

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, April 21, 2019

- **Friday, April 19:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 7:00 PM
- **Saturday, April 20:** LAZARUS SATURDAY
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, followed by Panikhida
Vespers, 5:00 PM & Blessing of Pussy Willows
- **Sunday, April 21:** PALM SUNDAY - Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM



The Blessed
Metropolitan Epifaniy

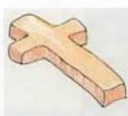


His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret

This Week's Bulletin is Sponsored By: Dawn and John
In Celebration of Our Mom's - ELLEN HANAVIN - 70th Birthday!

The Pascha Basket Tradition

The traditional Easter Basket contains many of the items on this page that are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbols with the words Christ is Risen is placed over the foods when brought to the church to be blessed. Sometimes a large Easter Bread (Paska) is brought separately wrapped in a linen cloth.



Butter

This favorite dairy product is shaped into the figure of a small cross or lamb and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.



Ham

The flesh meat popular with Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer lamb or veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats prepared in advance so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



Paska

The Easter Bread

A sweet, yeast bread. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect, or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for Christ is Risen.



Horseradish

Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bittersweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.



Bacon

A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



Salt

A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



Sausage / Kolbasi

A spicy, garlic flavored sausage made of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.



Eggs / Pysanky

Hard boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. From the intricate line technique found in Sarys and Zemplyn in Slovakia to the teardrop Lemko style. Indicative of new life and resurrection.

As we know, Lent is a time of self-denial and abstinence from meat and dairy products. As Great Lent comes to a close, the Orthodox faithful observe a colorful tradition: the ancient custom of blessing a basket of special food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. The blessing of the Easter basket has a deep liturgical, spiritual and familial meaning.

A decorated wicker basket, typically containing bread (pascha), eggs, ham, cheese, horseradish, sausage, butter and smoked bacon, is brought to church to be blessed. These foods are symbolic of Christ and the Resurrection, and they are blessed for this association.

A candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or the words "Christ Is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the church.

On Easter, the Lenten Fast is broken with the eating of the blessed food. The candle is placed in the middle of the table symbolizing Jesus as the true light who brightens the whole world through the radiance of His Holy Resurrection.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 20 – 29

Saturday, April 20	LAZARUS SATURDAY 9:00 am: SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY and lowering of chandelier 10:00 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida 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

WANTED

DURING HOLY WEEK & 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!



INVITATION TO:

ALL PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY

**You are invited to a Potato Pancake Brunch on
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 21, following
Divine Liturgy in our Church Hall.**

This is a long-standing tradition at St. Nicholas Church and we hope you will join us. We will also serve bean soup, salad and dessert.

**This year's Brunch is donated by
Ellen Hanavin and Dawn Healey in Memory
of their beloved parents/grandparents
EMIL & HELEN LEVCHENCO**



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

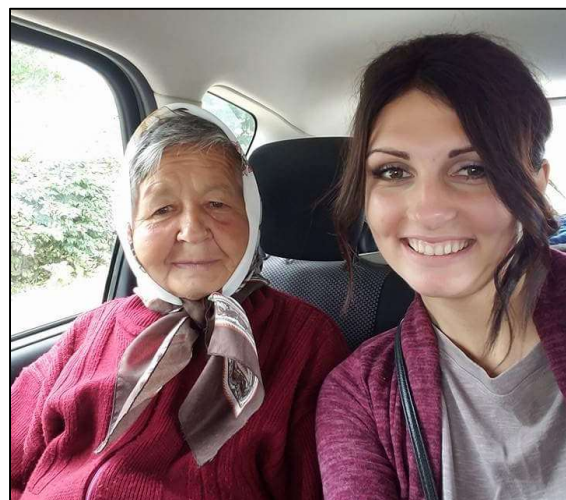
Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, April 14, 2019 Mark 10:32-45

