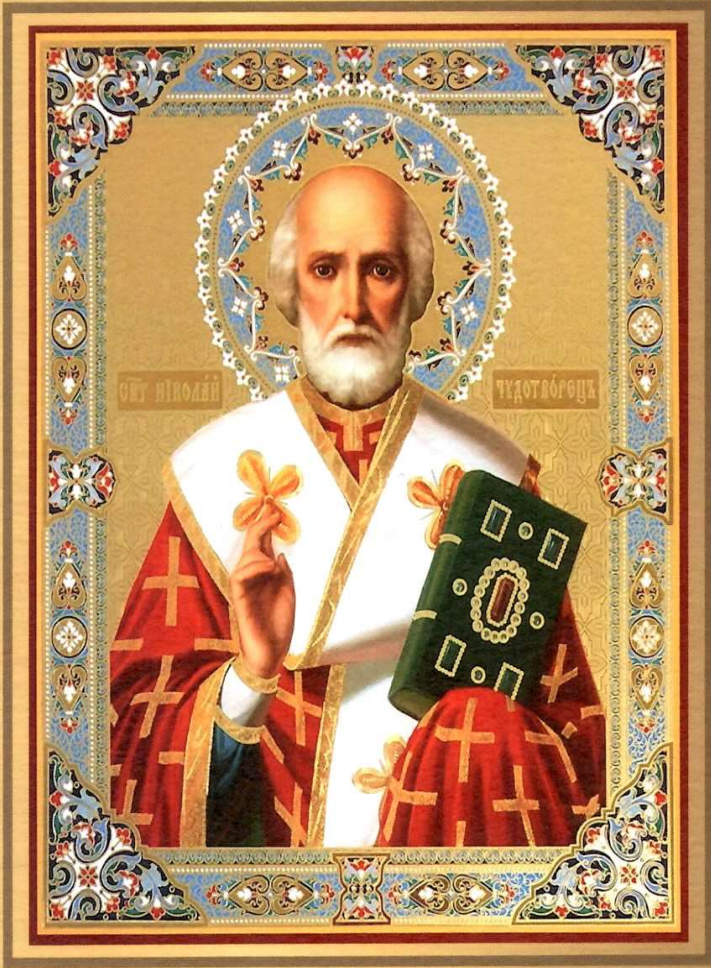
CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. **(Matthew 9:9-13)**

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

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

817 North 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123

VERY REVEREND BOHDAN ZHOBA

**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*

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



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





Last week, Dawn Healey missed her photo op with Father Bohdan when he presented Medals of Recognition from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret. But having returned from vacation, Dawn was awarded the medal of St. Barbara on Sunday, November 22, for her countless hours of volunteer work during the Festival. Dawn has also been a member of the Sisterhood for decades and a benefactor of St. Nicholas Church. For her lifetime of great faith and devotion, Father Bohdan congratulated Dawn on receiving this medal.



CHURCH CALENDAR 2020-2021

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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