St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Bulletin for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Cathedral Council Officers Elected To Serve Another Term
CONGRATULATIONS, Thomas Hanney, President;
Susan Guz, Vice-President; Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer; Frank Borriello, Secretary

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners, held on Sunday, September 24, 2023, was well-attended. The same Council Officers who have served for the past 6 years retain their positions for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Each one of these dedicated Officers has been attending St. Nicholas Cathedral for more than 50 years. This seasoned leadership team will continue to foster transparency, volunteerism, beautification of the Cathedral and Rectory and growth in Cathedral membership.



Bishop Luke blessed the Council Officers with Holy Water at the conclusion of the Meeting.

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Following the order of the Agenda distributed to attendees, Bishop Luke opened the meeting with a prayer. He reported to the parish that Divine Liturgy is every Sunday according to the schedule published in the weekly Bulletins and thanked Father Oleksii Kacharai, Yaroslav Kacharai, Igor and Daniel Yavorskyy, and Oleksii and Igor Pasichniak for their altar the opportunity to compliment the service; took Editor-Publisher of the Bulletins for the "best parish newsletter of any church"; invited parishioners to examine the "Parish Record Book" kept in the office for an accurate record of all baptisms, weddings and funerals held at the Cathedral; and reminded everyone to listen to the "Bishop Luke Radio Hour" every Wednesday afternoon from 3-4 pm on WWDB-AM Talk 860.

Bishop Luke concluded with a heartfelt and sincere: "Thank you to President, Thomas Hanney, and the officers of the Council; Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios; Pierogi Festival Director, Judy Hanney; Patriarchal Choir Director, Susan Guz – and all the volunteers – young and old! – for your work for the glory of God and the good of our majestic Cathedral. God's blessings on you!"





ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

AGENDA

- Opening Prayer: Bishop Luke
- Prayer for Deceased Members of St. Nicholas Cathedral: Bishop Luke
- Election of Special Chairman to Conduct Meeting: Tom Hanney
- Confirmation of Quorum: Special Chairman
- Reading of Minutes of Semi-Annual Meeting held March 26, 2023: Frank Borriello
- Nomination and Election of Church Council Officers for 2023-2024: Special Chairman
- Bishop's Report: Bishop Luke
- President's Report the "State of the Cathedral": Tom Hanney Endowment Fund Report: Tom Hanney
- Nomination and Election of one member of the Endowment Fund Committee Financial Report: Ellen Hanavin and Frank Borriello
- OUESTION FOR CONGREGATION (DISCUSSION and VOTE)
 - - . Should we continue with "summer hours" year-round with Divine Liturgy starting at 9:00 AM every Sunday?
 - [8:30 am, Reading of the Hours; 8:45 am, Vesting; 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy]?
- Hall Rentals and Choir Report: Susan Guz Sisterhood President's Report: Barbara Latsios
- Pierogi Festival 2023 Report: Judy Hanney, Director
- - Cassandra McNulty reporting on the Festival Kitchen
 - Ray McNulty reporting on Festival Tent Refreshments & Entertainment Anastasia Whitmer reporting on Festival Take-Out
 - · Colleen Philipp reporting on the Festival Raffle
 - Kirk Whitmer reporting on Festival Social Media Discussion of Reports: Council and Members
- Blessing of Church Council Officers: Bishop Luke
- Closing Prayer: Bishop Luke

The delicious lunch served at the Annual **Meeting was** donated. Thank you to Ellen and Phil Hanavin for the hoagie sandwich trays from Capriotti's; to Susan Guz for the salads and "special cake"; to Colleen Philipp for the rice pudding; and to those folks who brought assorted pastries - enjoyed by all!





President, Tom Hanney, gave a comprehensive report on the "State of the Cathedral" and the Endowment Fund. The top three revenue sources continue to be the Hall rentals, the parking lot rentals and the Pierogi Festival – and this income allowed for the completion of many projects during the past year, including: concrete work



The Endowment Fund is for long-term financial growth. The parish invested \$11,330.00 into the Fund this past fiscal year (\$6,000.00 as part of our "savings" plan; \$2,665.00 from parishioner donations during the annual EF Drive; and \$2,665.00 matched by the Cathedral). No funds were withdrawn this year. Susan Guz was elected to fill the vacant Endowment Fund Committee member position.

Sanctuary foyer; a new ice machine; and new digital programmable timers for the exterior flood lights. On the horizon....possibly remodeling the bathrooms, among other improvements on our "wish list." Tom aptly concluded with the statement that "the church has to be run like a business."

on the front steps; the acquisition of an AED

defibrillator; the removal of a large tree on the south

Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer, and Frank Borriello, Secretary, presented the financial report for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

And yes, they are smiling because the Cathedral was "in the black." The financial statements were audited by Jack Pellock.

