

Stavropigia of the Akrainian Orthodox Church – Lyivian Patriarchate
BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

The flowers adorning the Holy Cross on the center Analoi Table were donated by Ellen Hanavin and Dawn Healey In Memory of Beloved Parents / Grandparents, HELEN and EMIL LEVCHENCO

# The Feast Day of the Exaltation – or Elevation – of the Holy Cross

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

This Feast Day is a holy day of strict 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."



### **Schedule of Services** Saturday, September 26 5:00 pm: Vespers Sunday, September 27 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy and Elevation of the Cross, followed by **ANNUAL MEETING in the Church Hall** Saturday, October 3 5:00 pm: Vespers Sunday, October 4 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy Saturday, October 10 5:00 pm: Vespers 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida Sunday, October 11 Saturday, October 17 5:00 pm: Vespers Sunday, October 18 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by the Sisterhood Annual Luncheon Saturday, October 24 5:00 pm: Vespers Sunday, October 25 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

To "attend" a virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806\_Lzrg

We are renting our "south lawn" to Citylight Church on a week-to-week basis. Weather permitting, CLC will hold its worship services Sunday mornings on our grass from 8 am-9:30 am and 11:00 am-12:30 pm. This is a TEMPORARY situation. CLC will stop renting our outdoor space when Philadelphia transitions to the Green Phase. CLC has congregational singing accompanied by a keyboard. Pastor Mike Anderson said he expects up to 50 people to attend each service. Everyone will follow COVID-19 safeguards. (CLC is NOT using our parking lot; the CLC congregation will park on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.)

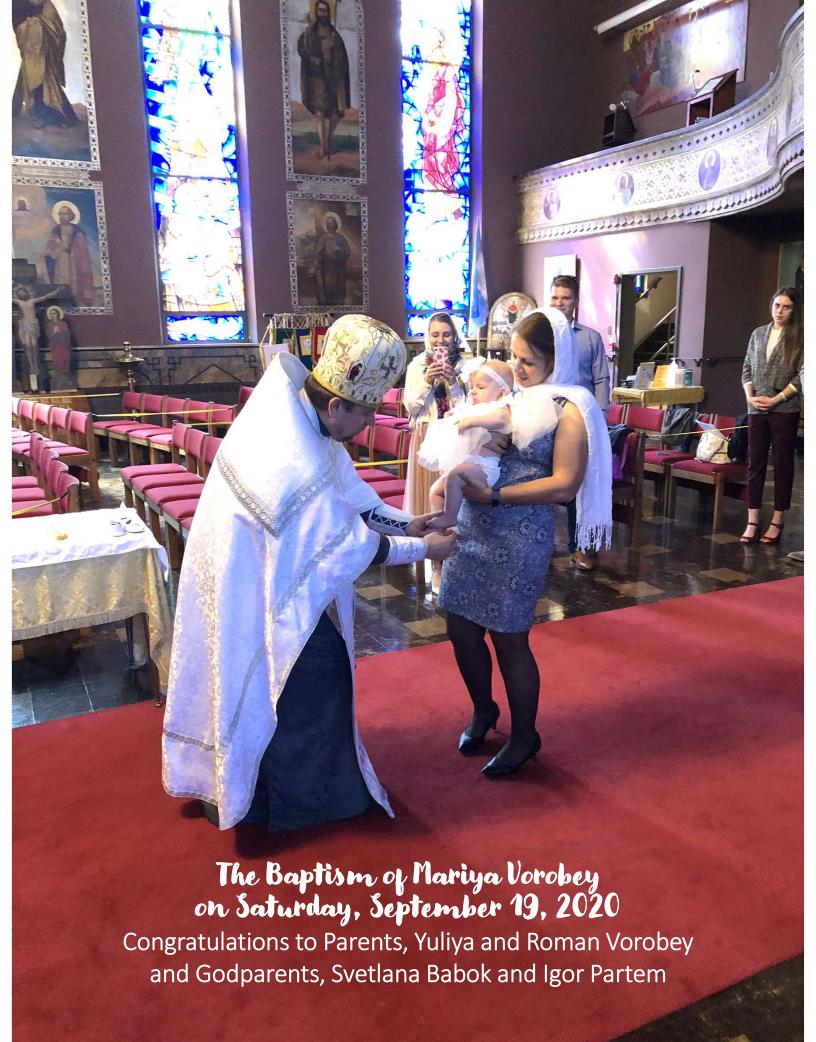
Our Annual Parish Meeting is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020. A boxed lunch, including soup and salad, will be served to all attendees. President, Tom Hanney, will lead the meeting. This is your opportunity to hear about our accomplishments this past year and future projects. Members will vote for Council Members. We invite you to ask questions. (You may recall that our semi-annual update meeting scheduled for March 29 was canceled because of the quarantine, so there will be a lot of information to share at the September meeting.)





