

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

Bulletin for Sunday, October 6, 2019

- Saturday, October 5: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, October 6: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Saturday, October 12: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, October 13: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM & Panikhida followed by ANNUAL SISTERHOOD LUNCH in Church Hall

The Parish Council

Thomas Hanney, *President*; Susan Guz, *Vice-President*; Ellen Hanavin, *Treasurer*; Frank Borriello, *Secretary*
 Re-elected at the Annual Meeting on September 29, 2019
 to serve in their positions for another year, 2019-2020
 (pictured here with Clergy: Father Oleksii, Father Bohdan, and Deacon Daniel)



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Imagery from the Elevation of the Cross Sunday, September 29, 2019



The beautiful flowers adorning the Holy Cross were donated by Ellen and Phil Hanavin. The golden cross in the center is the family cross of the Guz Family, blessed in 1958 at the funeral of Anna Guz (Oct. 8, 1899-July 18, 1958), beloved grandmother of Patricia Walker and Susan Guz.





Message from Sisterhood President: Barbara Latsios

The Annual Sisterhood Lunch will be on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**, immediately following Liturgy. The cost is \$25.00 per adult and as always, there is no charge for children up to age 17. The Sisterhood is open to all women at St. Nicholas Church and the money we raise is used to make small purchases for our Clergy and Choir. I ask that all parishioners plan to attend this annual event where you will enjoy a full-course dinner and an afternoon of fellowship at the Church.

Purchase your tickets now until October 3 from Diane Kavchok, Judy Hanney or Barbara Latsios.



Prior to the start of the Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 29, parishioners enjoyed a Fellowship Lunch.

Annual Meeting 2019

- Accomplishments
- Future Projects
- We Need Your Continued Commitment and Support



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ANNUAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Prayer for Deceased Members of St. Nicholas Church
3. Election of Special Chairman to Conduct Annual Meeting
4. Confirmation of Quorum
5. Reading of Minutes of previous Annual Meeting (September 30, 2018)
6. Pastor's Report
7. President's Report
8. Financial Report
9. Auditor Report
10. Sisterhood President's Report
11. Sunday School Director's Report
12. Discussion of Reports
13. Nomination and Election of Church Council
14. Blessing of Church Council Officers by Father Bohdan
15. Miscellaneous: Pierogi Festival Preparation
16. Closing Prayer
17. Adjournment of Meeting

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In addition to addressing each formal Agenda item, President, **Tom Hanney**, spoke about the:

- Ongoing beautification and renovation of the Hall to generate more income -- a resounding success!
- The Hall has new vertical window blinds, new appliances and furnishings; decorative mirrors; a new flat screen TV, a facelift for the Office – **all made possible by individual donations from parishioners**. No Church funds were tapped. Thank you!
- Two new A/C units for the Hall were installed last month.
- To keep our grounds beautiful, we now have a dumpster for trash removal and a landscaping company to maintain the grass, shrubs and plantings.
- Some future projects include: resurfacing the parking lot; possibly installing A/C in the Sanctuary; painting the front columns; installing dimmable lights in the Hall; adding interior and exterior security cameras; replacing our two storage containers within the next couple of weeks.

Father Bohdan recapped the past year:

- We mourned the loss of two long-time beloved parishioners this past year: Helen Sameruck and Olga Zuzulock. Memory Eternal.
- His Holiness Patriarch Philaret celebrated his 90th Birthday in January and also reaffirmed our Stavropigia status.
- The Orthodox Church of Ukraine was granted autocephaly last October 11 – and we were recognized as canonical.
- Last November, we welcomed to St. Nicholas Church the first visiting Metropolitan from the Kyivan Patriarchate: Metropolitan John Yaremenko and his assistant Yaroslav Shevchenko.
- Last December 15, Metropolitan Epifaniy was elected leader of the now independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church.
- St. Nicholas Church membership increased. We welcomed 3 new couples who became dues-paying members:

Svitlana and Bohdan Skorets
Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy
Susie and John Sobchak

- We had many Baptisms in the past year. Since September 2018, there were 7 Baptisms (for a total of 22 baptisms since 2017).
- Church Member, Kirk Whitmer, was blessed with Holy Oil and became part of the Orthodox church and faith last October.
- We acquired several new icons: The “Sacred Virgin” icon, patron saint of the Ukrainian Chaplains; St. Anna with relics; St. Susanna; and St. Job with relics (a gift from Patriarch Philaret).
- Deacon Daniel finished his third term at the Volyn Theological Seminary in Ukraine this past Spring. In 2020, after one more term, he will be elevated to Protodeacon status.
- We welcomed visiting priest, Father Oleksii Kacharai, and his family to St. Nicholas Church.
- We had lots of car blessings and house blessings! – even our first Blessing of Pets last October.