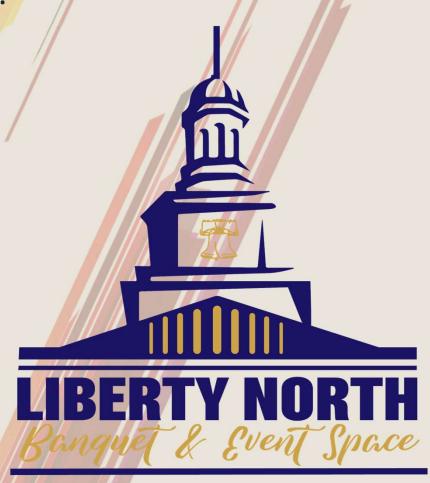




The Parish voted on changing the start time for Divine Liturgy on Sundays and came to an agreement on the following schedule, with the blessing of Bishop Luke:

- Summer/Fall Schedule: Divine Liturgy will start at 9:00 AM (with NO VESTING) from the first Sunday in June until (and including) the first Sunday in November.
- Winter/Spring Schedule: Divine Liturgy will start at 9:30 AM (WITH VESTING at 9:15 AM) from the second Sunday in November until the last Sunday in May.

Susan Guz, in her role as Manager of Liberty North Hall, presented the Hall Report. It was a very successful and busy year with 160 events - and those rentals brought in a record \$88,787.00 in revenue (surpassing the \$75,000.00 goal). Needless to say, the Hall remains a very popular venue. Improvements this year included repainting the Hall, installing protective corner moldings on the columns and the addition of elegant beveled mirrors on several walls. The wish list includes possibly raising the drop ceiling in the Hall to its original height, and the Manager will secure several estimates for this huge project. In the short term, a new chair dolly and podium are needed. Colleen Philipp immediately came forward to donate the dolly and podium. THANK YOU, COLLEEN!



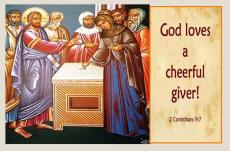


Festival Director, Judy Hanney, thanked her volunteer team for participating in the food prep sessions. The donations of labor and money towards a new freezer, beverage fridge and "meatballer" machine are greatly appreciated. This year a Haagen Daz ice cream truck vendor will be parked on the northside during the Festival – and we will get an additional \$500 in revenue from the vendor fee. Individual reports from the Festival team followed. Judy encouraged everyone to take flyers and ask local stores to display them...and that we should all pray for good weather on November 4-5!



President of the "Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos," Barbara Latsios, announced that Secretary, Diane Kavchok, is collecting Sisterhood annual dues - still only \$10 -- starting October 1. She also extended an invitation to please attend the annual Sisterhood Luncheon on Sunday, October 15, with your family and friends. Tickets are \$25 each for adults, and the Luncheon is the Sisterhood's only fundraising event. The Luncheon is donated every year by Barbara and her sister, Judy Hanney. Barbara also announced that the Sisterhood was recently incorporated -- after 92 years in existence! -- as a non-profit entity in the State of Pennsylvania, a necessary step as banks have become very strict with their rules and regulations and now require official documents (i.e., a Certificate of Incorporation, an EIN and By-Laws) for business accounts.





Schedule of Services Sunday, October 1 8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy Saturday, October 7 5:00 pm: Vespers Sunday, October 8 8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida Saturday, October 14 5:00 pm: Vespers 8:45 am: Reading of the Hours Sunday, October 15 **Celebrating the Feast Day of** 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by the PROTECTION OF THE Akathist to the Holy Theotokos. At the conclusion **HOLY THEOTOKOS** of the prayer service, the Sisterhood Annual (actual date: October 14) Luncheon will take place 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 the newly-elected Cathedral Council Officers: Tom Hanney, Susan Guz, Ellen Hanavin and Frank Borriello
- 3. In memory of Carol Irene Kauriga on her birthday. Memory Eternal. Offered by Barbara and George Latsios
- 4. For the health of my granddaughter, Celia Snoke, on her 11th birthday, Love, Grandmom

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL

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

ST. NICHOLAS PATRIARCHAL CHOIR

- Eve Edwards, Soprano
- Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto
- Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor
- Andrew Bowling, Bass
- Susan Guz, Choir Director

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

- Thomas J. Hanney
- Susan Guz
- Alex Janoczkin
- George Latsios
- Frank Murphy



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Celebrating the
Feast of the
Elevation of the Holy Cross
on
Sunday, September 24, 2023

We commemorate the discovery, by Saint Helen in the 4th Century, of the Cross on which Jesus was crucified.





The beautiful flowers that adorned the Holy Cross on the center Analoi table on Sunday, September 24, 2023, were donated by Ellen Hanavin and Dawn Healey

In Memory of Beloved
Parents / Grandparents
HELEN and EMIL
LEVCHENCO

"Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify."

MESSAGE FROM CATHEDRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT: TOM HANNEY

Greetings! Preparations are underway for our biggest annual fundraiser of the year, led by Festival Director, Judy Hanney: the PIEROGI FESTIVAL, this year on Saturday, November 4, and Sunday, November 5.

Published next to this message is the food prep schedule for the Festival. We expect to have dozens of parishioners at every session.

