



# 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, September 22, 2019

- Saturday, September 21: Vespers, 5:00 PM; Nativity of Most-Holy Theotokos
- Sunday, September 22: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Saturday, September 28: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, September 29: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM; Elevation of the Cross; followed by ANNUAL MEETING in Church Hall

# Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God,



# Joachim and Anna

**This Week's Bulletin Is Sponsored By: Ellen and Phil Hanavin for the health of beloved daughter, Dawn Healey**

**Today, Sunday, Sept. 22, we commemorate Saints Joachim and Anna, the parents of Blessed Mary Theotokos**

They prayed their entire lives for children. Then, an angel told the elderly Joachim and Anna that a daughter would be born to them Who would be blessed above all other women. Their child would be dedicated to the Lord, live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. And so it came to pass as God promised: their daughter was born and they named her Mary. Saints Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children.

Saints Joachim and Anna are an integral part of Divine Liturgy and Vespers. Their names are always mentioned in the prayerful conclusion of services with the words: *"May the risen Christ, our true God, with the prayers of his pure and holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the spiritual powers of Heaven...the holy and righteous ancestors Joachim and Anna...and all the saints whose memory we celebrate have mercy on us and save us."*





The Feast of the Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos is celebrated Saturday, September 21, and on this day the Altar and Analoï table covers and the Priest's vestments are changed to BLUE. This Feast is the glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents, Anna and Joachim.

*Listen....listen for their names....when Father Bohdan concludes every Divine Liturgy and Vespers service, he stands in front of the Royal Doors, faces the congregation and prays to the saints. You hear their names: Joachim and Anna, obedient and faithful, chosen by God to be the parents of Mary, the grandparents of Jesus Christ. Saints every parent should emulate. A reminder to rear your children in the Orthodox faith and instill a love for our ancestors in our personal life and our ancestors in our church life....*



Come and hear about all the exciting projects accomplished – and planned – for our beloved St. Nicholas Church.

**Sunday, September 29,** following Divine Liturgy in our Church Hall. Our Council President, Tom Hanney, will give a full report!



**Message from Sisterhood President: Barbara Latsios**

The Annual Sisterhood Dinner 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.

This year Father Bohdan asked the Sisterhood to make a small monetary donation to the "Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy" in Lutsk, Ukraine where children have little to work with. To supplement the donation, we are asking parishioners to bring in school supplies (paper, pencils, crayons, new or gently used children's books, gloves, mittens, scarfs, and clothing) that we will send to Ukraine with our monetary gift. Please leave your donation in the Church Office. **THANKYOU!**

**The Sisterhood**  
**SCHOOL**  
**SUPPLIES DRIVE**  
**now until Oct. 3**

A row of colorful pencils in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.



**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** (ensuring 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)





**Any questions about the food? Contact the Food Prep Team Leader, JUDY HANNEY**

**856-783-6078 or tjahanney@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!**



**HELUPKI** Helupki preparation is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am and after Divine Liturgy on Sundays. 500 helupki are already in the freezer. The last 500 will be finished by Sunday, September 22. And then we have reached our goal: **1,000 HELUPKI** CONGRATULATIONS – AND THANK YOU! – HELUPKI TEAM: JUDY HANNEY, GEORGE LATSIOS, COLLEEN PHILIPP AND FRANK MURPHY!

**ONIONS** Please pick up a bag of onions from the kitchen. Marked freezer bags are packed with the onions. Saute 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** SPECIAL THANKS TO FATHER OLEKSII AND HIS SON YAROSLAV WHO CHOPPED BY HAND AND SAUTEED 100 POUNDS OF ONIONS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16!

**PIEROGI** Pierogi making will start and continue on these dates: September 27, 28 & 29; 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**

# SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

*Altar Candles Lit Today  
for the health of beloved daughter  
Dawn Healey  
offered by Ellen and Phil Hanavin*



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

## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of Dawn Healey and a successful surgery, Love, Mom and Dad
2. For the health and successful surgeries of Dawn and Ellen, offered by the Murphy Family
3. For the health of my brother-in-law/Uncle Mike Niehoff, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of the Murphy Family
5. For the health of Alexandra Bennett, on her birthday, Love, Mom, Dad, Anastasia and Kirk
6. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by the Hanney and Whitmer Families
7. In memory of my sister, Carol Irene Kauriga, on her birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
8. For the health of Christine, Dawn and Ellen, offered by the Borriello Family
9. For the health of Stephanie Borriello on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
10. In memory of Mother/Grandmother, Barbara Wohar, on the 35<sup>th</sup> year of her passing, offered by the McMonigle Family

## 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. 9/18/19
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. +The Repose of the soul of my husband, John Sassman, in loving memory from Virginia Sassman. exp. 8/16/19
14. +In memory of John, Susan and Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/19
15. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/19
16. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/19
17. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
18. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
19. +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
20. 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
21. 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
22. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoïno. Exp. 3/1/20
23. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. Exp. 4/1/20
24. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. Exp. 5/1/20
25. +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
26. 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
27. For the health of Nikolay, Praskovya, Nataliya, Vitaliy, Oryssa, Alina, Nastya and Volodya, offered by Vasyl (Bill) Danylyuk. Exp. 9/1/20



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

CHURCH CALENDAR 2019	
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13	SISTERHOOD OF THE PROTECTION (POKROVA) OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS LUNCH, following Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3	ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCH, following Divine Liturgy

### Father Bohdan’s Sermon – Sunday, September 15, 2019 – Matthew 21:33-42

Jesus used parables to enlighten us about God. The parable in today’s Scripture reading could be called “The Parable of the Tenants” or the “Parable of the Patient Landowner.” In this story Jesus teaches four truths about God:

**NUMBER 1. GOD IS THE OWNER...of everything!**

Like the landowner in the parable, God is the Creator and He owns all of Earth and beyond. The tenants did not own the vineyard, but they acted as if they did. They wrongly thought: “We don’t need God. We control our lives and fate.” But the truth is: we do not own anything. We only manage God’s property.

**THE SECOND REVELATION IN THE PARABLE IS: GOD IS PATIENT.**

The owner of the vineyard sent a messenger to collect what was due him, but the tenants beat him up and kicked him out. But this owner simply sent another servant—and they killed him; he sent another and they stoned him. The lesson here is: God is patient with us. God sends many servants to communicate His will.

**THE THIRD TRUTH IS: GOD IS LOVE.**

In the parable, after the owner’s servants had been rejected and abused, he takes an astonishing step: he sent his only beloved son hoping the tenants would respect His son, and instead they killed him.

**AND THE FINAL TRUTH IS: GOD IS JUST.**

God is love, and God is patient. He is slow to anger and quick to forgive. His mercies endure forever. But always remember that God is just. That means He will determine perfect justice for all of us in the end. If we learn from today’s parable, we will be ready. AMEN.



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# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

## 14<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 5<sup>th</sup> Tone: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

**CHOIR:** Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

**READER:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is Godly. Thou, O Lord, shall protect us.

**CHOIR:** And preserve us from this generation forever!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Corinthians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

**(2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. For Thou has said: "Mercy will be established forever, and My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

**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 Matthew.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." "But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. "Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding." So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen. **(Matthew 22:1-14)**

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