

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 29, 2019

- **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**
- **Saturday, October 5: Vespers, 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, October 6: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM**

Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

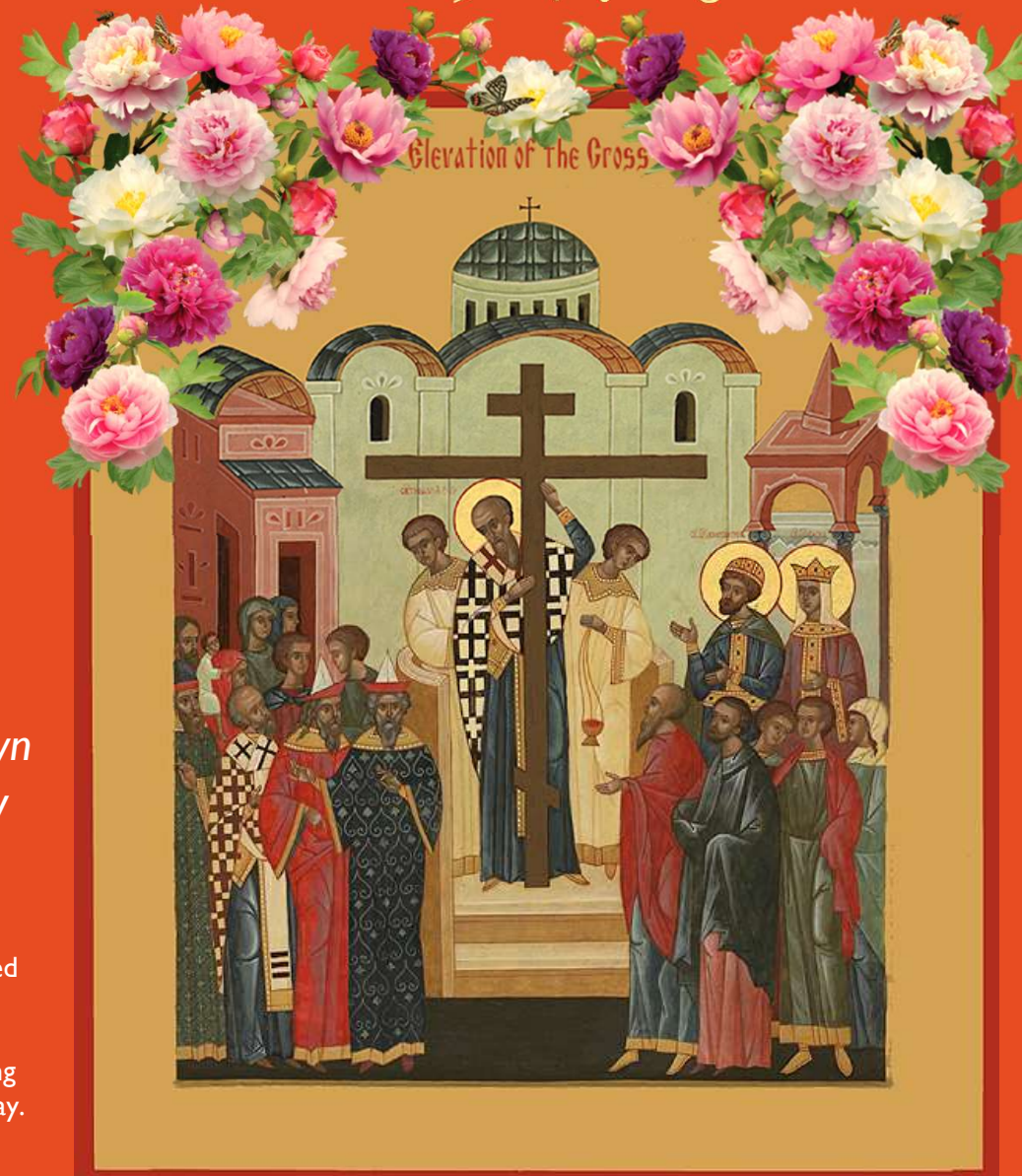
The Elevation of the Cross commemorates the discovery in the 4th Century by Saint Helen of the Cross on which Jesus was crucified. The Feast Day also commemorates the Cross' recovery from the Persians by Emperor Heraclius in the 7th Century. The Cross was then "elevated" in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem.