Most of the year we come and go as individuals, with very busy everyday schedules. But at this time of the year, we ask you to perform a Labor of Love for God and your Church. This is about working as a team and having the dedication of a team to succeed. Do this now! Mark it a Priority! Make Saint Nicholas a Priority! Choose as many dates as possible and dedicate yourself to being there for your team.

Showing up when there is work to be done says you are truly a member of Saint Nicholas. Not showing up says you are just a visitor.

The money raised from the Festival will pay the utility bills for the Cathedral and the Rectory. The true cost of operating the Cathedral is approximately \$16,000 per month. If you are unable to put anything in the collection basket, this is the time to contribute to the Cathedral with your labor – and chop onions, steam cabbage, pinch pierogi. And work at the Festival. If you attended Divine Liturgy and find serenity and a heightened spirituality, this is the time to give thanks and work as a team to achieve our financial goal.

PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2023 - PREP DATES

- Saturday, September 30: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 1: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 1:00 PM
- Saturday, October 14: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Saturday, October 21: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 22: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 4:00 PM
- Saturday, October 28: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 29: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 4:00 PM

If it were not for the Festival, the parking lot rentals and the Hall rentals, we would have to close our doors. Parishioner contributions would not sustain the Cathedral.

As your President and head coach, I thank you in advance for lending a hand and giving the Cathedral a few extra hours of your time during September and October.

God bless you. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Homemade in Our Cathedral Kitchen!

PIEROGI Festival 2023

Saturday, November 4, noon-9pm Sunday, November 5, noon-5pm

...or until food runs out!

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PIEROGI Festival 2023



Will YOU be the generous donor for the Festival Tent? It costs \$4,000.00 to rent the Tent, extra tables and chairs to accommodate the Festival attendees. Please consider making a donation for the Tent.

THANK YOU!





We are also asking for DONATIONS to fund the live entertainment in the Tent and for the purchase of beverages.

Ray McNulty will be accepting cash or checks. Please contact him directly to pledge your donation or if you have any questions: mcnulray@gmail.com. Our donation goal: \$1,500.00



ONLY 2 WEEKS AWAY! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos

Annual Fundraising Luncheon
Following Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall

Message from: Barbara Latsios, President, The Sisterhood

Welcome, everyone, to the Sisterhood Annual Luncheon...our only fundraiser. We use this event to raise money for essential items needed in our Cathedral by the Clergy. The Sisterhood was founded in 1931 and is celebrating its 92nd Anniversary this year! Tickets are \$25.00 for adults.

Children, age 12 and under, are free of charge.



The luncheon always includes a full course menu and music, too! Your attendance makes this event a success, and we look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP: 215-814-5384 or gbcl@comcast.net Thank you!

Barbara



As has been their tradition for decades, sisters Barbara Latsios and Judy Hanney donate this Sisterhood event in its entirety. Consequently, 100% of ticket sales benefit the Sisterhood. A big THANK YOU to Barbara and Judy for their generosity.

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

17TH 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 Galatians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **(Galatians 2:16-20)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: 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 Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

(Mark 8:34-9:1)

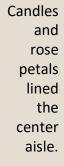
CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

A Coptic Eastern Orthodox Wedding

With the blessing of Bishop Luke, our St. Nicholas Cathedral Sanctuary was rented on Thursday, September 21, 2023, to Sandra Fahim and Asa Lewis for their Coptic Orthodox marriage ceremony. Their priest, Father Michael, officiated.

There were many similarities in the Coptic Orthodox marriage ceremony to what we are familiar with, including the "crowning" of the couple. Both are steeped in tradition, ceremony and symbolism. But at Thursday's wedding, the responses were chanted in Middle Eastern tonalities by deacons. There was also a "Blessing of Adorned Garments," when Father Michael clothed the bride and groom with decorated vestments identical to that worn by him. And the wedding concluded with loud shouts of joy and celebration from the women in the pews. The distinct, high-pitched sound is known as Zaghareet.













On Sunday, September 24, 2023,
Igor Trynos visited St. Nicholas Cathedral with
gifts from Patriarch Philaret: a beautiful
bejeweled icon of the Holy Trinity –
and a T-shirt for Council President, Tom Hanney!
Thank you to Igor for the special delivery! And
thank you to His Holiness Patriarch Philaret for
his blessings and for thinking of us with this
beautiful icon.

We in turn pray for your health and safety and for restored peace in Ukraine.





Sunday Vigil: \$2 Analoi Candles: \$25 Altar Candles: \$35 Annual Vigil: \$100 Bulletin Sponsor: \$25

ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- 1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
- 2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp.11/1/23
- 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. 10/13/23
- 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 Levchenco 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. 9/18/23
- 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, Hrystyna, 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. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Olga, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Bogdan, Iryna-Olesia. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Petro, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Stepan, Anna, Volodymyr, Stepania, Maryna, Vasyl, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/23
- 20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/23
- 21. +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
- 22. +In memory of Alexander and Ewdokia Janoczkin and son Michail, offered by the Janoczkin, Wojnarowicz and Adams families. exp. 12/31/23
- 23. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/24
- 24. +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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