



St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, January 20, 2019

- Friday, January 18: THEOPHANY EVE, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, 9:30 AM, Blessing of Water
- Saturday, January 19: THEOPHANY, Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, Blessing of Water; Vespers, 5:00 PM
 - Sunday, January 20: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
 - Saturday, January 26: Vespers, 5:00 PM
 - Sunday, January 27: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

Theophany: the Baptism of Jesus Christ

The Icon of the Feast of Theophany



As Jesus arose from the water of the river Jordan after being baptized by John, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove. When this happened, the voice of God the Father came from heaven and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Icon of the Feast of Theophany tells the story from the Gospels in images and color. On the left side of the icon is John the Baptist. His arms are outstretched, showing a posture of prayer and reverence, but also directing others to Christ. With his right hand he is conducting the baptism.

In the center of the icon is Christ being baptized in the Jordan. He is standing in the water wearing a waistcloth, and with His right hand He is blessing the waters of the Jordan. Above His head is the Holy Spirit descending as a dove. At the top of the icon, a semicircle depicts the opening of the Heavens and the voice of the Father.

On the right side of the icon angels are shown with their heads bowed in reverence to Christ. They are prepared to receive Him as He comes out of the water.

The holy water blessed in church on the Feast of Theophany is given to the faithful to consume and to use in blessing their homes by Father Bohdan in the weeks following the Feast.

The New Year Begins With An Eventful Church Life

On Thursday, January 3,
one-year-old VERONICA AKULAU
was baptized in St. Nicholas Church
by Father Bohdan.



Parents, Ivan and Anna, and
grandmother, Nataliya Fatikova
participated in the happy event.

Susan Guz, Vice President, Church Council, spent Christmas, January 7, in snowy Kyiv. Her trip included happy reunions with friends and clergy and an important meeting with His Holiness Patriarch Philaret on Christmas Day when His Holiness signed a document reaffirming our Stavropigia status. His Holiness also presented Susan with an icon of Saint Job of Pochaev and his relics.

The icon will remain permanently in St. Nicholas Church, and we thank Patriarch Philaret for this extraordinary gift.



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret and Susan - January 7, 2019, Kyiv



The icon of Saint Job and relics on the anlo table in St. Nicholas Church, Philadelphia – January 13, 2019

Christmas Eve, Jan. 6, and Christmas Day, Jan. 7, were festive at St. Nicholas Church. Holy Supper was well attended. Donations exceeded our expectations!



Special thanks to Vicki and Frank Borriello and Family for preparing the traditional dishes for Holy Supper.



The St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir
Left to right: Paul Kauriga (Choir Director), Megnot Toggia, Susan Weinman,
Andrew McGowan, Anthony Sinigaglio

On Sunday, January 13, the St. Nicholas Patriarchal Choir, directed by Paul Kauriga, performed their annual fundraising concert in the Sanctuary. Parishioners enjoyed traditional Christmas carols and the extraordinary voices of our talented, professional Choir. Deacon Daniel also performed, singing a stirring rendition of "Old Man River." Following the concert, everyone gathered for a delicious fellowship lunch prepared by Vicki Borriello, Judy Hanney, Barbara Latsios and Colleen Philipp. All donations benefited the Choir Fund.

We welcomed a long-time friend and teacher of Father Bohdan -- Professor Sviatoslav Chokaliuk -- who is visiting from Kyiv and staying in Philadelphia from January 11-20. Professor Chokaliuk is an esteemed instructor of canon law at the Theological Academy in Kyiv.



Professor Chokaliuk and Metropolitan Epifaniy in Kyiv – December 2018



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

On Wednesday, January 23, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret celebrates his 90th Birthday. Father Bohdan will travel to Kyiv to participate in the festivities. The Sisterhood is asking for donations, and Father Bohdan will present the monetary gift to His Holiness on behalf of the Sisterhood.

Father Bohdan leaves for Ukraine on Sunday evening, January 20, and will return to Philadelphia on Friday, January 25.

Blessing of homes begins on Theophany, Saturday, January 19. Please sign the sheet in the Candle Room with your preferred date.

Deacon Daniel celebrates his birthday on Monday, January 21. We wish him many more happy and healthy years! Mnohaya Lita!

Looking Ahead: Metropolitan Epifaniy celebrates his 40th Birthday on February 3. And we look forward to a possible return visit to St. Nicholas Church by Metropolitan John Yaremenko in early March.

