

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, April 14, 2019

- **Friday, April 12:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 7:00 PM
- **Saturday, April 13:** Vespers, 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, April 14:** Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM;
Moleben in Ukrainian, 11:00 AM



**The Beatitude
Metropolitan Epifaniy**



**His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret**

The Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary and St. Mary of Egypt

**Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, April 7, 2019**

Today we celebrate a blessed Feast Day: the Annunciation of the Holy Theotokos – when Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and said, as written in the Gospel of Luke, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” And then tells Mary that she would give birth to a son and his name would be Jesus. This Feast Day falls during Lent, but it is always celebrated with great joy. The cloths and my vestments are bright blue to symbolize our joy in hearing the news of the impending birth of our Savior. For Mary answered Gabriel with these words: “I am the Lord’s servant. May your word to me be fulfilled.” In other words: she said YES to God. And Mary’s obedience is a reminder for us to become more like the Theotokos in complete submission to God. When you venerate the icon of the Annunciation placed here on the anaiotable, look at Archangel Gabriel with a staff in his left hand, indicating his role as a messenger of the greatest announcement ever proclaimed! His right hand is stretched toward the holy Virgin Mary as he delivers his message. The Virgin Mary’s right hand is raised to indicate her surprise at the message she is hearing. Her head is bowed, showing her consent and obedience. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon her is depicted by a ray of light at the top of the icon, which symbolizes heaven. On this Feast Day, we pray to the Theotokos for her protection and for strength. AMEN.



**Last Sunday, April 7, was
the Feast Day of the
Annunciation of the
Theotokos.**

**This coming Sunday,
April 14, is the Feast Day
of St. Mary of Egypt.**



The life story of St. Mary of Egypt – the revered Orthodox patron saint of penitents – tells of one day when she met a group of young men heading toward the sea to sail to Jerusalem for the veneration of the Holy Cross. At that time Mary was a prostitute and she accompanied the men on the journey. But when the group reached Jerusalem and went towards the church, an unseen force barred Mary from entering. After three such attempts, she remained outside on the church patio where she looked up and saw an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. She began to weep and prayed that the Theotokos might allow her to see the Holy Cross. She promised she would renounce her worldly desires and go wherever the Theotokos may lead her. Mary then entered the church without restraint – and went on to live a life of a hermit in penitence in the desert.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 12 – 29

Friday, April 12	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 14	Chanting Class for Myrrh Maidens
Friday April 19	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 20	LAZARUS SATURDAY 9:00 am: SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY and lowering of chandelier 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm: Vespers and Blessing of Pussy Willows
Sunday, April 21	PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by "Potato Pancake" Fellowship Lunch

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 24	7:00 pm: Healing Service
Thursday, April 25 HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 pm: Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels
Friday, April 26 HOLY FRIDAY	3:00 pm: Funeral Service 7:00 pm: Vespers and Procession with the Plaschanitza
Saturday, April 27 HOLY SATURDAY	10:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 11:00 am: Blessing of Easter Baskets <u>in the Sanctuary</u>
Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29 PASCHA EASTER	11:30 pm: Matins, Procession, Divine Liturgy Approx. 1:30 am: Blessing of Easter Baskets followed by Agape Easter Breakfast in the Church Hall
Monday, April 29 BRIGHT MONDAY	10:00 am: Divine Liturgy, Procession



Diane Kavchok will be contacting you by email for any revisions to your Easter vigil list. To our new parishioners: please contact Diane by email, kavchokd@aol.com, or see Diane after church if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.

FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 14.

An order form will be emailed with the weekly Bulletin. Blank order forms are also available in the Candle Room. The flowers – tulips, geraniums, lilies, hyacinths and daffodils -- will adorn the tomb set up in our Sanctuary on Holy Friday through Easter. On Bright Monday, the potted plants will be available to take home.

CONFESSIONS will be heard on:

- FRIDAYS at 7:00 pm during Pre-Sanctified Liturgy;
- SATURDAYS at 5:00 PM at Vespers;
- SUNDAYS at 9:00 AM before Divine Liturgy



On the final
Soul Saturday during Lent,
April 6,
Father Bohdan prayed for
the souls of your beloved
departed, reading from the
list of names you provided.

