

# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

## Bulletin for Sunday, February 3, 2019

- Saturday, February 2: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 3: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, followed by 40<sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida for newly-departed Helen Sameruck
- Saturday, February 9: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, February 10: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, followed by Panikhida



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

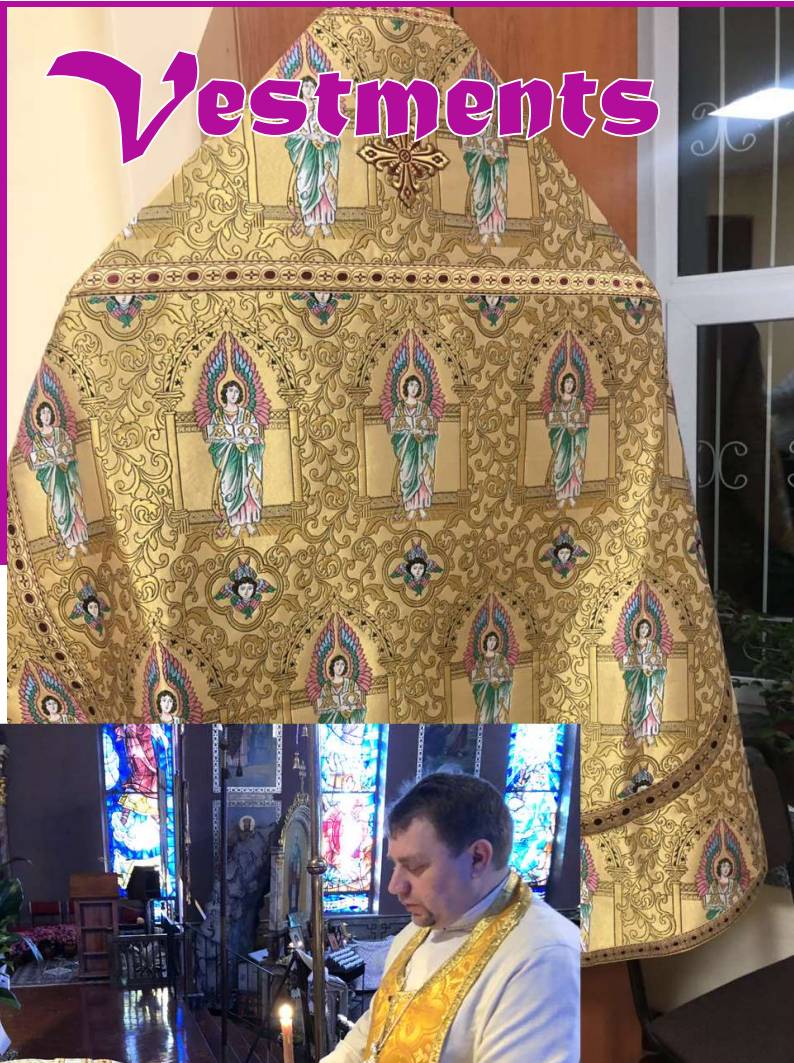
It is essential in the Orthodox Church that clergy wear special clothing for liturgical services. The fundamental pieces of the vestments are: a white robe over which is the pastoral stole, cuffs and belt, then a large garment called a phelonion which covers the entire body in the back and goes below their waist in front. When putting on his phelonion, the priest recites Psalm 132:

*Thy priests, O Lord, shall clothe themselves in righteousness, and the saints shall rejoice with joy always now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

The phelonion has evolved with time, becoming increasingly beautiful and richer in design and detailed handwork. But despite their elaborate design, the vestments are intended to focus attention on God. When he returns from his visits to Ukraine, Father

Bohdan often brings back new vestments, handmade in Ukraine and far more economical than if purchased in the United States. Father returned from Ukraine this past Friday, Jan. 25, and he wore his new golden vestments, embroidered with angels, during the celebration of Divine Liturgy on Sun., January 27. Long-time parishioner Patricia Walker donated \$300 to cover the cost of the new vestment – and we thank her for her generosity.

## Vestments



Father Bohdan  
blesses the new  
vestments prior  
to Divine  
Liturgy, on  
Sunday, Jan. 25.