And all this happened in just one year!

Who Organizes Father Bohdan's Closet?

His "Godfather" Phil Hanavin!

A priest's heavy vestments and oversized mitre need customized shelving, cabinets and racks behind the Iconostasis.

Enter Phil Hanavin, master carpenter!
THANK YOU, Phil, for donating your time and skills to our Parish.





The Pierogi Festival is our biggest FUNDRAISER of the year! Our goal is \$20,000! WE CAN DO IT -- BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

All labor, supplies, food and refreshments are DONATED by parishioners and benefactors. That means all money generated over the 2-day Festival is PROFIT.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS TASKS IN PREPARATION FOR OUR FESTIVAL

Please let Tom & Judy Hanney know how you can help.

- **FOOD PREPARATION** (see schedule on next page)
- **TENT RENTAL & SET-UP OF TABLES INSIDE TENT**
- **MERCHANDISE SALES** (set up display, sales)
- **BAKERY SALES** (set up display, sales)
- **BAKERS** (homemade breads, cakes, cookies to be sold)
- **BARTENDERS** (we have been granted a temporary liquor license)
- **GRILL CHEF**
- **DISHWASHER**
- **SOUND SYSTEM SET-UP**
- **FOOD LINE** (serving, supervising)
- **CASHIER**
- **ADVERTISING / SIGNAGE** (walking the neighborhood to display door hangers and posters in restaurants/shops)
- **MUSIC**
- **MAINTENANCE / CLEAN-UP CREW** (during Festival)
- **TAKE-DOWN CREW** (at Festival conclusion)
- **RECEPTION DESK** (make sure that everyone who enters the door adds his/her name to our mailing list)
- **RAFFLE BASKETS** (create, display, promote)
- **UNDERWRITERS** (make a donation to cover the cost of a specific item or donate to the Festival in general)



Food prep is every Sunday after Divine Liturgy, and every Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 am-3 pm. Please come and help.

ONIONS Please pick up a bag of onions from the kitchen. Marked freezer bags are packed with the onions. Sauté the onions to a golden brown. If you use a food processor to chop your onions, please **DO NOT OVER CHOP** as the onions become too mushy. Our goal: 250 POUNDS OF ONIONS

PIEROGI Pierogi making will continue on these dates: October 4, 5 & 6; October 18, 19 & 20; October 27; and November 1. Friday evenings at 6:00 PM, we make the filling for the pierogi. On Saturdays, we start at 8:00 AM and end at approximately 1:00 PM. And on Sundays, we roll, pinch and freeze immediately following Divine Liturgy! Our goal: 8,000 PIEROGIS

SOUPS For those of you who are making soups, please pick up your plastic containers from the kitchen – and then bring them back filled to put in our freezers.

FINAL PREP WORK Sunday, October 27, is for final prep work, such as filling the sour cream and cherry containers, cleaning and setting up chafing dishes, crock pots, etc. Friday, November 1, is for last-minute prep and set up.

WINE / LIQUOR In the past, parishioners have donated an assortment of alcoholic beverages. This year we are asking for **CASH DONATIONS** for the purchase of beer, wine and spirits that we know -- based on past festivals -- are best-sellers. Our bartender/sommelier, RAY McNULTY will be accepting your cash or checks. Please contact him directly with any questions: mcnulray@gmail.com. Our donation goal: \$500



Cassandra
McNulty

What a crowd we had
the weekend of
September 28-29!
Did you ever see so
many people having so
much fun making
8,000 PIEROGIS...?!!
Come join us!

**Any questions about the food?
Contact the Food Prep Team Leader,
JUDY HANNEY
856-783-6078 or
tjahanney@yahoo.com.
THANK YOU!**



