

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, August 11, 2019

- Sunday, August 11: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM & Panikhida
- Sunday, August 18: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM & Blessing of Fruit
- Sunday, August 25: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, September 1: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM



The Blessed
Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness
Patriarch Daniel

The Baptism of David Boico



On a very hot Saturday afternoon, August 3, 2019, one-year-old David Boico was baptized by Father Bohdan.

Congratulations to Parents Ruslan and Ina Boico and Godparents Vitalie Alexa and Yulia Homenco.

(This was Father Bohdan's 21st Baptism in St. Nicholas Church since his arrival in 2016.)



"The servant of God, David, is baptized in the name of the Father. And of the Son. And of the Holy Spirit, Amen."

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**On Sunday,
August 4, 2019,
after Divine Liturgy,
Father Bohdan
drove to Dover,
Delaware
to bless the home of
Church members
Grigory Skornyakov
and Alina Vietskaya
-- and then gave the
couple a special
blessing with
Holy Oil as they
prepare for the
arrival of their
first child.**





Message from Barbara Latsios, *President of St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church Sisterhood of the Protection (Pokrova) of the Theotokos*

The Annual Sisterhood Dinner this year will be on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**, immediately following Liturgy.

The cost is \$25.00 per adult and as always, there is no charge for children up to 17. The Sisterhood is open to all women at St. Nicholas and the money we raise is used to make small purchases for our Clergy and Choir. This year Father Bohdan has asked the Sisterhood to make a small donation to the

“Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy” in Lutsk, Ukraine where children have little to work with. To supplement the donation we thought we would ask all parishioners to bring in school supplies, i.e., paper, pencils, crayons, new or gently used children’s books and or gloves, mittens, scarfs, and/or gently used clothing that we will collect and send to Ukraine with our monetary gift.



Sisterhood Officers:
Diane Kavchok, Vicki Borriello, Barbara Latsios, Ellen Hanavin

Please look for a donation box in our “Firebird Hall” to place your donation. I ask that all parishioners plan to attend this annual event where you will have a full course dinner and an afternoon of fellowship at the Church. Please feel free to purchase your tickets from now until October 3. Please see Diane Kavchok, Judy Hanney or Barbara Latsios for reservations.

Barbara Latsios,
President





Dear Parishioners:

Weekly offering envelopes for the Church Year September 2019 to August 2020 are ready for pick-up in the Church Office.

Members: Your boxes are marked with your names.

Other Parishioners: Please let Diane Kavchok -- kavchokd@aol.com -- know if you want a box of envelopes assigned to you as we have extra available.

Advantages to using envelopes:

- We keep track of your donations and at tax time, Diane can provide you with an accurate accounting of your tax-deductible contribution to the Church.
- Included in the box of envelopes are envelopes for specific events/needs, e.g., Sunday School Offering, Patron Saint, Christmas, Easter, Air Conditioning...gentle reminders that your Church can always use your generous additional help.

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stnicholaseoc.org

- Click the DONATE tab at the bottom of the home page.
- Choose the Fund you wish to support
(Benevolent Fund, Building Fund, Choir Fund, Endowment Fund or Operating Fund. You can even pay your Annual Membership Dues online).
- Your contribution is automatically deposited into the Church’s bank account - and you will be emailed a receipt.

Simple, easy....and greatly appreciated!



The Holy Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ is Monday, August 19, but Father Bohdan will bless fruit on **Sunday, August 18**, following Divine Liturgy. The fruit is symbolic of all creation being renewed and transfigured by God's grace. So bring your grapes, apples, bananas...and share the blessed fruit after Divine Liturgy.



SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of the generous Benefactor whose gift supports our Patriarchal Choir and Director, offered by Father Bohdan
2. In Memory of the newly-departed Boris Hunchak, offered by Dawn and Ron Healey
3. For the health of the Hunchak and Kariouk Families, offered by Dawn and Ron Healey
4. For the health of Vera Ogrodnek on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
5. In Memory of Boris Hunchak, offered by the McMonigle Family
6. For the health of Vera Ogrodnek on her birthday, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and Family
7. For the health of Dawn Healey and a speedy recovery, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney and Family
8. For the health of Dawn and a speedy recovery, Love, Mom and Dad

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., 8/1/20
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. 5/31/20
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
24. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. Exp. 5/1/20
25. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, offered by Era Carter. Exp. 6/1/20

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

Father Bohdan's Sermon
Sunday, August 4, 2019
Matthew 9:27-35

In today's Scripture reading, Jesus had a very busy day: He gave sight to two blind men; He enabled a mute man to speak; and He cast out demons! Although He told the blind men not to speak to anyone about the miracle, the men disobeyed Him. Full of joy about the healing, the men immediately spread the news to everyone that Jesus was the Messiah! Whereas the multitudes were amazed by Jesus' unique power, the self-important and resentful Pharisees thought the opposite. In their eyes, Jesus could do nothing right. Matthew writes in Verse 34 that the Pharisees said the only reason Jesus could cast out the demons was because He was Satan himself! Let this verse be a reminder that to the arrogant and self-righteous, proof of the good works you do does not matter. Look at Jesus...He performed a remarkable series of miracles. You would think that no one would be angry with Him when they witnessed the Lord's wonderful works. NOT SO! The Pharisees questioned, debated, and ridiculed Jesus even though they saw people being healed and lives changed right in front of them. Their scorn and disbelief were based not on insufficient evidence but on their jealousy of Jesus. Yet, as we know, their jealousy did not stop Jesus from performing miracles. And so it should be with us. If your heart is pure and your intentions are good, do not be stopped by the jealousy of others. AMEN.