We also prayed for the soul
of the
newly-departed
OLGA ZUZULOCK
on the 9th day of her passing.

- Memory Eternal-





On Sunday, April 7, we welcomed visiting diplomats from the Ukrainian Embassy: First Secretary Igor Hryban, his wife Irina and daughter Katya; and First Secretary, Anton Rudenko, his wife Svetlana and son Timor. They were accompanied by Kateryna Lisunova, a broadcast journalist from Ukrainian National Television. Following Divine Liturgy, Father Bohdan and members of the Church Council gave brief interviews focusing on our ongoing charitable efforts to Ukraine, our personal thoughts about the upcoming Ukrainian Presidential election and current American-Ukrainian relations.



First Row: Igor , Katya & Irina Hryban, Timor, Svetlana & Anton Rudenko

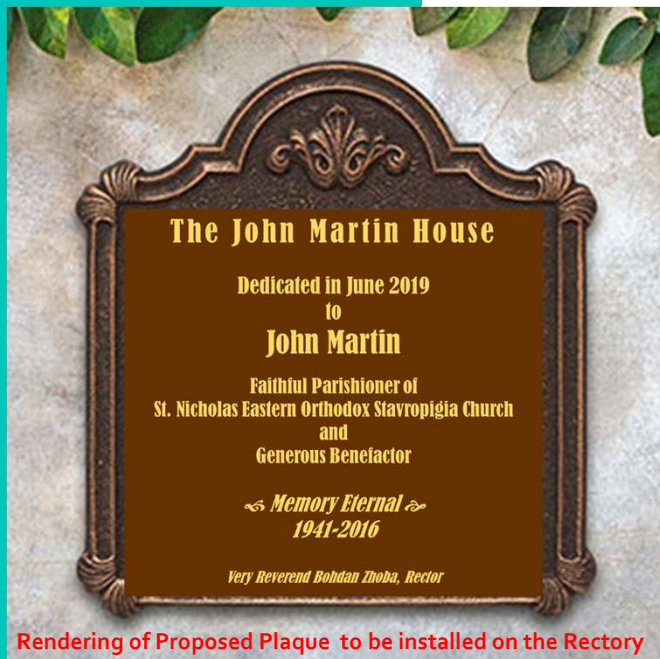


1. In Memory of Helen Sameruck
2. Colleen Philipp -- in Memory of Charles, John, Pauline, Charles, Michael, Thomas and Timothy
3. In honor of Susan Guz on her birthday



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Thank you to Vicki Borriello and the entire Borriello Family for preparing and serving a delicious Lenten lunch on Sunday, April 7: homemade borscht, pierogis, salad and cake!



Rendering of Proposed Plaque to be installed on the Rectory

During our Fellowship Lunch following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 7, President-Starosta Tom Hanney gave the Congregation a "progress report," highlighting our accomplishments in the past 6 months:

- Our Church website – stnicholaseoc.org – was enhanced with a DONATE function.
- Father Bohdan visited Ukraine in January 2019 to reaffirm our Stavropigia status with Patriarch Philaret and Metropolitan Epifaniy
- Our congregation welcomed two visitors from Ukraine as part of our "outreach" efforts: Professor Sviatoslav Chokaliuk in January and interpreter, Larysa Kostur, in March.
- In January 2019, Patriarch Philaret gave our Church an icon and relics of Saint Job.
- The Church Hall was repainted, the kitchen reorganized, and two broken windows replaced.
- The Rectory will be dedicated in June 2019 to John Martin, long-time parishioner and generous benefactor, who passed away in 2016 and bequeathed his entire estate to St. Nicholas Church.
- 1st Annual Rummage Sale, organized by Colleen Philipp, scheduled for June 8.



