

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyivian Patriarchate

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

## St. Nicholas Church

## ANNUAL MEETING



## The Parish Council

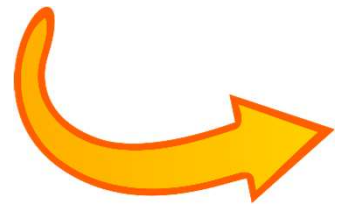
**Thomas Hanney, President; Susan Guz, Vice-President; Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer; Frank Borriello, Secretary**

Re-elected at the Annual Meeting on September 27, 2020, to serve in their positions for another year, 2020-2021.

*Frank, Ellen, Tom and Susan are pictured here with Father Bohdan following his Blessing.*

# ANNUAL MEETING

**Tom Hanney presented his "President's Report" which detailed many accomplishments in the past year, including:**



Member and Webmaster, Kirk Whitmer, filled the role of Special Chairman and conducted the Election of Officers.



## Church Accomplishments from September 2019-September 2020

- Profit from last year's Pierogi Festival was a record \$19K!
- Installed interior and exterior security cameras.
- Settled John Martin Estate.
- Plaque hung on Rectory (now named "The John Martin House") in Memory of John Martin.
- Susan Guz is our new Choir Director, and she is volunteering her services.
- Purchased a new attractive Amish storage shed to replace the 2 old, rusty, leaking storage containers.
- Restructured Hall rental contracts with lawyer's advice.
- Painted front of church and columns.
- Upgraded internet to high speed FIOS.
- Resurfaced the parking lot and numbered spots with the goal of renting at least 12 parking spots to generate income.
- Hoffman Place gate aligned and fixed.
- Lots of new concrete (retaining wall, sidewalk repairs).
- Made several electrical upgrades and installed dimmable LED lights in Hall.
- Remodeled the Rectory ground floor (with new washer/dryer donated by George & Barbara Latsios, Susan Guz and Ellen Hanavin).
- Received substantial donations from Ellen & Phil Hanavin, Tom & Judy Hanney and John & Susie Sobchak for the remodeling of the Hall kitchen (to commence in November).
- Established a "New Roof Fund."
- New members: Rebekah and Benjamin Cliff
- 12 Baptisms and 4 weddings in the past year.

# ANNUAL MEETING



ST. NICHOLAS STAVROPIGIA EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

817 North 7th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

## AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer: Lord's Prayer
2. Prayer for Deceased Members of St. Nicholas Church: *Father Bohdan*
3. Election of Special Chairman to Conduct Meeting
4. Confirmation of Quorum
5. Reading of Minutes of previous Annual Meeting (September 29, 2019)
6. Pastor's Report: *Father Bohdan*
7. President's Report: *Tom Hanney*
8. Financial Report: *Frank Borriello and Ellen Hanavin*
9. Sisterhood President's Report: *Barbara Latsios*
10. Sunday School Director's Report: *Judy Hanney*
11. Discussion of Reports
12. Open Discussion: Webcasting; Pierogi Festival; Other
13. Nomination and Election of Church Council
14. Blessing of Church Council Officers: *Father Bohdan*
15. Closing Prayer: Hymn to the Theotokos
16. Adjournment of Meeting: *Tom Hanney*

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### Excerpt from Father Bohdan's "Pastor's Report"

"Brothers and Sisters, it was certainly a strange year for all of us, here in our parish in Philadelphia and also for everyone in the world. The coronavirus upended our lives. But during adversity we often become stronger in our faith, and that is what happened to my congregation. Easter services were well attended online, and you told me that you felt strong spiritually even though we were separated and quarantined for almost 4 months.

***Patriarch Philaret has recovered from the virus, and this news should affirm for us that our prayers are always heard. His Holiness sends his greetings and blessings for a productive Annual Meeting today.***

I will report now some metrics for the Church. This past year, St. Nicholas Church members increased. We have a new young couple who converted to Orthodoxy, became members and then were married in our church: Rebekah and Benjamin Cliff. And in the past year, there were 12 Baptisms. I also officiated at 4 weddings over the past year: Dan & Marta, Irina & Riste, Olga & Eugene and just last month, Rebekah & Benjamin.