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
4. In Memory of Olga Zuzulock
5. Anna Kuliasha

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

CHURCH CALENDAR 2019

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	NORTHERN LIBERTIES POP-UP FESTIVAL, from 12:00 noon-6:00 pm, rain or shine! Vendors, live music, food trucks (including our own St. Nicholas Pierogi & Blintzes stand!) On our south lawn!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13	SISTERHOOD OF THE PROTECTION (POKROVA) OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS LUNCH, following Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3	ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCH, following Divine Liturgy



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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone:

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

CHOIR: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people!

CHOIR: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. 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. **(1 Corinthians 1:10-18)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! 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 from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. **(Matthew 14:14-22)**

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

Our Changing Neighborhood

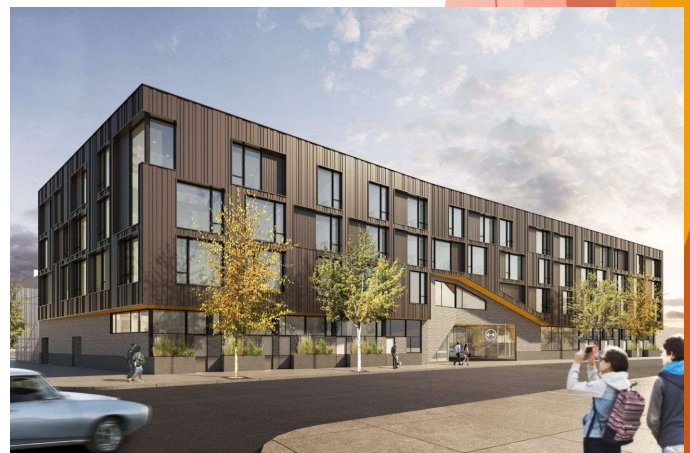
What happens in our neighborhood affects St. Nicholas Church...and our Northern Liberties neighborhood continues to improve. As more and more millennials move here, industrial buildings disappear and residential redevelopment surges. ***And in the center stands our beautiful 165-year-old St. Nicholas Church building, with its majestic white pillars and massive wood front doors -- that are always open and welcoming everyone to worship with us!***



Similarly, groundbreaking started this week in the lot adjacent to Target and Yards on 5th Street between Callowhill and Spring Garden. Construction will soon follow on a new 30-unit apartment and retail building. The artist rendering is to the right.



This week, a long-standing eyesore was demolished: the abandoned one-story brick building on the corner of 6th and Brown Streets will make way for a new 35-unit apartment building, with retail shops on the ground floor. Above is an artist rendering of the future building.



The architects of these new buildings were praised in the news for designing the new apartment buildings with an industrial look -- ***“a nice tribute to the industrial history of this neighborhood.”***

Greetings from Greece



Theotokos of the
Life-Giving Spring
(Zoodochos Pigi)
Orthodox Cathedral
Church
Alefkandra Square,
Mykonos Island,
Greece (circa 1667)
Father George
Stalimeros, Rector



Church members, Cassandra and Ray McNulty, are currently traveling in Greece and visited Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Orthodox Cathedral Church on Mykonos Island. They met the rector, Father George Stalimeros, showed him pictures of St. Nicholas Church and he said, "*Beautiful!*" Father George asked Father Bohdan to bless him and his parishioners during Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

Thank you, Cassandra and Ray, for thinking of us during your holiday!

Cassandra's parents, Barbara and George Latsios, will join them in Greece tomorrow.

Prayers for everyone's safe travels!





ATTENTION: Food Prep Team for the PIEROGI FESTIVAL
FROM: Judy Hanney, *Pierogi Festival Team Leader*

This year, due to the success of our Church Hall being booked, we have limited days on which to make our pierogis and roll our helupki. Please note the dates below that are available for our use and mark your calendars. We are locked into them!

- **September 27, 28 & 29**
- **October 4, 5 & 6**
- **October 18, 19 & 20**
- **October 27**
- **November 1**

Friday evenings, we make the filling for the pierogi, and the start time is 6:00 PM or as soon as you can arrive after work. On Saturdays, the start time is 8:00 AM and we end at approximately 1:00 PM. And on Sundays, we roll, pinch and freeze immediately following Divine Liturgy!

Sunday, October 27, will be for final prep work, such as filling the sour cream and cherry containers (our St. Nicholas Youth did a great job doing this last year), cleaning and setting up sterno dishes, trays, crock pots, etc. Friday, November 1, is for last-minute prep and set up.

We need to make 8,000 pierogis. We need everyone to help! Onions will be available for pick up on September 8. They need to be sautéed and placed in the freezer bags (to be provided). Also, Colleen and I will be steaming cabbage on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 AM (after rush hour), beginning after Labor Day. We ask those who can to join us! We need to make 1,000 helupki. For those making soups, please pick up your containers. The freezers are ready! :)

Any questions, please contact Judy Hanney, 856-783-6078 or tjahanney@yahoo.com. **THANK YOU!**

*Come to the Pop-Up Festival on Saturday, September 7:
A fundraising event for St. Nicholas Church!*

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2019

Philadelphia's

POP-UP NORTHERN LIBERTIES FESTIVAL

12pm-6pm

**FREE
ADMISSION**

*Outdoors
on our Church
Grounds*

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VENDORS**

*including our own
St. Nicholas Pierogi
& Blintz Stand*

Food Trucks, Live Music, Kids Bouncy and Karaoke