**We still have
PIEROGIES for
sale. A perfect
Lenten meal!
\$10 / dozen**

ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Our Endowment Fund Drive is underway. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Church to ensure its future! Please pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously. **THANK YOU!**

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Apais Stanley
 Bryanna Charles, Thank you!
 Justin Best!
 Gabriel
 Rajan
 Laylah
 Cameron
 Jasmin
 - Carmela - thanks!
 - Janna!!
 - Thomas A. Ross III
 Shikarwan Ankulu
 - London St
 - Sami
 Micaiah Malochi
 Alayna Barry
 Marcus Hamby
 Madison
 Jamina
 Sweet
 Thank you for your hospitality & love.
 - Joel Gaines
 Imani S.
 Dayanna W.
 Hello Judy and Susan - Thank you for your hospitality!
 Kelli Monice
 Susan and Judy, I was such a joy to meet you and spend time at St. Nicholas. May God bless them.
 Thank you for your hospitality & love.

Judy Hanney and Susan Guz received this lovely thank-you note from the students at The City School for leading 3 separate tours of St. Nicholas Church and group discussions last month.

WANTED DURING HOLYWEEK & EASTER:

- **Everyone: Saturday, April 20**, at 9:00 AM - to clean the church, inside and outside. We will lower the chandelier and spray the crystals with cleaner, letting them drip onto a plastic drop cloth and then air-dry. Candle stands need to be cleaned and polished; wax removed from the carpet and chairs. The yard should be raked; leaves gathered and bagged; mulch spread. Eggs will be boiled and colored to give out at Easter. Please bring work gloves, rakes, shears, edgers or any other garden equipment that will beautify our grounds. **THANK YOU!**
- **Altar Boys: At all services** to assist Father Bohdan.
- **Women: Thursday night, April 25**, after services - to set up the tomb and arrange the flowers.
- **12 Men: Thursday night, April 25** – to hold pillar candles in the center of the church during the reading of the 12 Gospels. Afterwards, to roll out the tomb.
- **Young Girls: Friday and Saturday nights, April 26 & 27** – to chant and read by the tomb.
- **Everyone: Friday and Saturday nights, April 26 & 27** - to carry the Holy Cross, Holy Bible, Plaschanitza, and banners in the Procession around the church.
- **Others: Saturday night, April 27** - to stay inside the church during the Procession to light Easter vigils, change cloths to white and rearrange furniture.
- **Children, Young People & Everyone: Come to church Bright Monday, April 29!** Carry banners during the Procession to celebrate the Resurrection! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



ANALOI CANDLES LIT TODAY
for the health of
JOHN DEMCHUK, brother of
Altar Server, Tom Demchuk

ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY

In Memory of Our
Beloved Mother/Mom-Mom/Gigi
PAULINE REDMOND
July 9, 1928-April 15, 2016
on the 3rd Anniversary of Her Passing
and Beloved Father/Pop-Pop
CHARLES JOHN REDMOND
on his 94th Birthday
-Memory Eternal-
*Offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and
Jennifer and Cory Redmond*

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health and speedy recovery of our friend, Mike Shimp, offered by the Murphy Family
2. In memory of Pauline Redmond, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and Family
3. For the health of Diane Kavchok, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of and good luck wishes to our daughter/sister Anastasia Wohar who is running The Boston Marathon offered by Mom, Dad, Michael, Andrew and Amy
5. In memory of our Mother/Grandmom, Dorothy Murphy, on her birthday, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
6. In memory of my Mother/Mom-Mom/Gigi, Pauline Redmond, on the 3rd Anniversary of her passing, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
7. In memory of my Father/Pop-Pop, Charles John Redmond, on what would have been his 94th birthday, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
8. Prayers for blessings and health of my sister, Ellen Hanavin, on her birthday, Love, Barbara
9. For the health of our daughter Cassandra Elena McNulty on her successful "Silver" medal win in the Adult National Figure Skating Championship in Salt Lake City, Utah last week! Congratulations and continued success, Love, Mom and Dad!
10. For the health of Cassandra McNulty and with congratulations on her skating medal, offered by Ellen Hanavin

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/grandaughters 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., 8/1/19
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. 9/18/19
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. 5/31/19
18. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/19
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 and Bohdan, 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

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

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – ST. MARY OF EGYPT

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 5th Tone: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

CHOIR: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is Godly. Thou, O Lord, shall protect us.

CHOIR: And preserve us from this generation forever!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **(Hebrews 9:11-14)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. For Thou has said: "Mercy will be established forever, and My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

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 Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. **(Mark 10:32-45)**

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