

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, February 17, 2019

- Saturday, February 16: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 17: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Saturday, February 23: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 24: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM; Moleben in Ukrainian, 11:00 AM



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

Thinking About Easter... in February!



It is not too early to think about Easter, Sunday, April 28! Next month, we will start our preparations when Great Lent begins.

GREAT LENT: Begins **Monday, March 11**. During lent, there are 3 simple things to do: pray, fast and give alms. "Giving alms" means a charitable gift. Consider donating new white vestments to be worn by our Clergy on Easter. We are requesting a \$300 donation for Father Bohdan's vestments and a \$150 donation for Deacon Daniel's vestments. Thank you.

SOUL SATURDAYS: In addition to Panikhidas for individuals, there are also several days during the year that are set aside as special general commemorations of the dead, when all departed Orthodox Christians will be prayed for together (this is especially to benefit those who have no one on earth to pray for them). The majority of these general commemorations fall on the various SOUL SATURDAYS. During Great Lent, Soul Saturdays will be **March 23, 30 and April 6**. The Divine Liturgy service will begin at 9:30 AM, followed by the Panikhida. Please leave the names of your beloved departed and your donation (we are requesting a \$25 donation) in the Candle Room for these special Panikhidas. We have on file the names submitted by parishioners last year, and the list is in the Candle Room. Please double check your names when you leave your donation. Bread and koliva will be offered during these Panikhidas.

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES: Will be Friday, March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12 and 19 at 7:00 PM.

CONFESSIONS: Father Bohdan will hear confessions on **Fridays** before Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (at 6:30 pm); **Saturdays** before Liturgy (at 9:00 am); and **Saturdays** during Vespers (at 5:00 pm).

An image from the internet of tables laden with koliva prepared for a Soul Saturday Panikhida.



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Sunday Moleben Services in Ukrainian Begin Sunday, February 24, at 11:00 AM

Father Bohdan is responding to numerous requests for church services in Ukrainian by instituting a weekly Moleben on Sundays, following Divine Liturgy and the veneration of the Holy Cross. The half-hour Moleben service will begin at approximately 11:00 AM.
WELCOME, Everyone!



Left to right: Vicki Borriello, Renee Murphy, Gail Osborn, Matt Murphy, Frank Murphy

*Members of the
Murphy, Osborn
and Borriello
Families all pitched
in to prepare and
serve a tasty
fellowship lunch
on Sunday,
February 10,
following the
Panikhidas for their
beloved departed
family members.
Thank you for the
delicious orzo soup,
ziti, salad and
dessert!*





The St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir Embraces 21st Century Technology

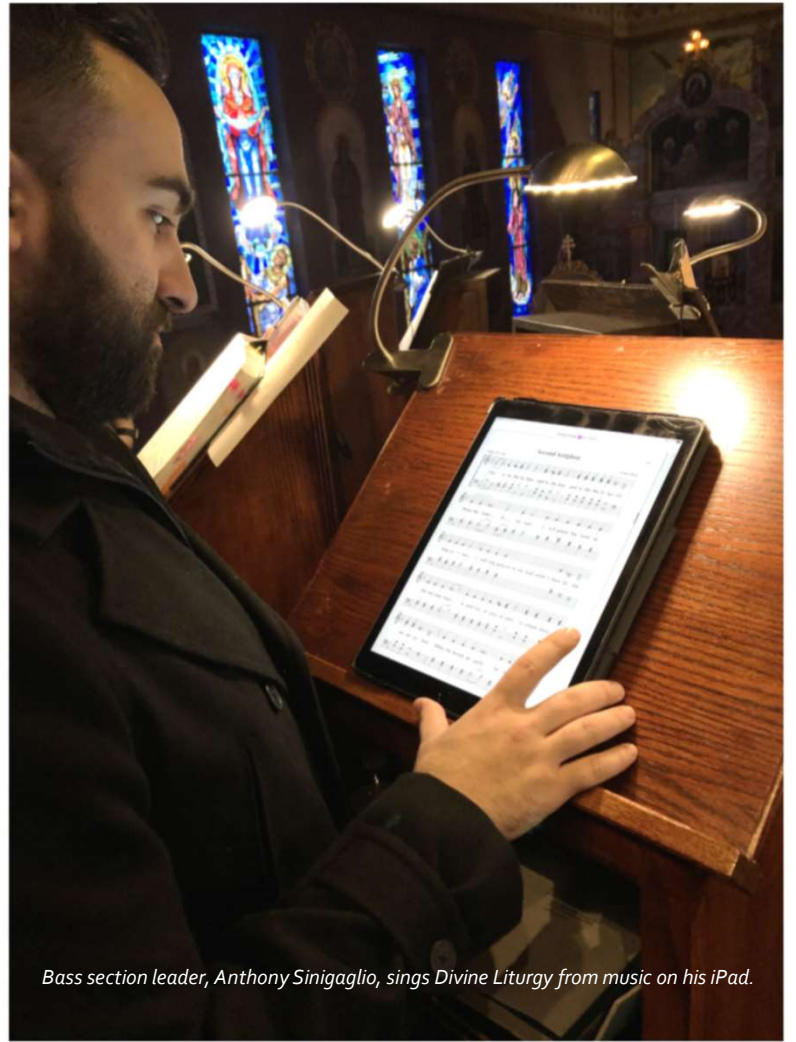
Anyone in the music field knows the Patelson Music House, a store on 56th Street in Manhattan, in back of Carnegie Hall, where every aspiring and professional musician went to buy music -- from pedagogical books to orchestra scores to pop sheet music.