This is a holy day of fasting and repentance -- a day when Orthodox Christians rededicate themselves to our crucified Lord and pledge their faithfulness to Him with prostrations as the Choir sings the "Hymn of the Veneration Before The Cross":

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

For the feast, the Cross, traditionally adorned with flowers, is placed in the center of the Church for veneration.

We thank Ellen and Phil Hanavin for donating the flowers surrounding the Cross this Sunday.



Vespers

“...the sun knows its time for setting. Thou makes darkness and it is night...” So begins every Vespers service, with the chanting of the evening Psalm 104.

Those who have attended Vespers know that the service is a peaceful way to end the day and conclude the work week. Vespers takes place in the early evening on Saturdays, from 5:00 pm-5:30 pm. Father Bohdan hears confessions, and it is the preparation for Divine Liturgy and Communion on Sunday.

The world is fast-paced, complicated, stressful. Slow down. Attend Vespers Saturday evening when we give thanks to God for creation, when we praise God by chanting and singing, reminding us that God is in control. You will be revitalized and prepared for the new day to come.

“O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!”



David Kuchmiak, Morgan Borriello and Nathan Borriello, always eager to help, carried the collection basket on Sunday, September 22.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6

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 by Sunday, September 29. **THANK YOU!**

The Sisterhood
SCHOOL
SUPPLIES DRIVE

now until Sept. 29





**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.



Colleen Philipp sauteed cabbage for Kapusta on Tuesday, September 24

HELUPKI The Helupki Team succeeded its goal. 1,040 helupki are now in our freezers waiting to be served at the Festival! Congratulations and thank you to all those who helped after church on Sundays.

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

PIEROGI Pierogi making will start and continue on these dates: September 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

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



Valentina Kariouk helped out on Tuesday, September 24.

SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



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

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of my granddaughter, Celia Snoke, on her 7th birthday, Love Grandmom
2. For the health of all the people that prayed for me, offered by Dawn Healey
3. For the health of Father Bohdan, offered by Dawn Healey
4. In memory of our father, pop-pop Charles John Redmond on the 29th anniversary of his passing, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
5. In memory of our cousin Carol Kauriga on her Birthday, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
6. In memory of our aunt the newly departed Marie Matweychuk, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
7. For the health and speedy recovery of Dawn Healey, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
8. In memory of the newly departed Marie Matweychuk, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and 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. 9/18/20
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. +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 Bivoino. Exp. 2/1/20
22. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. 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, Orysa, Alina, Nastya and Volodya, offered by Vasyl (Bill) Danylyuk. Exp. 9/1/20

**Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, September 22, 2019
Matthew 22:1-14**

Today's Scripture is the wedding parable – and Jesus tells this story to teach us about faith. Forgiveness of sins, salvation, eternal life...it has always been, since the very beginning, an invitation to become part of God's church, to become a people of faith. An invitation to the most royal wedding ever. There is one part of this parable which we need to focus on.

That one man, that arrogant and disrespectful person who is at the banquet without the wedding coat – and was thrown out. The wedding coat represents salvation. It is the garment which covers our sins and makes us acceptable to God. The problem is that we often want to take that coat off – figuratively and literally. Entering our church is a sign of faith, and we must respect the holiness of this sanctuary. Do not be like the self-important man who was thrown out of the wedding. But thank God we will not be. Not only have we been invited to this great wedding banquet. But we also wear the coats of salvation and righteousness. And we can rejoice just like happy guests at a wedding! AMEN.

Please remember our homebound parishioner:
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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 was invited by Pennsylvania Republican Party Chairman, Lawrence Tabas, Esq., to a community meeting Monday evening, September 23, where the Republican Party pledged more commitment to civic and charity activities in Philadelphia.

Father Bohdan is pictured here with Lawrence Tabas, Esq. (top) and Al Taubenberger, City Councilman (bottom).

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

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

CHOIR: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! O Lord, save Thy people.

CHOIR: And bless Thine inheritance!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed -- always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. Amen. **(2 Corinthians 4:6-15)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most-High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God!
He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge, my God, in whom I trust!"

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. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son? And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore. **(Matthew 22:35-46)**

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