Cory Redmond

Ron Healey

Dawn Healey

Stephanie
Borriello

Kirk Whitmer

Matushka
Oksana

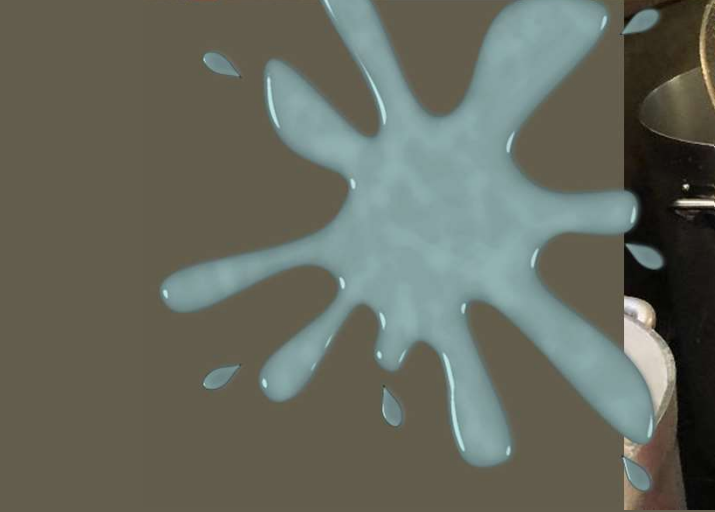
Father Oleksii

Oksana
Voloshnovskyy





Colleen Philipp, Ellen Hanavin, Barbara Latsios,
Judy Hanney, Ray McNulty, Kirk Whitmer,
Tom Hanney, George Latsios, Father Bohdan



SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



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

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of Father Bohdan and the newly-reelected St. Nicholas Parish Council
2. In memory of Anna Guz, beloved grandmother of Patricia Walker and Susan Guz
3. For the health of newborn Melody Rose Kauriga, the first grandchild of our Choir Director, Paul Kauriga

ANNUAL VIGILS

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/19
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/19
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. 12/31/19
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. 10/1/19
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/19
7. +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
8. +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., 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/19
10. +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. 9/18/20
11. +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. 4/19/20
12. +The Repose of the souls of my parents, Gregory and Kataryna Kotyk, Sr. and our family, Tatiana, Mary, Anna, Harry, Jr., Rose, Olga, Eleanor and grandson Stephen, offered by Virginia Sassman. exp. 8/16/19
13. +In memory of John, Susan and Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/19
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/19
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/19
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
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. 11/1/19
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitality, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and newly-departed Anna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. Exp. 12/31/19
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoïno. Exp. 2/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoïno. Exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. Exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. Exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. Exp. 6/1/20
25. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. Exp. 9/1/20



Three Fathers caught up over coffee at Federal Donuts last week.
 Pictured here: Father Oleksii, Father John Bohush and Father Bohdan



1. In Memory of Helen Sameruck
2. Colleen Philipp -- in Memory of Charles, John, Pauline, Charles, Michael, Thomas and Timothy
3. In honor of Susan Guz on her birthday
4. In Memory of Olga Zuzulock
5. Anna Kuliasha

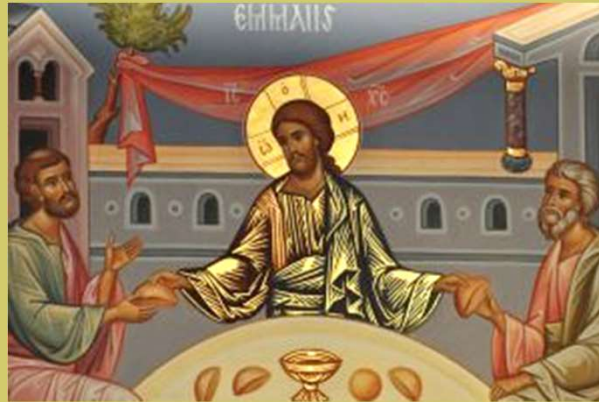
Please remember our homebound parishioner:
 Ms. Anna Kuliasha
 St. Martha Rehabilitation Center
 470 Manor Avenue
 Downingtown, PA 19335
 Tel: 610-873-8490



Welcome to the world!
 Melody Rose!...born Sunday, September 29, at 3:00 pm, weighing 7 pounds. Congratulations to parents, Jake and Katey Kauriga – and grandfather (for the 1st time!) our Choir Director, Paul Kauriga.

In today's Scripture reading, Jesus sums up all of God's law in two commandments: love God and love others. Simple. Jesus got straight to the point what the Bible is all about. Love God. With all your heart, soul and mind. That means worship no idols or objects. Trust only God to save you and give you eternal life. Think about God as you think about your true love. And keep His commandments. Love others. Love your neighbor. And who is your neighbor? Anyone in need. Treat others as you want to be treated.

Father Bohdan's Sermon Sunday, September 29, 2019 Matthew 22:35-46



Be kind to one another, forgive each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you over and over again. But it is so much easier to love God than to love others, isn't it? Just as it is easier to love mankind than an individual man with all his glaring faults, flaws and imperfections. If you struggle with this -- thinking how could you possibly love your neighbor, or another person who has not been kind to you -- perhaps loving others simply means wishing them no harm.. And with that thought, we can strive to keep God's commandments. AMEN.



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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

16TH 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 Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things. Amen. **(2 Corinthians 6:1-10)**

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 to 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 from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him. **(Luke 5:1-11)**

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