***I look forward to many more years worshipping with you in St. Nicholas Church. We continue to be a vibrant, growing parish, led by the best Church Council I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. They are a great team who have your best interests in their hearts. They work well together – and I enjoy working with them. I hope this same Council stays as your administrative team for many years to come. And now Tom, our President Starosta, will tell you about the many projects accomplished – and planned for your church."***

# ANNUAL MEETING

Father Bohdan gave his blessing following the re-election and installation of the Church Council officers.

*“O Lord Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, as You sent the Holy Spirit upon Your disciples and Apostles on the day of Pentecost, pour forth Your Holy Spirit into the hearts of these Your newly-elected members of the Parish Council so that they may discern and do Your Will in all things, praising Your most holy and magnificent Name by their every word and action. For You are our sanctification and to You do we offer glory, thanksgiving and worship, together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.*”

*Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these Your servants – **THOMAS HANNEY, SUSAN GUZ, ELLEN HANAVIN and FRANK BORRIELLO** --who have been given an important ministry in Your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in Your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord Who did not think first of Himself but gave Himself for us all. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them Your purposes are accomplished through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*





*The flowers  
adorning the  
Holy Cross were  
donated by  
Ellen Hanavin  
and  
Dawn Healey in  
Memory of  
Beloved Parents  
/Grandparents  
Helen & Emil  
Levchenco*



*“Before Thy Cross, we  
bow down in worship,  
O Master, and Thy holy  
resurrection, we glorify.”*



Before Vespers on Saturday, September 26, 2020, Father Bohdan prayed a Moleben to Saint George for the health of parishioner, George Latsios, who suffered a stroke and has been hospitalized. We pray for his restored health.

# Schedule of Services

Saturday, October 3	<b>NO VESPERS</b>
Sunday, October 4	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 10	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, October 11	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida
Saturday, October 17	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, October 18	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by the Sisterhood Annual Luncheon
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

**We will no longer webcast our Church services.**

**We look forward to seeing you in person at St. Nicholas Church! Welcome back!**

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 7<sup>th</sup> Street.)

**With the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, Father Bohdan will travel to Chicago the weekend of October 3-4 to serve at Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral. Very Reverend Oleksiy Kasperuk, Rector, invited Father Bohdan on the occasion of the Cathedral's Patron Saint Feast Day. Father Oleksii will be our substitute priest on Sunday, October 4.**



## 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.



## 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*



### Message from: **Barbara Latsios, President of the Sisterhood**

The St. Nicholas Church "Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos" would like you to reserve **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**, for our annual luncheon following Divine Liturgy. The luncheon is our only fundraiser. We use this event each year to raise money for essential items needed in our Church by the Clergy. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults 18 and older. Children 17 and under are free of charge. The luncheon always includes a full course menu. Your attendance makes this event a success and we look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Barbara Latsios at 215-814-5384 or at [gbcl@comcast.net](mailto:gbcl@comcast.net) for reservations or additional information!

Thank you! *Barbara*





**Father Bohdan's Sermon**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2020**  
**John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35**

Today's Scripture reading is Saint John's account of Christ's crucifixion, a very appropriate reading as today is the Feast Day of the Exaltation – or Elevation – of the Holy Cross. This feast day is a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross. And that the cross is our Christian symbol of eternal life and victory over death. We also celebrate on this day the discovery by Saint Helen in the 4th Century of the actual cross on which Christ was crucified. So it is no wonder that today is a very special day, a strict fast day, and a day when we heard the Choir sing several special hymns during Divine Liturgy. Jesus said: "He who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." It is a simple statement that defines how we must live to be saved. The cross represents Jesus, and I hold it in my right hand so that you see God's power and wisdom are with us in this sanctuary. And you, too, should wear your cross so that everyone can see that you believe in the power of the crucifix and that God is with you always. AMEN.

