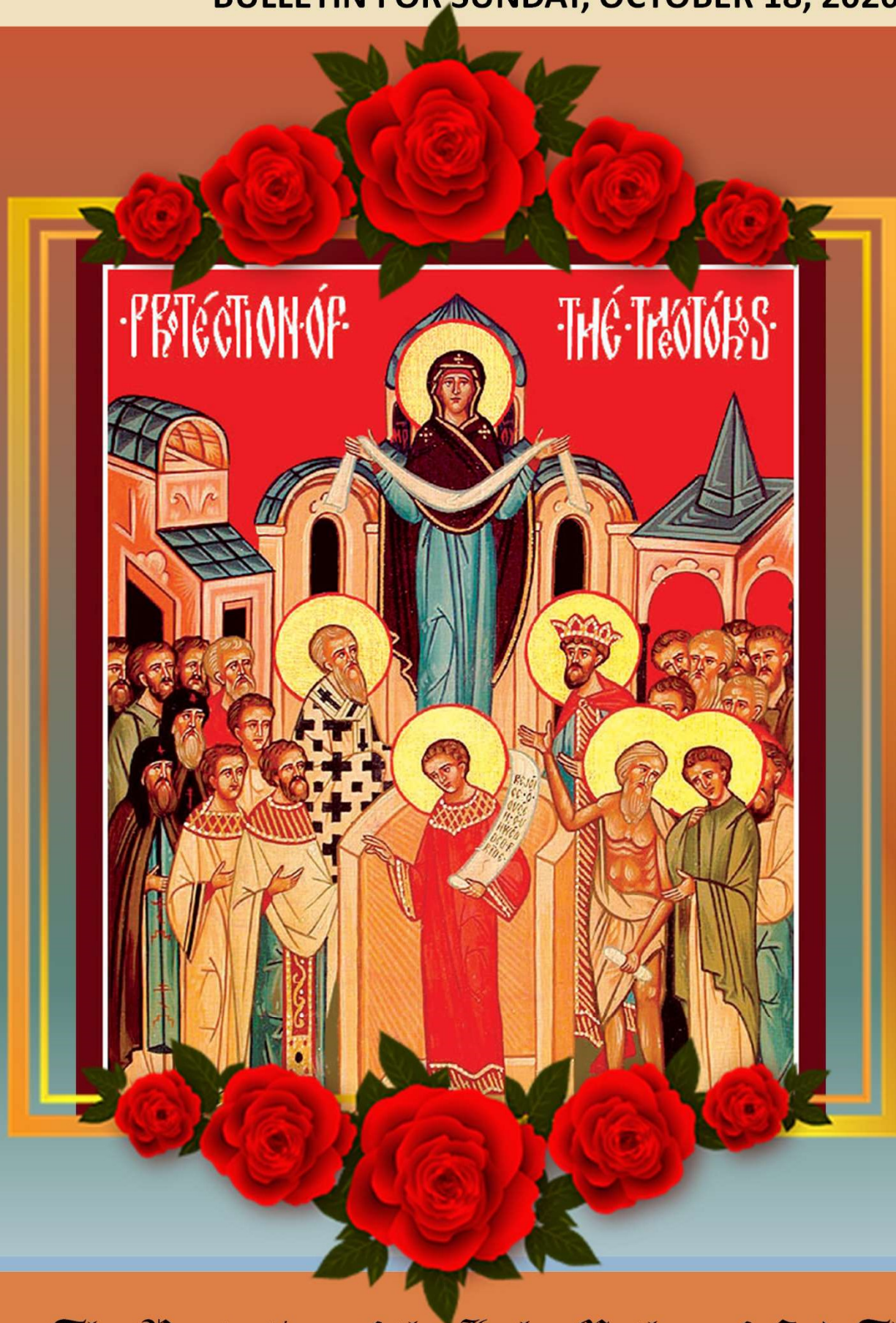


St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivian Patriarchate

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020



On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, October 14, we beseech the Queen of Heaven for her assistance:

“Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you.”

The Protection of the Holy Mother of God Theotokos

The miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-10th Century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae Church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the 5th Century.

On a Sunday during an all-night vigil when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the most Holy Lady Theotokos appeared, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of Saints. She took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible.

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard.”