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# *Highlights from Father Bohdan's Trip to Ukraine*

## *January 21-25*



Greeting His Holiness Patriarch Philaret on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, January 23.



Father Bohdan and Very Reverend Borys Tabachek at the birthday celebration  
at the National Palace of Arts in Kyiv

The birthday festivities included choir and dance performances, speeches and a film celebrating **His Holiness Patriarch Philaret**. Almost 4,000 people attended.





## His Beatitude Epifaniy Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine



Metropolitan  
Epifaniy  
celebrates his  
own milestone  
40<sup>th</sup> Birthday on  
Sunday, Feb. 3.



Many members of government,  
heads of churches, political and  
public figures attended the  
celebration, including  
**Leonid Kravchuk**  
First President of Ukraine  
(1991-1994)

**Yulia Tymoshenko**, former Prime Minister of Ukraine and currently leader of the All-Ukrainian Union "Fatherland" political party, and **Very Reverend Borys Tabachek**, Rector, St. Volodymyr Cathedral, Kyiv

Serving Divine Liturgy with fellow clergy on His Holiness Patriarch Philaret's birthday, Jan. 23, at Saint Volodymyr Cathedral, Kyiv



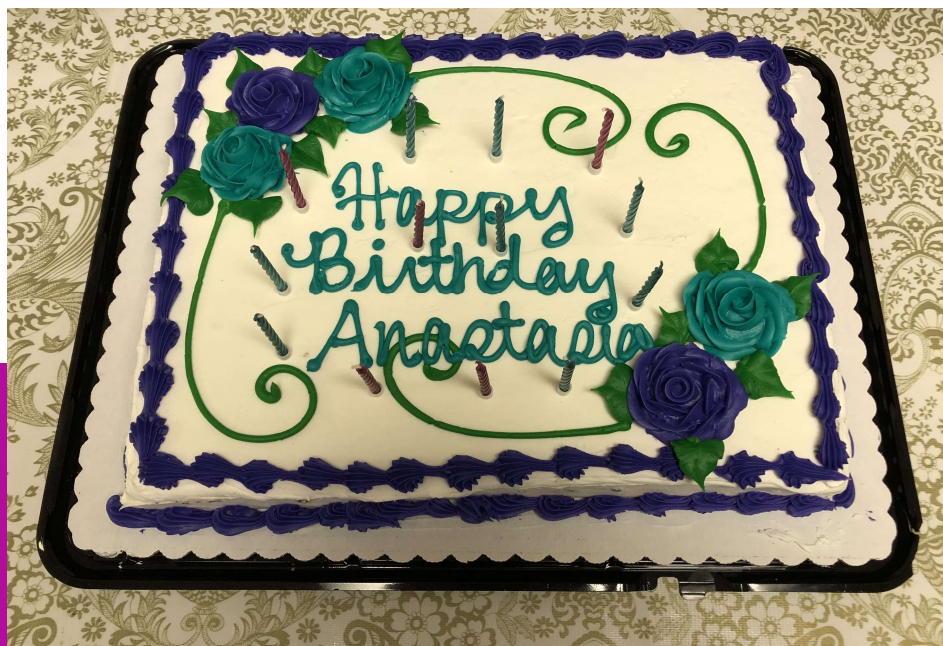




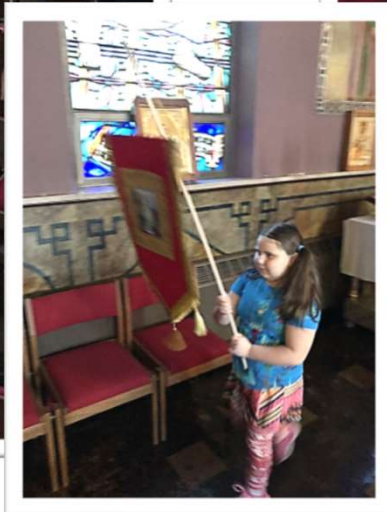
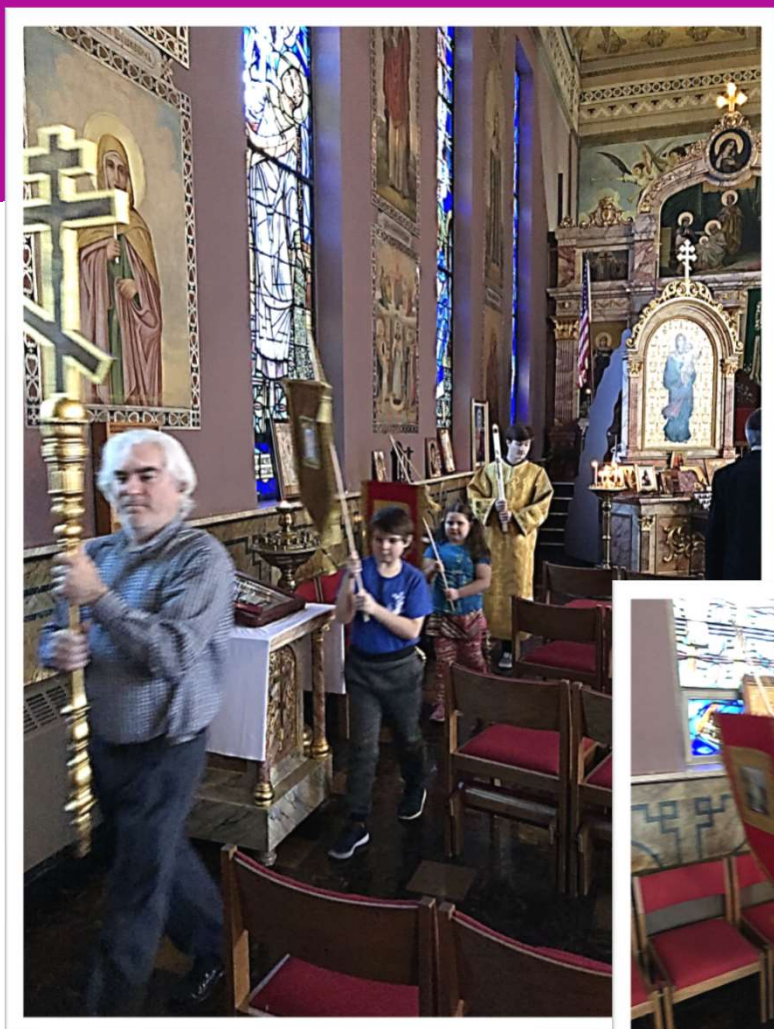
On January 23, 2019, the Head of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, His Beatitude Metropolitan Epifaniy, congratulated His Holiness Patriarch Philaret on his 90th Birthday on stage at the National Palace of Arts in Kyiv.



And in Philadelphia, parishioners enjoyed birthday celebrations for **Anastasia Whitmer** and **Barbara Latsios** and a Fellowship Lunch on Sun., Jan. 27. Thank you, Judy and Tom Hanney, for a savory beef stew – and birthday cakes!



Traditional Blessing of our  
St. Nicholas Church  
Sanctuary with Holy Water  
after Theophany on Sun.,  
Jan. 27







Father Bohdan greeted  
**Cassandra and Ray McNulty**  
and **Diane Kavchok** following  
the veneration of the Holy Cross  
on Sun., Jan. 27.







### PLEASE DONATE A SET OF CHALICE COVERS

Father Bohdan brought back from Ukraine SEVEN beautifully embroidered sets of chalice covers – in a variety of colors – made by Hegumene (Monk) Anastasia, Rector of St. Basil's Monastery in Lutsk, Ukraine. Each set is \$25. Please consider a donation for the health of – or in memory of – your loved ones. A silk tag will be sewn to the back with your inscription.