**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 14 11 am-1 pm	PET BLESSING on the North Lawn
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy

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



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

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

- Thomas J. Hanney, President
- Susan Guz, Vice-President
- Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer
- Frank Borriello, Secretary

**ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE**

- Thomas J. Hanney
- Frank Borriello
- Susan Guz
- George Latsios
- Serge Loginow

**CLERGY**

**Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba,**  
**Rector**  
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 Annual Vigils: \$100  
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#### SUNDAY VIGILS

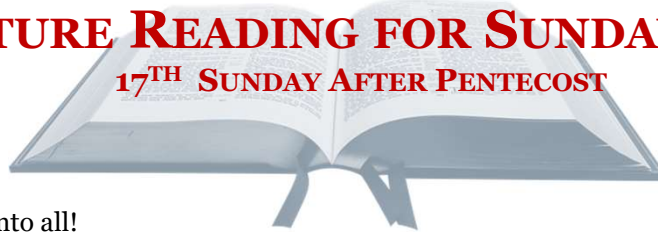
1. For the health of our husband/father, George Latsios, and his speedy recovery, offered with love from Barbara, Cassandra & Ray
2. For the health of George Latsios, offered by Susan Guz
3. For the health of George Latsios, offered by Tom and Judy & Family
4. For the health of George Latsios, offered by the McMonigle Family
5. For the health and speedy recovery of George Latsios, offered by Diane Kavchok
6. For the health and speedy recovery of George Latsios, offered by Gail Osborn
7. For the health and speedy recovery of George Latsios, Love, Dawn
8. For the health and speedy recovery of George Latsios, Love, Ellen
9. For the health and speedy recovery of George Latsios, from the Borriello Family
10. In memory of the newly-departed Daniel Clark, from the Borriello Family
11. For the health of Sally Clark and family in the loss of their husband and father, Daniel Clark, from the Borriello Family
12. For the health of my granddaughter, Celia Snoke, on her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, Love, Grandmom
13. For the health of Susie Sobchak, on her special birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney

#### 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. 11/1/20
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. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy and Diana, 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 4

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 8<sup>th</sup> 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...And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **(2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1)**

**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.

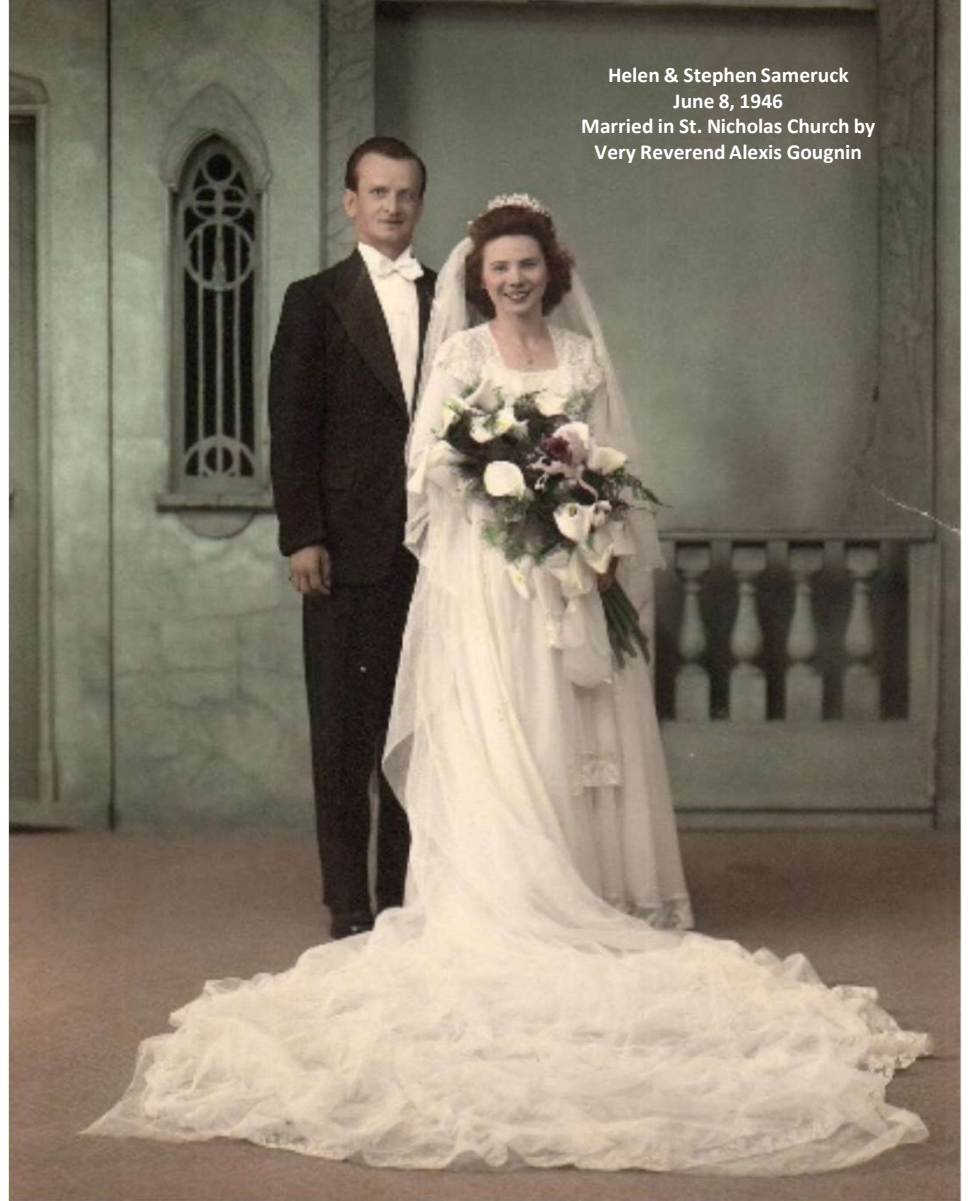
**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. **(Matthew 15:21-28)**

