

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Bulletin for Sunday, September 24, 2023

Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

We celebrate the Elevation of the Cross on Sunday when we commemorate the discovery, by Saint Helen in the 4th Century, of the Cross on which Jesus was crucified. (The actual date of the Feast Day is Wednesday, September 27.)

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

**Also on
Sunday...
the Annual
Meeting of the
Congregation,
followed by
another Pierogi
Festival food
prep session.**



Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate (since 2017)

817 N. 7th Street, Philadelphia - stnicholaseoc.org



Schedule of Services

VESPERS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023.

Sunday, September 24

8:45 am: Reading of the Hours

9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and Elevation of the Holy Cross (actual date: September 27), followed by Annual Meeting and Pierogi Festival prep session (until 4:00 pm)



God loves a cheerful giver!

2 Corinthians 9:7



Parishioners: At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 24, we will solicit your thoughts on possibly starting Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9:00 am.

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 Veronika Matviienko and her safe return to Ukraine, offered by Susan Guz
3. In memory of our Mother/Grandmother, Barbara Wohar, on the anniversary of her passing, offered by the McMonigle family
4. For the health of Cassandra and Ray McNulty, on their Anniversary, Love, Mom and Dad
5. For the health of Ron Healey, Love, Mom and Dad
6. For the health of Rayisa Kovalova, Love, Ellen and Phil
7. For the health of Susan Guz, Love, Ellen and Phil
8. For the health of Cassandra and Ray McNulty on their Anniversary, Love, Ellen and Phil



Ellen Hanavin is donating the beautiful flowers that will adorn the Holy Cross on the center Analoj table on Sunday, September 24, 2023, In Memory of Beloved Parents HELEN and EMIL LEVCHENCO

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...remember to write your NAME and the AMOUNT of your contribution on your weekly offering envelopes. Thank you!



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St. Nicholas Cathedral
ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
24

**Following Divine liturgy in our
Cathedral Hall.**
lunch will be provided.

Please pay your annual dues for 2023.
**Only Cathedral members in good standing can
vote at the Annual Meeting.**

**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.

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

Tom

**PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2023
- PREP DATES**

- **Sunday, September 24: immediately following Annual Mtg. until 4:00 PM**
- **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**

**Homemade in Our
Cathedral Kitchen!**



PIEROGI Festival 2023

Saturday, November 4, noon-9pm

Sunday, November 5, noon-5pm

...or until food runs out!

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral
817 North 7th Street
(corner of Brown St.)
Philadelphia, PA 19123**

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EAT IN or TAKE OUT

**Beer Garden
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**Live Music
Ethnic Food
Baked Goods
Raffle
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PRE-ORDER: Mon., Oct 16, to Mon., Oct. 30
for pick-up during Festival hours
stnicholaseoc.org/donate/pierogi



Event details: @stnicholaseoc or call 215-922-9671

**Saturday, September 16-Sunday, September 17:
a very productive PIEROGI FESTIVAL
food prep WEEKEND!**

Thank you to Festival Director, Judy Hanney, for preparing a delicious spaghetti and sausage lunch for the congregation on Sunday, September 17. The Festival volunteers made a total of 1,476 potato/cheese pierogi (only 9,524 to go!) and 624 helupki (652 more to go!) -- and already completed more pans of halushki and kapusta than last year!





If cooking is “not your thing,” there are other ways to help. Please consider making a cash donation towards the Festival operating costs.



BEHIND THE SCENE



There are a lot of things that happen behind the scene to make the Festival a success. One of our essential freezers just died – an unexpected \$4,776.00 was needed immediately to replace it. Ellen Hanavin stepped up to the plate and donated \$2,300.00 towards the cost. An Anonymous Donor is purchasing another essential item: a beverage refrigerator for the Tent Bar, an additional \$3,531.00 donation. Will **YOU** be the generous donor for the Tent? It costs \$4,000.00 to rent the Tent, extra tables and chairs to accommodate the Festival attendees.

THANK YOU, Ellen, the Anonymous Donor andyou?



THANK YOU!



We are also asking for DONATIONS

to fund the live entertainment in the Tent and for the purchase of beverages.

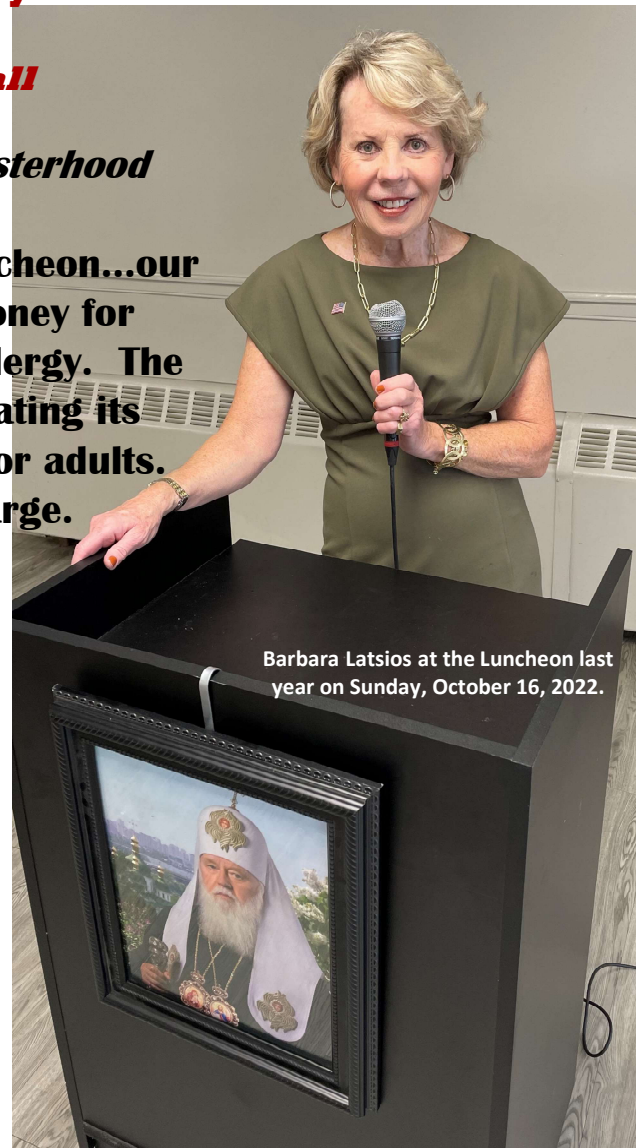
Ray McNulty will be accepting cash or checks. Please contact him directly to pledge your donation or if you have any questions: mcnulray@gmail.com. Our donation goal: \$1,500.00



