



# St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

*Patriarchal Stavropigia of the Ukrainian*

*Orthodox Church Kyiv Patriarchate*

**Bulletin for  
Sunday,  
September 4,  
2022**

**On Sunday,  
September 4, we  
commemorate  
Holy Martyr Agathonicus  
of Nicomedia.**



### **TROPARION**

*Your holy Martyr Agathonicus and his companions,  
O Lord, through their sufferings have received  
incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your  
strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered  
the powerless boldness of demons. Through their  
intercessions, save our souls!*

**The Martyr  
Agathonicus converted  
pagans to Christ  
during the reign of  
Roman Emperor  
Maximian (286-305).  
In the year 298,  
Agathonicus was  
ultimately seized in  
Nicomedia, tortured  
and died for his faith  
rather than renounce  
Christ.**



# SAVE THE DATES

- Saturday, September 10: Food Prep for Pierogi Festival, 7 am-1 pm
- Saturday, September 17: Food Prep for Pierogi Festival, 7 am-1 pm
- Sunday, September 25: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
- Saturday, October 1: Food Prep for Pierogi Festival, 7 am-1 pm
- Saturday, October 15: Food Prep for Pierogi Festival, 7 am-1 pm
- Sunday, October 16: Sisterhood Annual Luncheon
- Saturday, October 22: Food Prep for Pierogi Festival, 7 am-1 pm
- Saturday, November 5-Sunday, November 6: Pierogi Festival 2022
- Sunday, December 18: St. Nicholas Patron Saint Luncheon

## Schedule of Services

Sunday, September 4	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9: 15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 10	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, September 11	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida
Saturday, September 17	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, September 18	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, September 24	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, September 25	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and Elevation of the Holy Cross (actual date: September 27), followed by Annual Parish Meeting in the Cathedral Hall
Saturday, October 1	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, October 2	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, October 8	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, October 9	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida

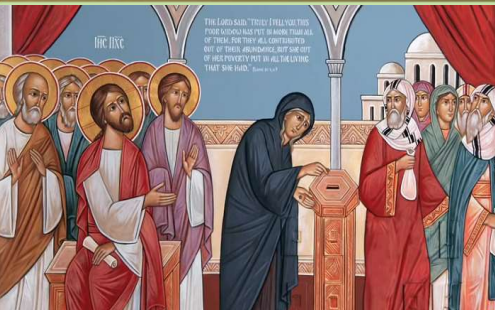
Sophia Maria Khanas  
Is Baptized  
On Sunday,  
August 28, 2022



Parishioners met **SOPHIA MARIA KHANAS** for the first time on Sunday, August 28, 2022, on the day of her Baptism. Baby Sophia is pictured here with her parents, Andriy and Oksana Khanas, and her two very happy grandmothers, Paraskeva Petriv (left) and Orysy Khanas (right). Congratulations to all!



On Sunday, August 28, 2022, Bishop Luke presented Mr. Fernando Ramirez, Managing Director of the Foundation "BRIDGES 2030," with a Patriarchal Medal from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, in recognition of Mr. Ramirez's efforts to raise \$7,500.00 for our **HELP UKRAINE FUND**. The benefactors included many American people who gave generously to help Ukraine. Thank you to everyone! And congratulations, Mr. Ramirez, on your well-deserved award!



Received for the Week of August 28, 2022	
Anloi Candles	\$25.00
Candles	\$25.00
Collection	\$585.00
Vigils	\$59.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$694.00</b>

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- Frank Murphy



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## SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

1. For the health of the Murphy Family
2. For the health of the Borriello Family, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
3. For the health of Anastasia and Tom Wingert on their second anniversary, offered by Robert, Marianne, Michael, Andrew, Amy and George
4. For the health of and congratulations to Frank and Vicki Borriello on their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Love, Gail and Family
5. For the health of Vicki and Frank Borriello in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, offered with Love, Diane
6. For the health of Vicki and Frank Borriello on their 50th wedding anniversary, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt



Today is the Feast of the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God Theotokos – the assumption of Mary to heaven from earth. This feast commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Mary. And it is the custom in the Orthodox church to bless flowers and herbs on this day – as we did today. Mary died without illness, peacefully and with every virtue. Her soul was taken up in the divine hands of her Son and carried up into the heavenly kingdom accompanied by the singing of angels. Mary’s most pure body was then carried by the apostles to Gethsemane where it was honorably buried, and on the third day it was resurrected and taken up to heaven. You see this event depicted on the icon of the DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS. The body of the Theotokos is surrounded by the apostles and in the center of the icon is the Lord holding in his hands the most pure soul of the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the promise, and the celebration that Mary’s fate is the destiny of ALL Christian believers. What happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience and love. And we forever ask her to intercede on our behalf. AMEN.