Your special prayers are needed for **Olga Zuzulock** who is in Nazareth Hospital. Father Bohdan visited her on Friday, January 11, and Saturday, January 12.

O Christ, Who alone art our Defender: Visit and heal Thy suffering servant Olga, delivering her from sickness and grievous pains. Raise her up that she may sing to Thee and praise Thee without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Thou Who alone lovest mankind.

Update: Olga has been moved to Paul's Run Rehab, 9896 Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19115



- **Payment is due for Christmas Vigils**
- **Payment is also due for Annual Vigils** if yours expires at the end of 2018
- **Sisterhood Dues for 2019: \$10**
- **Annual Dues for 2019: \$150 for individuals; \$300 for families**

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

Father Bohdan's Sermon - Sunday, January 13 – Matthew 2:13-23

Last week's Scripture reading and sermon were joyful! We heard about the birth of Jesus Christ as witnessed by the angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph – and everyone celebrated the Nativity. Today's Scripture reading, however, is not joyous. Today's passage gives an account of Jesus' birth – but as seen through the eyes of King Herod, a jealous, ruthless king, a murdering king. Herod was deeply disturbed when he learned that a child had been born who was being called "King of the Jews." He was threatened and paranoid – even though Jesus was a baby and he was an old man. Herod is the dark side of Christmas. And we can relate his cruelty to our own dark feelings. Christmas is not only about "good tidings of great joy." At the time of Jesus' birth – then and now – there is sorrow and pain. Perhaps you were not merry and jolly this Christmas. Perhaps you were depressed, your heart was broken, you were stressed, sick, lonely, angry, grief-stricken. But the miracle of the Nativity is that Jesus brings hope and peace when we are overcome with sorrow and despair. Trust the new King Who was born – Jesus Christ – He Who will conquer death; heal our hurts; deliver us from our sins; and relieve our despair. No matter what the New Year 2019 brings, know that you can meet any challenge and obstacle ahead with the hope that Jesus makes available to you! AMEN.

SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret on his 90th Birthday. Mnohaya Lita!
2. For the health of uncle, Harry Swanson, offered by Susan Guz
3. For the health of Olga Zuzulock, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of Deacon Daniel on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
5. For the health of Professor Sviatoslav Chokaliuk on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
6. In memory of father John Guz, on his birthday, offered by Patricia Walker and Susan Guz
7. For the health of Vicki Borriello on her birthday, Love Gail
8. For the health of Diane Kavchok on her birthday, Love Gail
9. For the health of Cassandra McNulty on her birthday, Love, Uncle Tom and Aunt Judy and Family
10. For the health of Barbara Latsios on her birthday, Love, Judy, Tom and Family
11. For the health of Jennifer Redmond on her birthday, Love, Uncle Tom, Aunt Judy and Family
12. In memory of Helen Sameruck, offered by the Wohar Family. Memory Eternal.
13. For the health of Marianne Wohar on her birthday, offered by Robert, Michael, Andrew, Amy and Anastasia
14. For the health of Tammy Zimmerman on her birthday, Love, Dawn and Ron Healey
15. For the health of my husband, Ron, on his 60th birthday, Love, Dawn xoxox
16. For the health of Tom Archut on his birthday, Love, Dawn and Ron Healey
17. For the health of Cassandra McNulty on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
18. For the health of Diane Kavchok on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
19. For the health of Barbara Latsios on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
20. For the health of Vicki Borriello on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
21. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
22. For the health of our daughter Cassandra Elena McNulty on her 28th birthday, Love Mom and Dad
23. For the health of Jennifer Redmond on her birthday, Love Aunt Barbara and Uncle George
24. For the health of Goddaughter Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday, Love Aunt Barbara and Uncle George
25. In memory of my Brother/Uncle Stephen Michael Sameruck, offered by the Latsios/McNulty Families
26. For the health of Cassandra McNulty on her birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin
27. For the health of Barbara Latsios on her birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin
28. For the health of Anastasia Whitmer on her birthday, offered by Ellen Hanavin

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. In loving memory of all deceased members of the Kuchmiak Family and the health of all living members, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. Exp. 12/31/19

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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

34TH 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 Acts.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. Amen. **(Acts 19:1-8)**

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 John.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water. And John bore witness, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God. **(John 1:29-34)**

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

Altar Boy, David Kuchmiak,
during Panikhida
Sunday, January 13, 2019





The Patriarchal Choir





Deacon Daniel sings "Old Man River"



President Tom Hanney thanks Paul Kauriga and the Patriarchal Choir.