The full name of the Sisterhood organized in St. Nicholas Church back in 1931 is “The Sisterhood of the Protection (in Slavic, “Pokrova”) of the Holy Theotokos.” In 1939, the Sisterhood purchased from Europe a beautiful gold-plated cross for \$600 that still stands in the center of the church. And then in 1945, the Sisterhood donated the magnificent chandelier that illuminates our church.

Next year, the Sisterhood will celebrate its 90th Year! This group of women remains an integral part of the parish to this day.

To commemorate the Feast Day for which the Sisterhood is named, a celebratory lunch is held annually. This year’s lunch will take place on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**. Tickets are \$25 for adults; children 17 and under are free. Please contact Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios, as soon as possible to reserve your place: gbcl@comcast.net or 215-814-5384. The lunch will be catered. Music by Dimitri Kauriga – always a treat!

ATTENTION SISTERHOOD MEMBERS:

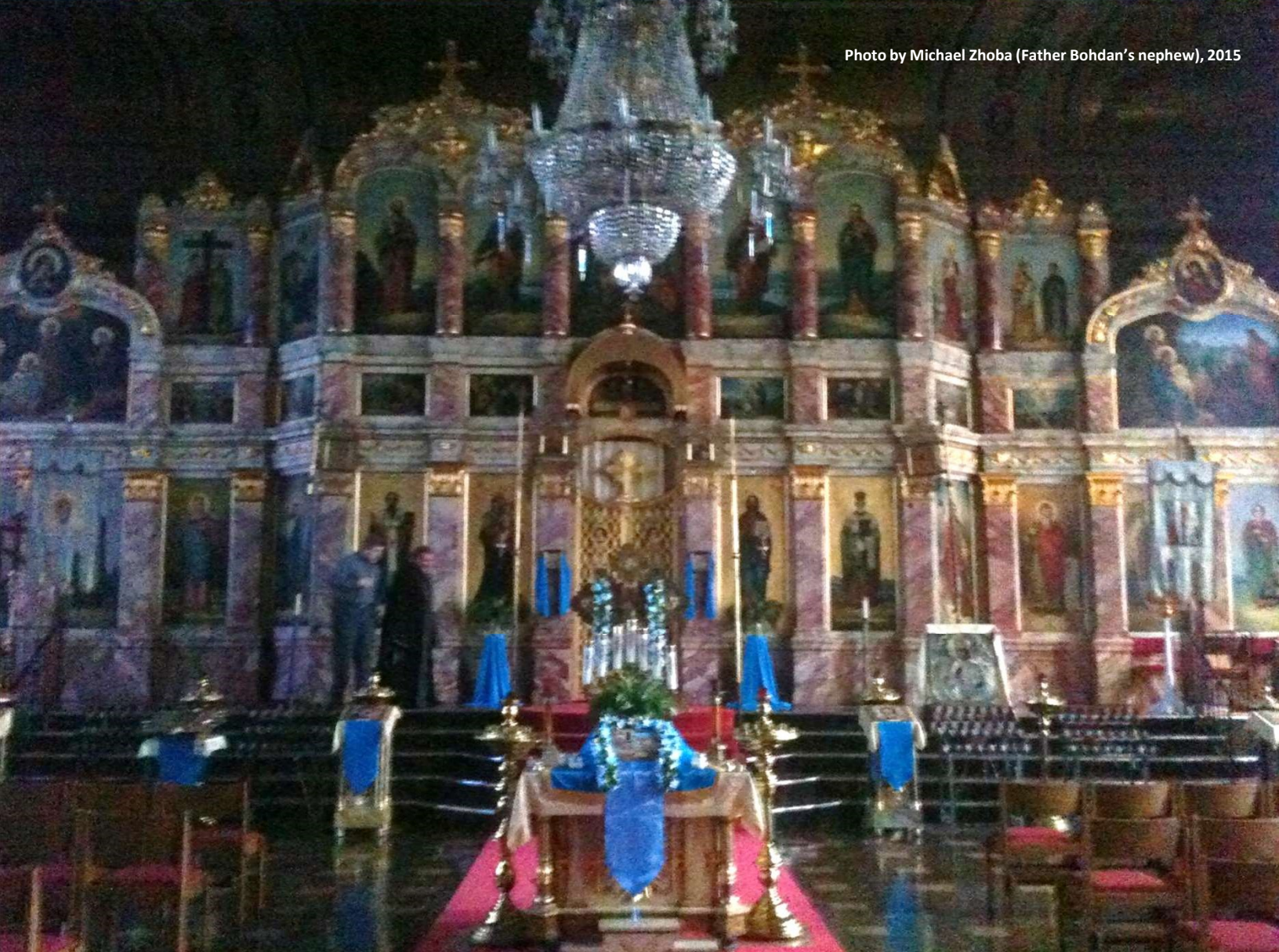
Immediately following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 18, Father Bohdan and our Choir Director will sing the **Akathist Prayer to the Holy Theotokos** in celebration of the Feast Day.