Bishop Luke’s  
Sermon  
Sunday,  
August 28, 2022



Blessed flowers  
and herbs in  
St. Nicholas  
Cathedral on  
the Feast of the  
Dormition of the  
Theotokos,  
Sunday,  
August 28, 2022

## **BUILDING FUND PROJECT:** Painting the interior of the Sanctuary

Update

Hawthorne Painting began this project (at a cost of \$19,500.00) on Monday, August 29. A paint color was selected the day before after parishioners viewed 3 possible choices painted on the walls. A Sherwin-Williams shade named "ROSE COLORED" was selected as it most closely matched what some long-time parishioners remember as the original wall color. Below is a photo of our church interior, dated 1945. Look how light and bright the walls were!



**BUILDING FUND**  
**PROJECT: Repairing**  
**the damaged icons**  
**and wall art in the**  
**Sanctuary**

Update



In conjunction with painting the interior walls, we want to restore the icons and wall art in need of repair. To that end, iconographer Ekaterina Piskareva visited St. Nicholas Cathedral on Wednesday, August 31, to closely inspect and assess the work needed to be done. We await her estimate of the cost of this part of the project. In the meantime, please look at her resume and portfolio on her website: [piskarevarestorations.com](http://piskarevarestorations.com)



Ekaterina recently completed restoration of the icons in these churches:

- Holy Virgin Protection Church in Nyack, NY  
[holyyvirginprotectionchurch.org](http://holyyvirginprotectionchurch.org)
- Russian Orthodox Convent Novo-Diveevo in Nanuet, NY  
[novo-diveevo.org](http://novo-diveevo.org)
- St. John of Kronstadt Memorial Church in Utica, NY  
[stjkutica.org](http://stjkutica.org)
- And she has just begun the restoration of the entire Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, NY  
[jordanville.org](http://jordanville.org)

**Contributions to the Building Fund specifically for the painting and icon projects received from:**

- **Barbara & George Latsios**
- **The Murphy Family**





# ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

<b>Sunday Vigil:</b>	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Analoï Candles:</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Altar Candles:</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Annual Vigil:</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Bulletin Sponsor:</b>	<b>\$25</b>

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. 11/1/22
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. 12/31/22
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. 10/13/22
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. 8/1/23
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/22
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. 9/18/22
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. 4/19/23
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/22
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/22
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/22
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/23
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/22
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. 12/31/22
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. 9/1/22
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/22
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. 12/20/22
22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/23
23. +In memory of Tatiana, Alexander, Sergey, Nadezhda, Alexander and Anna, offered by Anton Spassky. exp. 6/12/23
24. For the health of soldier Olexiy, Loubov, Vadym, Olexander, Iryna, George, Svilana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23





**An Eagle rug is a small rug, usually round, upon which Eastern Orthodox Bishops stand during Divine Liturgy and other services.**

**Bishop Luke was recently gifted three beautiful blue/gold Eagle rugs by Reverend Boris Zabrodsky, Archpriest Wayne Joseph Gawlik, the clergy and parishioners of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church UOC-KP in Homewood, Illinois.**

**Bishop Luke used the new Eagle rugs for the first time on Sunday, August 28, 2022. A big THANK YOU to our friends at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church for such a thoughtful and important gift!**



The Clergy and Parishioners of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Homewood, Illinois, in a photo taken July 17, 2022.



# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 12<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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**CHOIR:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**READER:** Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

**CHOIR:** Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. **(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)**

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

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope. Let me not be put to shame!  
Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

**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. Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." **(Matthew 19:16-26)**

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

ANNUAL

# PIEROGI Festival

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5, 2022**

**12 noon-9 PM**

*and*

**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

**12 noon-5 PM**



## Our Menu

Traditional Eastern European Food - Pierogies - Pelmeni - Blintzes - Kielbasa & Sauerkraut - Stuffed Cabbage - Borscht - Baked Goods - **AND MORE!**

**WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

- ❖ Pre-Order from Mon., Oct. 17, to Mon., Oct 31, 2022  
[stnicholaseoc.org/donate/pierogi](https://stnicholaseoc.org/donate/pierogi)  
for frozen food only, curbside pick-up,  
during Festival Hours



- ❖ Take-Out hot food, inside only,  
during Festival Hours

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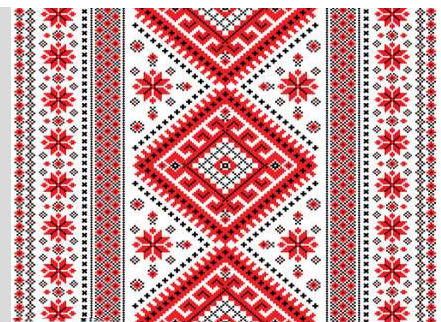
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