

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, August 18, 2019

- 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
- Sunday, September 8: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM & Panikhida

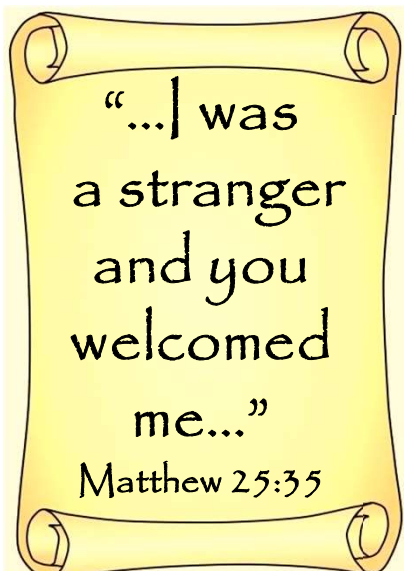


The Blessed
Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret

Did you notice several new faces in Church on Sunday, August 4? Father Bohdan did. He immediately made their acquaintance after Divine Liturgy and welcomed them to St. Nicholas Church. Father Bohdan then received this lovely email from the "strangers."



Very Reverend Bohdan,

Greetings! Thank you for welcoming myself, my wife, and my daughter Natalia, into your Church last week. We had a great time talking with you...If you are ever in the Northwest Indiana area, please let us know. Have a great week! Thank you again for everything!

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The lesson is that you – we – are all good will ambassadors for our Church. If you see a stranger on Sunday morning, go over and say hello. Welcome them to our parish! And this past Sunday, August 11, first-time visitors to St. Nicholas Church included: Larisa Platt (mother of member Gregory Skornyakov); her close friend, Lena Wiland; and John Sobchak's Godson, Gregory, his brother Billy, and their parents who were visiting from Detroit.

Daniel Urbanovich Is Baptized By Father Bohdan on Sunday, August 11, 2019



Congratulations to Parents, Igor Urbanovich and Kiryk Krystsina and Godparents, Uladzimir Kurtsevich and Anastasiya Shotsik.

Saint Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, 817 North 7th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123
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**Photos from
the Baptism
of infant
Daniel
Urbanovich
on
Sunday,
August 11,
2019**



**Two-week-old
Daniel was born
on
July 23, 2019,
in Philadelphia.**





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



Saint Susanna

On Sunday, September 1, a new icon will be blessed. Some time ago, Father Bohdan noted the absence of an important saint in our Sanctuary: Saint Susanna. So, a large icon was commissioned by a renowned iconographer in Moscow, made possible by a generous anonymous donation. It took months to complete, but finally the beautiful icon, with gold veneer, arrived at JFK Airport after a long flight from Moscow last week. The Saint Susanna icon will be blessed by Father Bohdan and Father Oleksii (our visiting priest from Ukraine) on Sunday, September 1.

Calling all Susans! We have invited Susan Leon and Susan Lis (long-time members of our Church at one time), Susan Isaac, Susie Sobchak and Susan Guz for a special blessing on this day. If you know of any other Susans, please invite them to St. Nicholas Church on September 1.



Welcome, Visiting Priest, Father Oleksii Kacharai

Father Oleksii Kacharai and his family arrive in Philadelphia from western Ukraine later this month. With the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, Father Oleksii will serve with Father Bohdan during Divine Liturgy, starting Sunday, August 25, and continuing every Sunday thereafter until Father Oleksii is placed in his own parish in the United States. Father Oleksii speaks only Ukrainian, so he will be available to serve a Moleben after Divine Liturgy in Slavonic and Ukrainian. Father Oleksii, his wife Oksana, and young adult son, Yaroslav, will reside with their family in Northeast Philadelphia.



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. For the health of newborn Laura Maria and parents Natalia and Roberto Fiocco, from "uncle" Father Bohdan
3. For the health of my brother-in-law/uncle, Michael Niehoff, on his birthday, Love, Gail and Family
4. For the health of Dawn Healey and a successful surgery, 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 11, 2019 - Matthew 14:14-22

Today's Scripture reading is about another miracle Jesus performed and one that has been told to us often: Jesus feeds 5,000 people with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. How was this possible? In God's kingdom there is enough of everything for everyone. In our daily lives, Jesus always seems to be asking more of us than we have to give -- as spouses, as parents, as students, as workers, as a congregation...and on and on. He calls on us to love, even when love is difficult; to forgive, even when we have been badly wronged; to hold fast and firm to our principles, even when it means standing alone.



And those things are not easy to do. After all, we are not Jesus, and our powers are limited. We have only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish! But God's abundance is right here, right now, with us all the time! Even though we think we don't have enough -- enough strength, enough faith, enough energy, enough love -- God will give us what we need when we need it. Always think of the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish feeding 5,000 people! The disciple Matthew counsels us in Chapter 6: Do not be anxious saying what shall we eat? what shall we drink? what shall we wear? Your heavenly Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and all these things shall be yours." **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
 Downtontown, PA 19335
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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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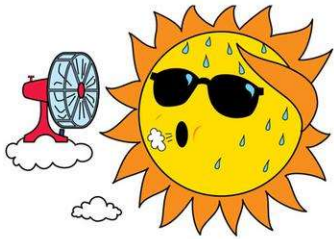
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☞ MEMORY ETERNAL ☛

We received a call in the Church Office from Brian Donnelly Funeral Home in Gloucester City, NJ last week. A fatal car/pedestrian accident had taken place on Saturday, August 3, as 68-year-old MARIYA GRECHKO tried to cross White Horse Pike in Galloway, NJ. The family was requesting an Orthodox priest for the Panikhida. One week after the tragic accident, on Saturday, August 10, Father Bohdan consoled the family and prayed the Panikhida in Ukrainian and English at the Funeral Home. He is pictured here with Mariya's granddaughter, Elizabeth, and friend, Thomas.



Father Bohdan wants to make it comfortable for our parishioners to worship during the **HOT** summer months....so he has a mission: install central air-conditioning in the Sanctuary. After all, this IS the 21st Century, and new technology makes it possible to cool efficiently. The Council is getting multiple quotes now from HVAC contractors.



THIS - and other important Church issues - will be discussed at our **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** on **Sunday, September 28, 2019**. Come and hear about all the exciting projects in the works. Our Council President, Tom Hanney, will give us a full report!



Father Bohdan's sister, Natalia, gave birth to a daughter, Laura Maria, on August 13, 2019, in Rome, Italy, where she lives with her husband, Roberto. Congratulations to the Fiocco Family!



THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

CHOIR: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah God is known. His Name is great in Israel! Pray and make your vows.

CHOIR: Before the Lord our God!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. **(1 Corinthians 3:9-17)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

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. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. **(Matthew 14:22-34)**

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

KIDS BOUNCE | FOOD | MUSIC | VENDORS | BEER GARDEN

PHILADELPHIA'S

POP-UP

Outdoors
on our
Church
Grounds

NORTHERN LIBERTIES

FESTIVAL

12PM-6PM

Northern Liberties Event Park

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SEPTEMBER

including our
own
St. Nicholas
Pierogi &
Blintz Stand

7th 2019

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for
St. Nicholas
Church

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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!**