In today's Scripture reading, Jesus talked to his disciples and foretold things that would happen to Him: His entrance into Jerusalem -- that we celebrate next Sunday, Palm Sunday -- His crucifixion, His resurrection. The disciples responded that they wanted to be part of His glory, that they were qualified, they were ready. They were not was Jesus' response, and that was a great surprise to the disciples. It is not enough to be book smart, or recite Bible verses by heart. As Jesus told his disciples -- those men who were the closest to Him, hanging on His every word, witnessing the miracles, following Him -- even THEY, the disciples, did NOT possess the qualifications to sit on either side of Jesus and be guaranteed a reward in Heaven. And they were stunned and greatly disappointed to learn this. But Jesus taught them a great lesson -- and for us a lesson in life -- and a lesson in faith: He said: "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...." Jesus teaches us that we must serve others in order to lead. And being a good leader is a measure of greatness. So, do not crave power and attention. Do not look for worship and adulation. Do not even wait for someone to say THANK YOU to you. Serve for the glory of serving. For, as Jesus taught his disciples -- AND US -- we now know what it takes to be great. AMEN.



Analoi Candles Lit Today in Memory of
Newly-Departed
ANNA HAPIUK
Beloved Grandmother
-MEMORY ETERNAL-

Offered by Tetiana, Michael and David Kuchmiak



On Sunday, April 14, the Kuchmiak Family prepared a
Lenten memorial lunch for their newly-departed
beloved Grandmother, Anna Hapiuk.





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

Safeguarding Our Historic Church Records

The Church Council knows how important it is to protect our historic records: documents like the original Deed, recorded November 23, 1917, from the Second Dutch Reformed Church to Peter Solovey, for the purchase of our church building and land for \$23,900.00, to an original copy of our By-Laws. It took a year, but we finally finished going through the many random files in the office to extract important Church records – and these corporate church documents are now in a Safe Deposit Box in Wells Fargo Bank. An inventory list of the box will be kept in the Church Office.

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!



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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Susan Guz, Vice-President
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Two Athletes Win Two Medals! Congratulations, Cassandra and Bohdana!

Cassandra Elena McNulty

won the Silver Medal
in the Adult National
Figure Skating
Championship that
took place in
Salt Lake City,
Utah, April 3-6.



Bohdana Zhoba, a junior and track team member at Haddon Heights High School, won a medal in the 4x400 Relay event against West Deptford, on April 13.

SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

*Altar Candles Lit Today in Honor of
Ellen Hanavin
on her 70th Birthday
Offered with Love, from her Children, Dawn and John
Mnohaya Lita!*



SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health and speedy recovery of our friend, Mike Shimp, offered by the Murphy Family
2. For the health of Bohdana Zhoba and with congratulations on your track team medal and getting your driver's license! Drive safely!
3. For the health of Cassandra McNulty and with congratulations on your National Figure Skating Championship Silver Medal, offered by Susan Guz
4. In memory of the newly-departed Anna Hapiuk, beloved "Baba" to Tetiana, Michael and David Kuchmiak. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
5. For the health of my mom on her 70th Birthday. God grant you many, many more years! Love, Dawn and Ron xoxo
6. For the health of our granddaughter, Adalee, on her 8th Birthday, Love Mimi and Pop xoxo
7. For the health of our grandson, Weston, on his 4th Birthday, Love Mimi and Pop xoxo
8. For the health of Lisa Shipley on her birthday, Love Dawn and Ron xoxo
9. For the health of George Latsios, on his birthday, Love Tom, Judy and Family
10. For the health of Goddaughter, Vladaslava Radziuk, on her birthday, Love, Judy, Tom and Family
11. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, on her special birthday, Love Tom, Judy and Family
12. For the health of George Latsios on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
13. For the health of Ellen Hanavin on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
14. For the health of Ellen Hanavin on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
15. In memory of the newly-departed Anna Hapiuk, beloved grandmother/great-grandmother of Tetiana, Michael and David Kuchmiak, offered by the Latsios Family
16. In memory of the newly-departed Anna Hapiuk, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and Family
17. For the health of George Latsios on his birthday, offered by Ellen and Phil Hanavin
18. For the health of my brother-in-law, Bob Marozzi, on his birthday, Love Ellen and Phil
19. In memory of the newly-departed Anna Hapiuk, 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/granddaughters 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, Bohdan and newly-departed Anna, 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 21

PALM SUNDAY – THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

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 Philippians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. **(Phil 4:4-9)**

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 from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always. Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. **(John 12:1-18)**

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