

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, August 25, 2019

- Sunday, August 25: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM & Blessing of Flowers
- Sunday, September 1: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, September 8: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM & Panikhida
- Sunday, September 15: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM



The Blessed
Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret

On Sunday, August 18, Father Bohdan greeted the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration with the ancient tradition of blessing fruit. The fruit is symbolic of all creation being renewed and transfigured by God's grace. Our tables were laden with beautiful baskets and bowls of grapes, apples, peaches...and we shared the blessed fruit after Divine Liturgy. On Sunday, August 25, flowers and herbs will be blessed, continuing another tradition associated with the commemoration of the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.



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Imagery from the Blessing of Fruit
on Sunday, August 18, 2019





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A Beautiful Portrait of
The Kuchmiak Family
Tetiana, Michael and David



Recently, our extensive ICON collection was relocated to our church entrance – and since then, interest (and sales) have soared!



Appreciation is extended to Very Reverend Borys Tabachek, Rector of Saint Volodymyr Patriarchal Cathedral in Kiev, Ukraine, who sent a large assortment of icons to St. Nicholas Church from the Cathedral. These particular icons are now for sale and are displayed on the showcase in the vestibule.



**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 Church 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.

The Sisterhood
SCHOOL
SUPPLIES DRIVE
now until Oct. 3



Barbara Latsios,
President

Annual Parish Meeting

Come and hear about all the exciting projects accomplished – and planned – for our beloved St. Nicholas Church. **Sunday, September 28, 2019, following Divine Liturgy in our Church Hall.** Our Council President, Tom Hanney, will give a full report!

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.



HOSPITAL VISIT

On a moment's notice, Father Bohdan was called to University of Pennsylvania Hospital early Saturday morning, August 17, to visit Phil Hanavin's sister: HELEN NORTON. Father Bohdan prayed for her health and blessed her with Holy Oil and Holy Water. Please keep Helen in your prayers, too.

Welcome, Visiting Priest, Father Oleksii Kacharai

Father Oleksii Kacharai and his family arrived in Philadelphia from western Ukraine this week.

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.



If you prefer a more "21st Century" method of giving:

Simply go to our Church website

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!

SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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



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 Dawn Healey and a successful surgery, Love, Mom and Dad
3. For the health of George and Barbara on their wedding anniversary, Love Tom and Judy
4. For the health of George and Barbara on their wedding anniversary, Love Ellen and Phil

ANNUAL VIGILS

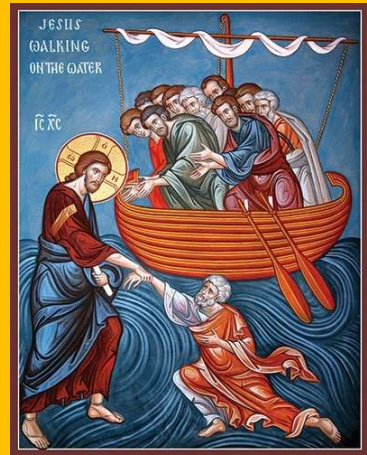
1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/19
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/19
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by 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



Father Bohdan gives his sermon on Sunday, August 18.

Father Bohdan's Sermon Sunday, August 18, 2019 - Matthew 14:22-34

In today's Scripture reading, Jesus walks on water – as does His disciple Peter. Peter left the security of his boat and stepped into the stormy sea. Peter's walk was a test of his faith. We should all be like Peter. Our faith needs to be tested often. And we all need to make our faith stronger. But how? The answer is: get out of the boat....just like Peter did!



Let's look at the Scripture reading as a parable: The raging water of the sea is life in the world. It takes courage to leave our houses in the morning to brave this chaotic, crazy world! When we go out into the world, we step into the water -- and when we do, we can either sink, swim or – in Peter's case – walk on the water. I repeat: Every day, we either sink or swim – or we can keep our eyes on Jesus and walk on water. And if we get distracted, desperate, overwhelmed, confused, anxious or afraid and we begin to sink – like Peter did – call out to Jesus – also like Peter did. He cried out: "LORD, SAVE ME!" Calling out to our Lord is good because that is where our faith should be: in our Lord. 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:
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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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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

CHOIR: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

READER: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye Righteous! Praise befits the just! Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

CHOIR: As we have set our hope on Thee.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me. **(1 Corinthians 4:9-16)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: God gives vengeance unto me and subdues people under me!
He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully with Christ, with David and his seed forever.

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 they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful. **(Matthew 17:14-23)**

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

267.505.0287

SEPTEMBER

including our
own
St. Nicholas
Pierogi &
Blintz Stand

7th 2019

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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!**