But Patelson closed its doors in 2009 after being a vital – storefront -- source of music for 70 years. The store was a casualty of the computer age because music can now be bought and downloaded much more economically from the internet.

A similar situation has occurred at St. Nicholas Church. Open a closet, store room or a file cabinet in our Church, and you will undoubtedly stumble upon mounds of choir music – randomly stuffed in folders, some in binders, none of it organized. But with the arrival of Paul Kauriga, our Patriarchal Choir Director and with the assistance of Anthony Sinigaglio, bass section leader, the vocal music has been methodically scanned, organized and will eventually be read by all members on their iPads. Anthony is already “computerized.”

Paul communicates with the Choir members by email every week to prepare for Divine Liturgy. Music for the following Sunday service is “dropped” into the members’ DROP BOX so they can practice special Troparions beforehand. Music can be retrieved as easily as finding a Word document on your personal laptop.

Now, in addition to their beautiful voices, the Choir is on its way to being super-efficient! Thanks to the efforts of Paul and Anthony, the Choir will be 100% digitized soon.



Bass section leader, Anthony Sinigaglio, sings Divine Liturgy from music on his iPad.



On Sunday, February 17, following Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join your fellow parishioners for a family-style lunch at YARDS RESTAURANT (corner of 5th Street and Spring Garden), walking distance from the Church. For the past two years, YARDS has donated their brand, their time and supplies to support our Pierogi Festival, and our patronage will show our appreciation. Everyone will pay for his own lunch, but it will be fun to eat in a new venue....a hip, trendy eatery in our Northern Liberties neighborhood. Visit the YARDS website to check out their lunch menu beforehand. Enjoy everything from "Duck Nachos" to a "Sloppy Vegan!"

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 2nd 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





Clergy and the Church Council pose for a photo in the sanctuary prior to commencement of the Council's Budget Meeting on Sunday, February 10.

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, February 10, 2019 - Luke 19:1-10

“TODAY SALVATION HAS COME TO THIS HOUSE.” These are the words Jesus spoke to the tax collector and the crowd in our Scripture reading today. The crowd was angry with Jesus. How could He even think of staying at the house of Zacchaeus, the evil tax collector, hated by the community, hated by all. Jesus chose to be the guest of this sinner! But even the sinner is not ALL bad! Zacchaeus told Jesus that half of all he had, he gave to the poor. Zacchaeus felt compelled to let Jesus know this -- perhaps because Jesus showed him compassion when others did not. Yes, by His actions, Jesus showed the crowd – and showed us -- God's grace, mercy and love. This Scripture reading is a good reminder for me to tell you that now is the season to bless your homes. Blessing homes with Holy Water restores the sanctity – the spiritual protection – of your house and all those who live in it. By embracing this beautiful tradition of our Orthodox faith, **SALVATION** – deliverance from harm, ruin, loss and sickness – **CAN COME TO YOUR HOUSE**, as Christ proclaimed! **AMEN.**

SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



SUNDAY VIGILS

1. In memory of our mother/Mom-Mom on her birthday, offered with Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
2. In memory of my Godmother, Helen Trenchevski, offered with Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
3. In memory of our Aunt Helen Marx, offered with Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer on their 1st Anniversary, Love, Mom and Dad
5. For the health of Marcia O'Connor on her birthday, from the Sisterhood
6. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, on her birthday, Love Gail
7. In memory of my nephew, infant Peter Niehoff, Love, Aunt Gail
8. In Memory of Mom, Helen Valentina Sameruck, on her birthday, Love, Barbara, George, Cassandra and Ray
9. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk on their 1st Wedding Anniversary, Love Aunt Barbara, Uncle George, Cassandra and Ray
10. For the health of Tom Hanney on his birthday, Love, Barbara, George, Cassandra and Ray
11. For the health of Anastasia and Kirk Whitmer on their 1st wedding anniversary, Love Ellen and Phil
12. For the health of Tom Hanney on his birthday, Love Ellen and Phil

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. 12/31/19
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 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 17

38TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 5th Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

CHOIR: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any this is Godly. Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us!

CHOIR: And preserve us from this generation forever!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Timothy.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

(2 Timothy 3:10-15)

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. For Thou has said, "Mercy will be established forever, and My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

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. Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. **(Luke 18:10-14)**

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