



# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

## Bulletin for Sunday, February 10, 2019

- Saturday, February 9: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 10: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, followed by Panikhida
- Saturday, February 16: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 17: Divine, Liturgy, 9:30 AM



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

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in Honor of Philip Hanavin on his 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday*



**Congratulations to the  
Blessed Epifaniy  
Metropolitan of the  
Orthodox Church of  
Ukraine**

Metropolitan Epifaniy was officially enthroned -- in a packed St. Sophia's Cathedral in Kyiv -- on February 3 as the leader of the new Orthodox Church of Ukraine. Priests, bishops, politicians, officials and a massive crowd of faithful well-wishes came out to greet Metropolitan Epifaniy. President Petro Poroshenko attended as well. As people waited, others brought bouquets of flowers, and all came to pay their respects to the man who has become a symbol of Ukraine's independence. Metropolitan Epifaniy also celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 3.



Ukraine's Presidential Press Service (video grab)

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*Divine Liturgy Imagery - St. Nicholas Church - Sunday, February 3, 2019*



*40<sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida for Newly-Departed Helen Sameruck*





The family of Helen Sameruck kept a meaningful, ancient tradition for their mother/grandmother's 40<sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida on Sunday, February 3. They prepared KUTIA – or KOLIVA -- for everyone. During Panikhidas, bread is offered with a lighted candle, along with kutia.

Kutia is a sweet dessert made from boiled wheat berries, honey, raisins, poppy seed and nuts. There are many variations on the recipe. But how does Kutia fit into prayers for the departed? In John's Gospel we find this quote, "Christ said, 'Unless a wheat grain falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.'" So the kutia represents Resurrection. Keeping the tradition of kutia is a learned custom and one that should not be forgotten just because of the fast pace of our lives today. I urge families to make their own kutia for their next family Panikhida.



*Parishioners gathered in the Church Hall following Divine Liturgy for a memorial luncheon in memory of Helen Sameruck.*





**THE RESPONSE FOR DONATIONS FOR THE NEW CHALICE COVERS WAS IMMEDIATE, GENEROUS AND IMPRESSIVE! THANK YOU TO:**

1. Philip Hanavin in Memory of Parents James & Helen Hanavin
2. Philip Hanavin in Memory of Margaret Hanavin and James Hanavin
3. Ellen Hanavin in Memory of Parents Emil & Helen Levchenko
4. Judy & Tom Hanney in Memory of Helen Sameruck
5. Judy & Tom Hanney in Memory of Stephen Sameruck
6. Judy & Tom Hanney in Memory of Stephen Michael Sameruck
7. Judy & Tom Hanney in Memory of Carol Irene Kauriga
8. In memory of Nusia Peel

All chalice sets are now spoken for. The covers will be blessed when the inscription tags are fabricated and sewn on the back.

**Father Bohdan's Sermon - Sunday, February 3, 2019**

We just had the 40th day Panikhida for Helen Sameruck. How many of you know why we have Panikhidas for the newly-departed on the 3rd day, the 9th day, the 40th day after passing and on the 1st anniversary of the death of our loved one? Prayers on the 3rd day represent Christ's death and Resurrection on the 3rd day – and also the Holy Trinity. Prayers on the 9th day represent the 9 classes of Holy Angels, starting with the Cherubim and Seraphim and descending to the archangels and angels. It is the angel that accompanies the soul and protects it from the devil.

Memorial prayers on the 40th day after passing is considered to be the most important day of commemoration as we Orthodox Christians believe that the soul of the departed leaves the Earth and ascends into Heaven on the 40th day. We also offer a Panikhida every year on the anniversary of a loved one's death, celebrating their "birthday" into life eternal.

So today on the 40th day after her passing, we remember a great lady and faithful parishioner: Helen Sameruck, and we pray for the repose of her soul. Memory Eternal.

***CONFESSION will be heard every SATURDAY at 5:00 PM at Vespers and every SUNDAY at 9:00 AM before Divine Liturgy.***

- **Panikhidas** - will be served the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please submit the names of your departed loved ones by the Sunday before at the Candle Room. Cost: \$8 (for any number of names).
- **Altar Candles** (16 candles lit) and **Analoï Candles** (11 candles lit) are available for purchase in the Candle Room in special memory of - or for the health of - your loved ones. Altar Candles: \$35 Analoï Candles: \$25





*On Sunday, February 3, Father Bohdan blessed the second set of vestments he brought back from Ukraine.*

## THE COLOR OF VESTMENTS FOR DIVINE SERVICES

**WHITE:** The Feasts of the Nativity of Christ; Theophany; Ascension; Transfiguration; and the beginning of the Paschal celebration (through the completion of Paschal Matins); all funerals and services commemorating the departed outside the period of Great Lent

**RED:** The Feast of Holy Pascha; the Feasts commemorating Holy Martyrs

**VIOLET / PURPLE:** The Feasts of the Holy Cross of the Lord; the Saturdays and Sundays of Great Lent; all services of the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

**GOLD / YELLOW:** All other Feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ; days commemorating the Prophets, Apostles, Holy Heirarchs; all Sunday (Resurrection) services outside the period of Great Lent; all regular daily services

**GREEN:** The Feast of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday); the Feast of Pentecost

**BLUE:** All Feasts honoring the Most Holy Theotokos

**BLACK:** Weekdays during Great Lent; funerals during Great Lent



Greg Zhoba



Greg Zhoba



Father Bohdan's son, Greg Zhoba, a Sophomore at Florida State University Tallahassee (FSU) celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday on February 7. Mnohaya Lita! Greg and the FSU Rugby Team – the Seminoles -- recently traveled to North Miami on February 2 to dominate the University of Miami Hurricanes, 87-5!

# SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of the Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy
2. For the health of our Granddaughter, Gia, on her 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
3. In memory of Helen Marx, from the Borriello Family
4. For the health of Phil on his Birthday, Love Ellen
5. For the health of Marcia O'Connor on her birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin
6. In memory of Helen Sameruck on her birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin
7. In memory of Helen Horbacz and Sophie Gamble on their birthdays, offered by Ellen Hanavin
8. For the health of my dad, Philip Hanavin, on his birthday, Love Ron and Dawn xxoo
9. For the health of Marcia O'Connor on her birthday, Love Dawn and Ron
10. In memory of Helen Sameruck on her birthday, Love Dawn and Ron
11. In memory of Helen Trenchevski, offered with love, Diane and Family
12. For the health of my Granddaughter, Samantha Osborn, on her 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Love Grandmom
13. For the health of Marcia O'Connor on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
14. In memory of newly-departed Helen Sameruck on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
15. For the health of Olga Zuzulock, offered by Susan Guz
16. For the health of Deacon Daniel's brother, Arnaldo, offered by Susan Guz
17. In memory of mother (great) grandmother, Helen Sameruck, on her Valentine's Day birthday, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
18. For the health of Marcia O'Connor on her birthday, Love, Tom and Judy

## PERPETUAL 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. 4/19/19
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 his 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. 12/31/18
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

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# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

## 37<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Timothy.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Amen. **(1 Timothy 4:9-15)**

**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 Luke.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. **(Luke 19:1-10)**

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