Preparing for General Confession

Until further notice, Father Bohdan will give absolution at General Confession during Divine Liturgy just prior to Communion. However, it is essential that you properly prepare for Confession: fast in the morning; examine your conscience; reflect on your actions and thoughts. The Confession Prayer of St. John of Kronstadt will be read aloud by the Reader prior to receiving Communion. Please stand during the reading of this prayer.











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### Building DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2020

1. Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello & Gail Osborn In Memory of Victoria Patterson 2. Anna Kuliasha 3. Colleen & Nicholas Philipp In Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond 4. Serge & Janet Loginow In Memory of Parents, Serge & Anna Loginow Grandparents, Harry & Ksenia Loginow Grandparents, John & Mary Sloma Uncle, Nick Sloma

Aunt, Helen Trenchevski 5. Vicki & Frank Borriello In Honor of Susan Guz for all her work for the Church

6. Vicki Borriello, Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy & Gail Osborn In Memory of Karen Niehoff 7. Barbara McMonigle

> 8. Ellen & Phil Hanavin 9. Borriello Family 10. John & Susie Sobchak 11. Barbara & George Latsios

In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck

12. Dawn Healey

13. Father Bohdan Zhoba 14. Prof. Alexander & Halyna Kachur 15. Judy & Tom Hanney

In Memory of Stephen and Helen Sameruck 16. Oksana & Victor Voloshnovskyy

17. Susan Guz 18. Diane Kavchok

19. Cassandra & Ray McNulty In Memory of Helen Sameruck

20. Anonymous 21. Susan Isaac



### **Message from: Barbara Latsios, President of the Sisterhood**

The St. Nicholas Church "Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos" would like you to reserve SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020, for our annual luncheon following Divine Liturgy. The luncheon is our only fundraiser. We use this event each year to raise money for essential items needed in our Church by the Clergy. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults 18 and older. Children 17 and under are free of charge. The luncheon always includes a full course menu. Your attendance makes this event a success and we look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Barbara Latsios at 215-814-5384 or at gbcl@comcast.net for reservations or additional information!

Thank you! Barbara



### Father Bohdan's Sermon Sunday, September 20, 2020 Matthew 22:35-46

In today's Scripture reading, Jesus sums up all of God's law in 2 commandments: LOVE GOD and LOVE OTHERS. Simple. Jesus got straight to the point what the Bible is all about.

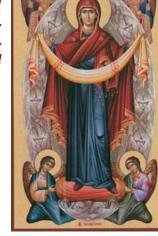
LOVE GOD. With all your heart, soul and mind. That means worship no idols or objects. Trust only God to save you and give you eternal life. Think about God as you think about your true love. And keep His commandments.

LOVE OTHERS. Love your neighbor. And who is your neighbor? ANYONE in need. Treat others as YOU want to be treated. Be kind to one another, forgive each other, just as God has forgiven you over and over again. During the coronavirus quarantine, I often reminded you to love your neighbor -- and by wearing masks, we show our love for each other by wanting to protect each other from harm.

Learning to love our neighbors keeps us balanced and sane in this volatile world -- for without this commandment keeping us in line, the world would be far worse. Loving your neighbor requires you to show compassion, kindness and forgiveness. Let your neighbor know that you of service in time of need – as God is always there for you when you need Him. AMEN.