ONLY 3 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.



Barbara Latsios at the Luncheon last year on Sunday, October 16, 2022.



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.

Good Bye

Goodbye, Veronika!

Veronika Matviienko returns to her homeland, Ukraine, on Saturday, September 23, 2023, after spending 1-1/2 years in Philadelphia. She flew into JFK Airport on March 29, 2022, following the outbreak of war on February 24 -- and found temporary refuge in the St. Nicholas Cathedral Rectory. But Veronika was homesick, and longed to return to Kyiv. This writer asked her what Patriarch Philaret said upon hearing the news that he would see her again very soon. The Patriarch said, "*I am happy when anyone comes back to Ukraine!*"

God bless you, Veronika, and may He always keep you safe and happy. Veronika will resume her old job as Choir Director at St. Volodymyr Cathedral in Kyiv.



The St. Nicholas congregation was able to celebrate Veronika's birthday – October 16 – with her last year.



Veronika spoke eloquently – in English – to the Congregation on Sunday, September 17, 2023, following Divine Liturgy. Since she was not amplified, we are publishing now her heartfelt words for all to read.

“Bishop Luke, my dear, kindred spirits and friends. Sincerely and kindly, I want to thank the Lord and each of you I have met on my road of life: Bishop Luke, for the outstretched hand of help at the most difficult moment in the life of every Ukrainian, the invasion and aggression of Russian troops on Ukrainian lands. Thank you, Bishop and Susan, for the warm, joyful welcome at the airport. For your -- Susan’s -- cordiality and care throughout this period of time. Thank you to the wonderful family of Cathedral President Tom and Judy Hanney for the warmth of your hearts, words of encouragement and sincerity.

I express my appreciation to Barbara and George Latsios and their family for your love and respect for each of us. Thank you to Ellen and Phil for treating us as your own children, with care and love. I thank each of you for your purity of heart and virtue of soul. I thank the Patriarch for his prayers in memory of this marvelous Cathedral and the wonderful people who come to the services. In Kyiv, in St. Volodymyr's Cathedral, a service is held every Tuesday in front of St. Barbara's reliquary. The names of everyone I know will be written down at the service for health. May the Lord keep you all in health, peace and well-being. God bless you all!

**With respect and love,
Veronika Matviienko”**



*Veronika and Bishop Luke in St. Nicholas Cathedral
Sunday, September 17, 2023*



Everyone will remember this photo: the moment Veronika and Alla saw their picture on the front page of The Philadelphia Inquirer – the day after their arrival in the USA.

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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 Galatians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. **(Gal. 6:11-18)**

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 is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **(John 3:13-17)**

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

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 Dantine, offered by David Dantine, 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 Levchenko 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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE?

ENDOWMENT FUND

A member of the Endowment Fund Committee must be an Orthodox Christian and a member in good standing of St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral for at least two years.

Cathedral members will elect one new Endowment Fund Committee member at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 24, 2023. If you are interested in being nominated for the open Endowment Fund Committee member position and serving a 5-year term, please email Endowment Fund Committee Chairman: Tom Hanney, teetomhanney@yahoo.com.

Bishop Luke's brother, Hegumen Volodymyr Zhoba, made a surprise visit to St. Nicholas Cathedral on Sunday, September 17, 2023. He personally delivered and donated to the Cathedral precious relics of St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Luke of Simferopol and Crimea. Thank you, Father Volodymyr. Pictured here, left to right, are: Frank Borriello, Father Volodymyr, Father Oleksii, Bishop Luke and Tom Hanney.



A saint's relics....a tangible piece of the holy person....a piece of clothing, bone, ash, or personal possession...in Orthodoxy, we believe that the remains of saints hold special power to heal, protect and strengthen us. We venerate these relics with reverence and respect. The Bible teaches that even tangible objects, like touching Jesus' garment, can make a miracle happen. (Luke 8:44-48)



Relics

A church is particularly blessed when it is the guardian of relics -- and St. Nicholas Cathedral has relics of St. Barbara, St. Macarius, St. Nicholas, St. Justina, St. George, St. Anna of Kashin, St. Job, St. Panteleimon, the Kyiv Caves Saints from Kyiv Pechersk Lavra: St. Kuksha, St. Pimen, St. Nektariy, St. Damian, St. Anatoly, St. John the Much-Suffering, St. Athanasius the Recluse, St. Isaiah, St. Erasmus, St. Sylvester – **and as of Sunday, September 17, 2023, St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Luke of Simferopol and Crimea.**

Other churches have asked us to lend our icons and relics to them. But they are so precious that we do not want to risk a mishap, so we extend an open invitation to other parishes to visit St. Nicholas Cathedral to venerate our icons and relics. ***Come worship with us.***

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