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

This Week's  
Bulletin  
is Sponsored by  
Barbara  
and  
George  
Latsios

In Memory Of  
Beloved Parents  
**Helen  
and  
Stephen  
Sameruck**

Helen & Stephen Sameruck  
June 8, 1946  
Married in St. Nicholas Church by  
Very Reverend Alexis Gougnin



On Tuesday,  
September 29, 2020,  
Father Bohdan gave the  
Sacrament of Chrismation  
when he anointed  
NANI PALELASHVILI  
with Holy Chrism "in the  
name of the Father, and of  
the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit." Nani, originally  
from Tbilisi, Country of  
Georgia, now resides in  
Philadelphia.





# Annual Fundraising PIEROGI FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020  
12 noon-9 PM  
and  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020  
12 noon-5 PM

**St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church**  
817 North 7th Street (corner of Brown Street)  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
*In the heart of Northern Liberties*

## Our Menu

Traditional Eastern European Food  
Pierogies  
Pelmeni  
Blinzes  
Kielbasa & Sauerkraut  
Stuffed Cabbage  
Borscht  
Baked Goods

Pre-Order by Friday,  
November 6, 2020, at  
[stnicholaseoc.org/donate/pierogi](http://stnicholaseoc.org/donate/pierogi)


Same-day curbside pick-up

Outdoor dining on our lawn  
or under our tents

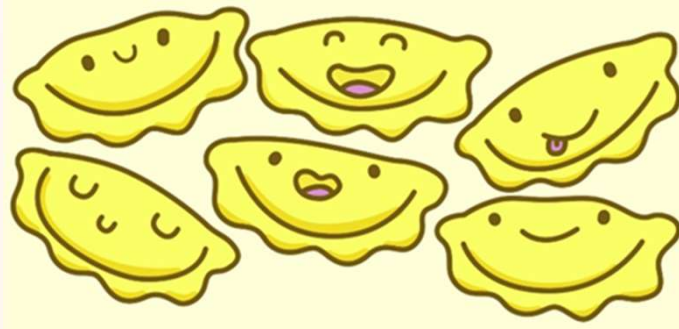
Live music

Free admission and parking

FOR MORE INFO 215-922-9671



# Pierogi Making Starts October 2. 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 2
- Saturday, October 3
- Friday, October 23
- Saturday, October 24
- Friday, October 30
- Saturday, October 31
- Sunday, November 1-Sunday, November 8 – **ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

Friday's start time is 6:00 pm; Saturday's start time is 8:30 am; BUT EMAIL JUDY, [tjahanney@yahoo.com](mailto:tjahanney@yahoo.com), TO DOUBLE-CHECK SPECIFIC 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: [mcnulty@gmail.com](mailto:mcnulty@gmail.com). Our donation goal: \$1,000



We are also requesting a \$200 cash donation for the purchase of the remaining items for the Raffle Baskets that **Renee Murphy** is creating. Please email Renee directly if you can contribute: [rmurphy5@comcast.net](mailto:rmurphy5@comcast.net)

# Biennial Blessing of Pets

*Followed by a Procession  
Saturday, November 14*

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 14, 11:00-1:00 pm, for our Biennial Blessing of Pets & Animals on our North Lawn. (You may recall that our 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14, 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.