CHURCH CALENDAR 2020	
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18	SISTERHOOD OF THE PROTECTION (POKROVA) OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8	ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCHEON, following Divine Liturgy

Attention, Ladies of the Church: Consider joining the SISTERHOOD. Annual Dues are only \$10. Contact Sisterhood President, Barbara Latsios.



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

### CHURCH COUNCIL

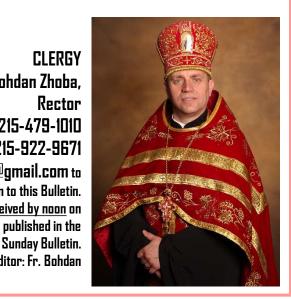
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### **SUNDAY VIGILS**

- For the health of altar server, Zachary O'Connor, on his 19th Birthday today, Sun., Sept. 27. Many more happy and healthy years!
- 2. For the health of Zachary O'Connor on his birthday, Love, Dawn and Ron
- 3. For the health of Zachary O'Connor on his birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
- 4. For the health of Stephanie Borriello on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood

### **ANNUAL VIGILS**

- 1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
- 2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family, exp.11/1/20
- 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. 12/31/20
- 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. 10/1/21
- 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. 10/13/20
- 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. 8/1/21
- 8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenco offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
- +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
- 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. 4/19/21
- 11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
- 12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
- 13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
- 14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
- 15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/21
- 16. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families, exp. 9/1/21
- 17. +In loving memory of our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn & Families, exp. 9/1/21
- 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. 11/1/20
- 19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
- 20. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Olga, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan, Volodymyr; +In memory of Anna, Sophya, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunellia, Vasyl, Maria, Pavlo, Maria, Petro, Stepan, Anna, Stepania, Vasyl, Maryna, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/21
- 21. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

### THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER**: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: Extol the Lord our God. Worship at His footstool for He is holy!

CHOIR: Extol the Lord our God. Worship at His footstool for He is holy!

**READER**: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! Extol the Lord our God!

**CHOIR**: Worship at His footstool for He is holy!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

**PRIEST**: Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-24)

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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: 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. Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. (John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

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



The Jaworski Family – Justin, Nina and their sons, Oliver and Simon -- stayed after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 20, to enjoy a pelmeni lunch prepared by Benjamin and Rebekah Cliff, pictured here with Tom Hanney. Oliver, 6 years old, was baptized by Father Bohdan in St. Nicholas Church last month on August 9.

Our Fellowship Lunches following Divine Liturgy are part of our social life – and are also great fundraisers for the Church. Please volunteer to host a lunch. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or email sneoc100@gmail.com.

Be sure to pick up a stack of these Festival flyers at the Annual Meeting to give to your family, friends and to post in your neighborhood.



## Annual Fundraising PIEROGI FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020 12 noon-9 PM and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020 12 noon-5 PM

### St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

817 North 7th Street (corner of Brown Street) Philadelphia, PA 19123 In the heart of Northern Liberties



### Our Menu

Traditional Eastern European Food Pierogies. Petmeni Blintzes Kielbasa & Sauerkraut Stuffed Cabbage Borscht Baked Goods

Pre-Order by Friday, November 6, 2020, at stnicholaseoc.org/donate/pierogi

Same-day curbside pick-up

Outdoor dining on our lawn or under our tents

Live music

Free admission and parking



## Food Preparation for the Pierogi Festival Is in Full Swing! Come Join the Fun!

Mark your calendars to come to the Church Hall to help JUDY HANNEY, Festival Director, and her team prepare for PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2020, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Friday's start time is 6:00 pm; Saturday's start time is 8:30 am; BUT EMAIL JUDY, tjahanney@yahoo.com, TO DOUBLE-CHECK SPECIFIC TIMES. We need you:

- Friday, October 2
- Saturday, October 3
- Friday, October 23
- Saturday, October 24
- Friday, October 30
- Saturday, October 31
- Sunday, November 1-Sunday,
   November 8 ALL HANDS ON DECK!