To date, we have donations as follows:

**Blue:** from Philip Hanavin *in Memory of Parents James & Helen Hanavin*

**Red:** from Philip Hanavin *in Memory of Margaret Hanavin and James Hanavin*

**White:** from Ellen Hanavin *in Memory of Parents Emil & Helen Levchenco*

**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





# SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of the Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday
2. For the health of Vicki Borriello and Diane Kavchok on their birthdays, offered by the Murphy Family
3. For the health of Aunt Joan, offered by the Murphy Family
4. For the health of Matt Murphy for a successful second half of Freshman year, Love, Mom, Dad and Alex
5. For the health of Alex Murphy for a successful semester, Love, Mom, Dad and Matt
6. For the health of my Godson, Noah Tapp, on his birthday, offered by Renee
7. In memory of my Aunt Helen Marx, Love, Gail
8. In memory of Helen Trenchewski, Love, Gail
9. In memory of Mom, (Great) Grandmom, Helen Sameruck, offered by Tom, Judy and Family
10. In memory of sister/aunt, Carol Irene Kauriga, offered by Tom, Judy and Family
11. In memory of Mom and Grandmom, Helen Sameruck, on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of her passing, Love, the Latios and McNulty Families
12. In memory of newly-departed Helen Sameruck on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of her passing, Love, Ellen Hanavin

## PERPETUAL VIGILS

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantinne, offered by David Dantinne, 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, Susan Guz, 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

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# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

## 36<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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**CHOIR:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**READER:** Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

**CHOIR:** Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Corinthians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Amen.

**(2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope. Let me not be put to shame!  
Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

**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.

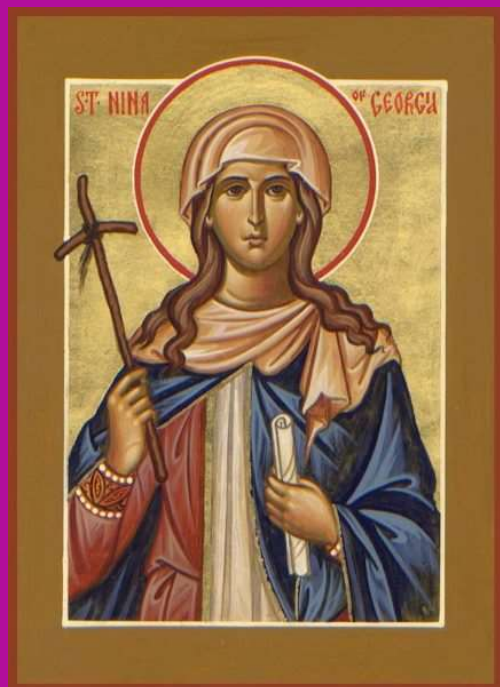
**PRIEST:** The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. **(Matthew 15:21-28)**

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





## Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, January 27, 2019

*Today we celebrate the Feast Day  
of St. Nina of Georgia.*

When we imagine determined women – women with a mission -- we think of pioneer women, or women who are leaders of their countries, or women who run huge corporations. Strong women with great intellect, vision and power. And there are also extraordinary women in our everyday lives, women who make a difference in their circle of friends and families now. But through the centuries, there have always been such remarkable women. And if we go back to the year 296 AD, we find St. Nina. What is her story?

St. Nina was a relative of Great-martyr George and the only daughter of a well-respected couple. Her father was a Roman army chief, and her mother, Susanna, was the sister of the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When Nina was 12, her parents separated. Her father became a monk, and her mother was ordained a Deaconess. Nina was raised in the Christian faith by an old woman named Sara. And it was Sara who told Nina that Jesus' robe had arrived in Georgia, a country of pagans.

Upon learning this, Nina made it her mission to go to Georgia and venerate the robe that Mary had woven for her Beloved Son. Nina prayed to the Theotokos, asking for her blessing and to be made worthy of this task. The Most Holy Virgin appeared to Nina in a dream, blessing her to preach in Georgia with her protection. When Nina awoke, she was holding a cross in her hands.

In Georgia, all those who heard Nina preach converted to the Christian faith, to the great displeasure of the pagan King. The King resolved to kill all those who followed Jesus Christ. But then darkness came upon the King. Frightened, he prayed to Jesus Christ for the first time and became a believer. Because of St. Nina's courageous efforts and great faith, Georgia became a Christian nation.

When St. Nina died, the King erected a church over her grave. I hope St. Nina's life will empower all women to seek opportunities for Orthodox fellowship, spiritual growth and community service so that you can change someone's life -- as St. Nina changed an entire nation.