During the Akathist, Father Bohdan requests that all Sisterhood Members stand and hold a pillar candle in the center of the Sanctuary on either side of the red carpet as he gives this special blessing to the Sisterhood.

The church furnishings will be draped in festive Royal Blue colors and flowers will adorn the analoi table and the icon.



Photo by Michael Zhoba (Father Bohdan's nephew), 2015



Schedule of Services

Saturday, October 17	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, October 18	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by the Akathist to the Holy Theotokos. At the conclusion of the prayer service, the Sisterhood Annual Luncheon will take place in the Church Hall.
Saturday, October 24	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, October 25	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
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

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 7th Street.)



Father Bohdan's Sermon - Sunday, October 11, 2020 - Luke 5:1-11

In today's Scripture reading, Peter, James and John catch more fish than they have ever caught before....it is the dream of any fisherman. And then they drop everything, leave their nets and boat to follow Jesus. Why would they do that? Because that one big catch they had always dreamed of failed to satisfy them like they thought it would. They faced the nagging question: "Is this all there is? Is this all there is to live for?" God has placed in our hearts the belief that we were made for bigger things. It is because God has set eternity in our hearts that people often examine their lives and ask: Is this all there is? Deep inside their hearts they know - this is NOT all there is. Jesus constantly challenges us to look beyond this life. And as Peter, James and John left everything to follow God, you too can do the same. Turn loose the things you are hanging on to....if you're willing to make God's kingdom that important in your life. If we don't deliberately build our lives around seeking God's Kingdom, we are going to end up building our lives around something else. The choice is yours. You can invest your life in the things of this world. Or you can invest in that which is eternal...the Kingdom of God. Invest in God's Kingdom and life will be more fulfilling and satisfying. AMEN.

In Orthodoxy we remember our beloved departed during a

Panikhida

a memorial service for those “*who have fallen asleep.*”

In St. Nicholas Church, a Panikhida service follows

Divine Liturgy on the second Sunday of every month.

Please submit the names of those you want Father Bohdan to pray for during the Panikhida. You can fill out a form in the Candle Room – or email your request to sneoc100@gmail.com,

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church
817 North 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 – tel: 215-922-9671
Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

PANIKHIDA
Prayers for the Departed
“Give Rest, O Lord, to the Soul of Thy Servant Who Is Fallen Asleep”

Remember O Lord:

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

On Sunday, October 11,
Father Bohdan prayed for
the repose of the souls of
beloved departed members
of the KOWAL FAMILY,
offered by Drew Kowal:

- Andrew
- Paraskeva
- Franklin
- Anna
- Andrew
- Catherine
- Susan
- Edward
- Nionila
- John
- David



Memory Eternal. Their souls shall dwell with the blessed.





DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020

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





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 Sunday Vigils: \$2;
 Annual Vigils: \$100
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SUNDAY VIGILS

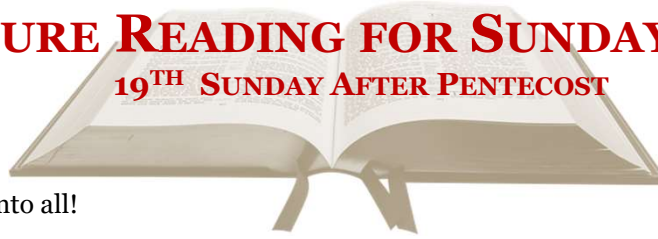
1. For the health of the SISTERHOOD COUNCIL: Barbara Latsios, *President*; Vicki Borriello, *Vice President*; Diane Kavchok, *Secretary*; and Ellen Hanavin, *Treasurer*
2. For the health of all SISTERHOOD members on the Feast Day of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos
3. In memory of all departed SISTERHOOD officers and members. Memory Eternal.
4. For the health of George Latsios, Love, Dawn and Ron
5. For the health of George Latsios, Love, Ellen and Phil
6. For the health of George Latsios, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp, Jennifer and Cory Redmond and George Zervos

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. 10/13/20
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. 10/25/20

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

CHOIR: The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation.