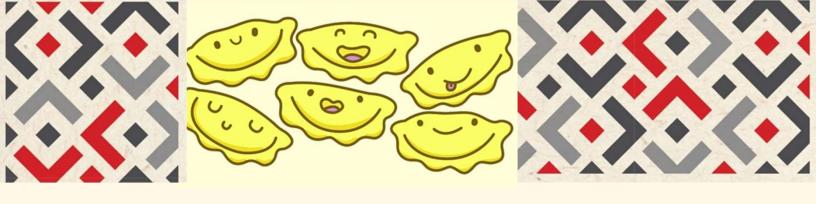
Yuliia Kitkailo, Tom and Judy Hanney in the kitchen preparing halupki.

More than 800 halupki have already been made and frozen. Our newest parishioners – Rebekah and Benjamin Cliff – have also produced hundreds of pelmeni (pork-filled dumplings.....a big hit on our menu in past years!) But lots of work is ahead.



### Rebekah and Benjamin are "Chief Operators" of the new pelmeni machine!





Ray and Cassandra McNulty and Ron Healey at last year's Pierogi Festival





We are asking for CASH DONATIONS to fund the live entertainment at the Pierogi Festival and for the purchase of regreshments.

RAY McNULTY will be accepting your cash or checks. Please contact him directly with any questions:

mcnulray@gmail.com.

Our donation goal: \$1,000



Renee is hard at work designing gift baskets - and has requested donations of large BASKETS to hold the gift items. Thank you for dropping off a BASKET in the Church Office.

Parishioner RENEE MURPHY is designing "themed" gift baskets to be raffled at our Pierogi Festival in November. The Festival is our biggest fundraiser for St. Nicholas Church. Please help and donate one or more of these suggested items. Renee will then create beautiful baskets - and the Church will benefit.

### TAILGATE FUN BASKET

Big cooler 2-4 12 packs of soda Bags of chips and pretzels Football Yard game (Ladderball) Gift card to a grocery store



### CHRISTMAS BAKING BASKET

Cookie pans, cookie cutters, cookie decorating kit

Sprin Muffin p Spatula Rubber Parch nt paper Spices Gift card to a grocery store



### FALL TREATS BASKET

Pumpkin spice coffee Pumpkin pancake mix Pumpkin muffin mix Apple cider mix Fall-scented candle

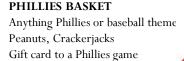


### **SWEET TREATS BASKET**

50 full-sized candy bars

### "PAMPER M" BAKET

Candles, facial malloofah, essential oils, bath bombs, etc. Gift card for sp √facial, pedicure, massage)





### ITALIAN NIGHT BASKET

Pasta Olive Oil Tomato Sauce Oregano Salami Cheese



### FUN FOR KIDS BASKET

Playing cards, games, snacks Gift card to RiverRink, Linvilla Orchards Johnson's Corner Farm, miniature golf Gift card for online games Microwave popcorn



Hot chocolate mix Hat, gloves, scarf Sled Shovel Cozy blanket Car snow scraper





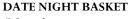
### **DONATE A GETAWAY**

If you own a time share or rental property, consider donating a weekend getaway

### DONATE A ROUND OF GOLF

If you are a member of a golf club, consider donating a round of golf for 2-4 people

GIFT CARDS: Target, ShopRite, Acme, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Amazon gift cards are always welcome!



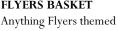
Gift card to a restaurant Redbox gift card Wine glasses Chocolates



### **EAGLES BASKET**

Anything Eagles themed

### FLYERS BASKET





### OTHER LARGER ITEMS

Bicvcle Flatscreen TV Videogame console Cornhole game





### DONATE A SERVICE

1 hour of cleaning Paint a room Personal chef for 10 people for breakfast Oil changes Will preparation







Your raffle basket items can be dropped off in the Church Office. Or contact Renee to make other arrangements: fmurphy5@comcast.net

Fall yard cleanup

Car detailing