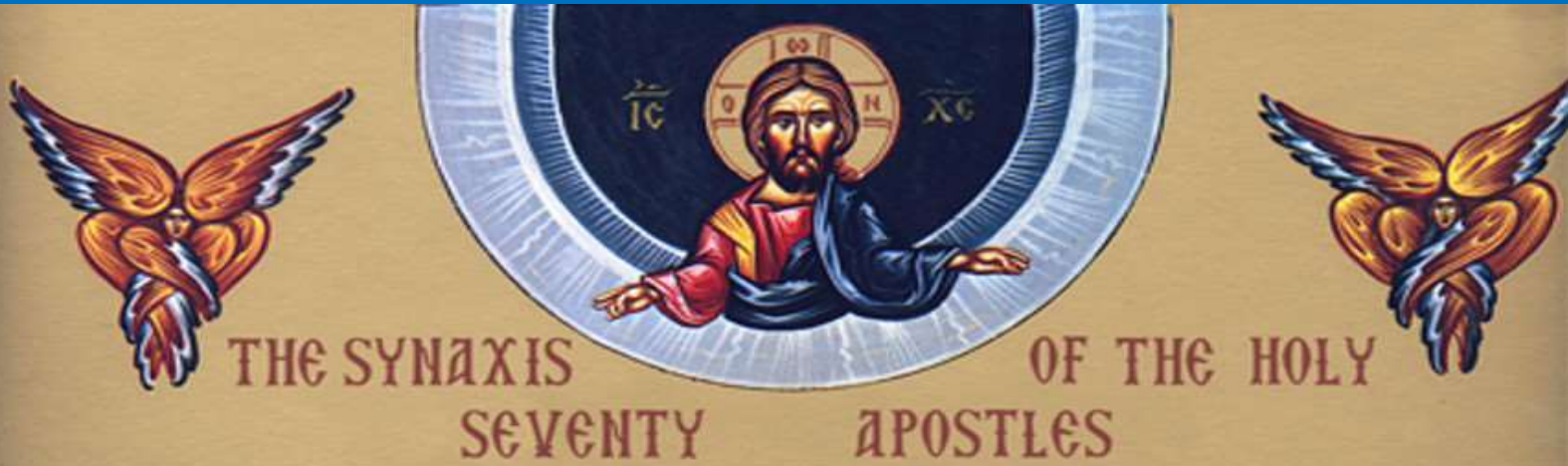


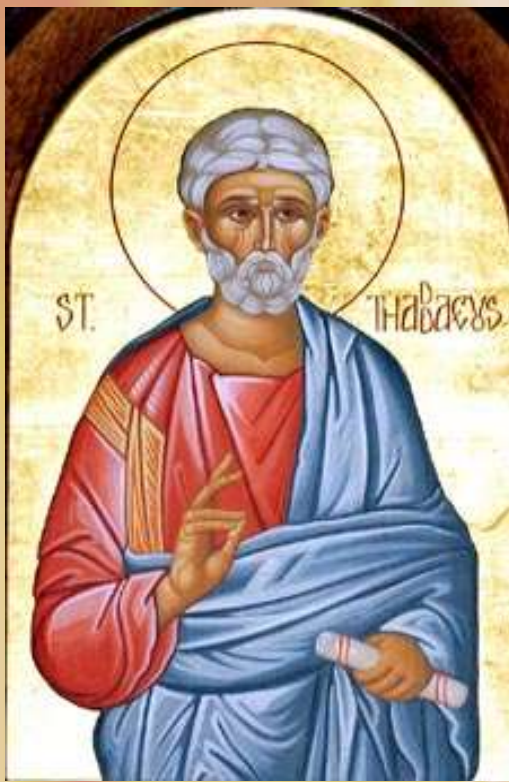
St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral



Bulletin for Sunday, September 3, 2023

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The Orthodox Church commemorates “Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy” on Sunday, September 3, 2023. This lesser-known Apostle’s story required research which led to an explanation of the “Seventy.” When Apostle Thaddeus (to be distinguished from Apostle Jude, also called Thaddeus) arrived in Jerusalem for a feast day, he heard John the Forerunner preach and was subsequently baptized by him in the Jordan. Apostle Thaddeus then saw Jesus and became His follower, chosen to be one of the Seventy Disciples, early emissaries of Jesus sent in pairs to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit – as recorded in the Gospel of Luke 10:1-24.

Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.”

Luke 10:23-24

Sunday's Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-42

Jesus used parables to enlighten us about God. The parable in Sunday's Scripture reading is "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 Sunday's parable, we will be ready.



Schedule of Services

VESPERS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023.

Sunday, September 3	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Sunday, September 10	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida and Pierogi Festival prep session
Sunday, September 17	8:45 am: Reading of the Hours 9:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
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



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 Olya, Love, Barbara and George and Family
3. For the health of Olya, Love, Tom and Judy and Family
4. For the health of Olya, Love, Mom #2
5. For the health of Ron Healey, Love Tom and Judy
6. For the health of Ron Healey, Love Mom and Dad
7. For the health of Susan Guz, Love Ellen and Phil



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Ukrainian Independence Day in Philadelphia: Thursday, August 24, 2023

Hundreds gathered at Philadelphia's City Hall on August 24 to raise the flag of Ukraine in celebration of the country's 32nd year of independence.



Following the official ceremony, Mayor Jim Kenney and Bishop Luke met privately to discuss issues affecting the Ukrainian refugees in Philadelphia.



**MESSAGE FROM CATHEDRAL
COUNCIL PRESIDENT: TOM HANNEY**



Greetings! I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. There's never summer vacation at St. Nicholas Cathedral. It's business as usual, all year round. We are even busier in the summer as that is when the Festival Director, Judy Hanney, and her team, start preparing for our biggest annual fundraiser of the year: 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

**PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2023
- PREP DATES**

- Sunday, September 10: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 1:00 PM
- Saturday, September 16: 7:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, September 17: immediately following Divine Liturgy until 1:00 PM
- 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

Tom

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Cathedral Kitchen!**



PIEROGI Festival 2023

Saturday, November 4, noon-9pm

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Event details: [@stnicholaseoc](https://www.instagram.com/stnicholaseoc) or call 215-922-9671

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

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

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O my God, Thou art very great! O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!

CHOIR: In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren, you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints- that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand-Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. **(1 Corinthians 16:13-24)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Go forth, prosper and reign because of truth and meekness and righteousness.
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

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 Matthew.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?'" **(Matthew 21:33-42)**

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

Sunday Vigil: \$2
Analog 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. 9/1/23
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?**

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.

**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.

Labor Day

As you relax on this Labor Day and enjoy the final days of summer, and as you counsel your children now that they are returning to school, take time to reflect on these Scripture passages about the importance of hard WORK....

Colossians 3:23
Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord, not for people.

Proverbs 14:23
All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 10:4
Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.



Summer comes to an end -- but we have a full church calendar ahead!



- **Sunday, September 24: Annual Parish Meeting**
- **Sunday, October 15: Sisterhood Annual Luncheon**
- **Saturday, November 4-Sunday, November 5: Pierogi Festival**
- **Sunday, December 17: St. Nicholas Patron Saint Luncheon**

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