READER: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over unto death. The Lord is my strength and my song.

CHOIR: He has become my salvation.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows- how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **(2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!
Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call.

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 just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. **(Luke 6:31-36)**

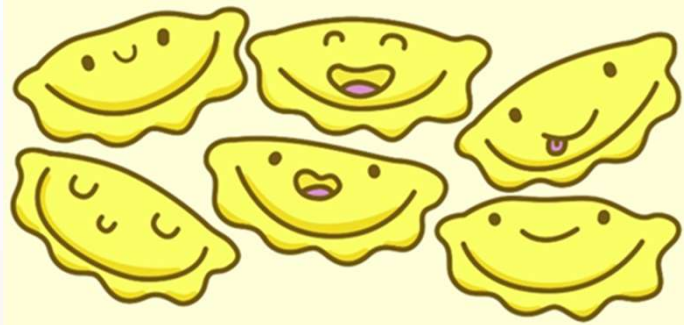
CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

On Saturday, October 10 (taking a well-deserved break from her work in the kitchen!) our Festival Director, JUDY HANNEY, hung on our fence the banner announcing the **PIEROGI FESTIVAL**.

Full speed ahead as we push to make 6,000 pierogies by November 7! (On Saturday, Judy and her team made 2,500!)



Pierogi Making Continues October 16. Come Join the Fun!



Mark your calendars to come to the Church Hall to help **JUDY HANNEY**, Festival Director, and her team prepare for

PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2020,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

WE NEED YOU:

- **Friday, October 16 – 7 am-noon**
- **Saturday, October 17 – 7 am-1 pm**
- **Friday, October 23 – noon-6 pm**
- **Saturday, October 24 – 7 am-1 pm**
- **Friday, October 30 – noon-6 pm**
- **Saturday, October 31 – 7 am-1 pm**
- **Sunday, November 1-Sunday, November 8**

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

You can always email JUDY, tjahanney@yahoo.com,
TO DOUBLE-CHECK TIMES.

We are asking for
CASH DONATIONS:

to fund the live entertainment at the Pierogi Festival and for the purchase of refreshments. **Ray McNulty** will be accepting your cash or checks. Please contact him directly with any questions:

mcnulray@gmail.com.

Our updated donation goal: \$700

**THANK YOU, DAWN & RON HEALEY and
BARBARA & GEORGE LATSIOS for your donations!**



Father Bohdan said a blessing prior to our lunch break on Saturday, October 10





On Sunday, October 11,
we celebrated
Julia Borriello's 15th Birthday.
The congregation enjoyed a
delicious fellowship lunch –
beef stew, salad and ice cream
birthday cake – prepared by
Vicki and her family.
THANK YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JULIA!

**Father Bohdan with the
Borriello Family:
Julia, Nathan, Frank,
Morgan and Vicki**



CHURCH CALENDAR 2020

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18	SISTERHOOD OF THE PROTECTION (POKROVA) OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 12 noon-9 pm SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 12 noon-5 pm	ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 11 am-1 pm (NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE)	PET BLESSING on the North Lawn
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy

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

*Attention, Ladies of the Church:
 Consider joining the **SISTERHOOD**.
 Annual Dues are only \$10. Contact Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios.*



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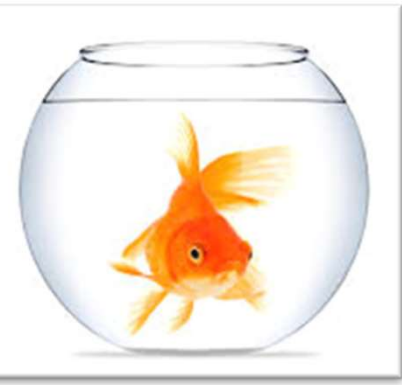
Biennial Blessing of Pets

*Followed by a Procession
Saturday, November 21*

NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE

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

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!)**



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.