

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, July 21, 2019

- Sunday, July 21: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, July 28: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, August 4: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, August 11: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM & Panikhida



The Blessed
Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret

Great Martyr Procopius

Did you
Know?

that there are
different titles
for saints?

Venerable:

a monastic saint.
(Venerable Bede)



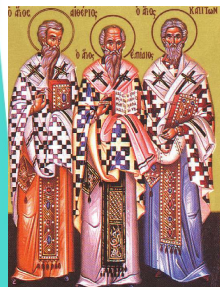
Wonderworker:

a saint renowned for
performing miracles.
(Saint Gregory the Wonderworker)



Martyr:

one who has died for the
faith. (Martyr Victor)



Heiromartyr:

a martyr who is also
a clergyman.
(Heiromartyr
Capiton of Cherson)



Confessor:

one who has suffered for
the faith but not martyred
(Saint Maximus the
Confessor)



Today, Sunday, July 21, is the
Feast Day of Great Martyr Procopius,
a high-ranking Roman officer originally named
Neanius who was on his way to persecute
Christians when he saw a glowing cross in the
sky and had a vision of the Lord. Neanius felt
a spiritual happiness in his heart and he was
transformed from being a persecutor into a
zealous follower of Christ.

Disobeying his military
orders, Neanius went with
his soldiers to Jerusalem.
For accepting Christ and
refusing to worship the
pagan gods, he endured
terrible tortures.



While in prison, the Lord appeared to him
again, baptized him, and gave him the name
Procopius. He then taught other prisoners the
faith and prepared them for martyrdom.
Their example even drew Procopius' pagan
mother to become a witness for Christ,
changing her life to reflect His teachings.
When Procopius was brought to his place of
execution, he prayed for widows, orphans, the
poor, and especially the flourishing of the
Church.

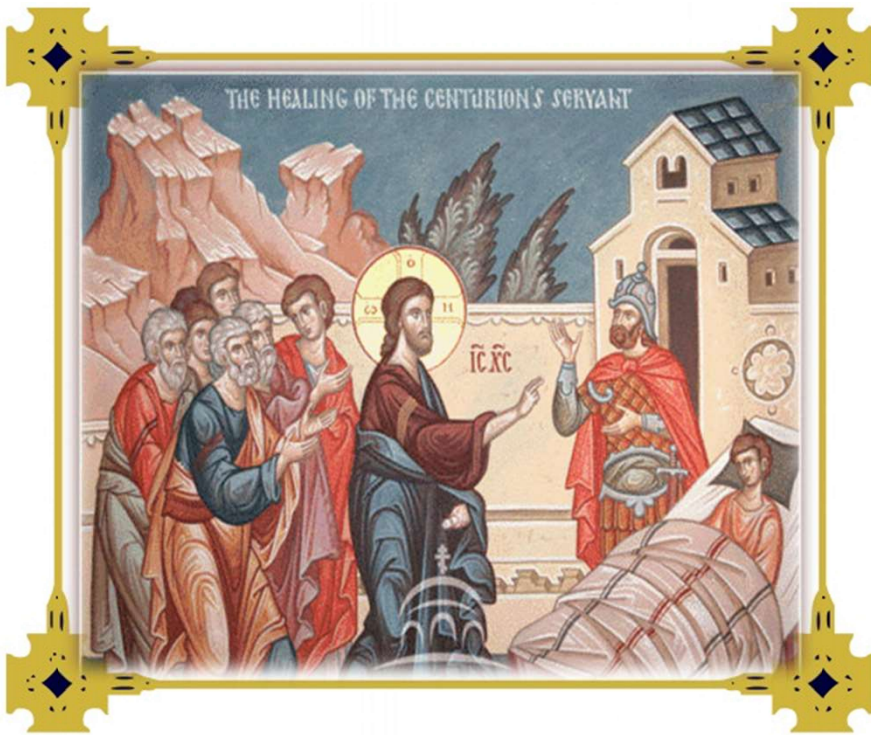
Great Martyr:

one who was martyred for the
faith and suffered torture.



Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, July 14, 2019
Matthew 8:5-13

In today's Scripture reading, we meet the Centurion. He told Jesus that when he -- the Centurion -- gave an order, whether to a soldier, or his servant, or to anyone, that person followed his order. There was no doubt in his mind. And so the Centurion knew -- he never questioned for a moment -- that if Jesus said his servant would be healed -- without ever seeing the servant -- he would be healed. Even Jesus was amazed by such pure absolute faith!



It starts within -- this faith -- within your own world. For if your employees or friends or children do not listen to you, you begin to doubt that anyone follow orders.

How many times have you been let down when someone did not follow through on your instructions? Did the handyman show up on time when he promised to do so? Were your friends late for an important event when you gave them a specific arrival time? Did you beg your children to be ready for church in the morning and they disregarded you? Did you ever give a colleague an assignment, trusted him to follow through and complete it -- and he did not? We have learned NOT to expect someone to keep his word or listen to us.

So it is far more difficult in today's world to have the absolute faith that the Centurion had. You probably ask: HOW CAN I TRUST SOMEONE I CANNOT SEE (JESUS) IF I CANNOT TRUST SOMEONE I DO SEE? But we can. Our Scripture reading today reminds us to keep true to ourselves and believe in the integrity of others. If you can renew your faith in others, you can definitely have faith in Jesus. Jesus is perfect. He does not have the same flaws that we have. Be like the Centurion and trust Jesus to follow through on the assignment! JESUS WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN! AMEN.





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(es) in our "Firebird 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.

Barbara Latsios,
President



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...and greatly appreciated.

During the summer months, Sunday church attendance generally drops as parishioners take vacations and spend time at their getaway homes.

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Simply go to our Church website:

stnicholaseoc.org

Click the **DONATE** tab at the bottom of the home page.

Then choose the Fund you wish to support (Operating Fund, Building Fund, Choir Fund or Benevolent Fund).

Your contribution is automatically deposited into the Church's bank account.

Simple, easy....and greatly appreciated!



SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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 Louis Archut on his birthday, Love, Aunt Dawn and Uncle Ron xoxo
3. For the health of Valentina Kariouk on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
4. For the health of our Granddaughter, Mackie, on her 15th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle

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 Nadia Carlos, offered by Erna Carter. Exp. 6/1/20

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

As part of Father Bohdan's readiness training as a Chaplain, on July 11, 2019, he successfully completed the American Red Cross course "Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid." Father Bohdan was ordained a Chaplain in 2001 in Sumy, Ukraine. Congratulations, Father Bohdan!



Toribio Cam, Exam Officer; Father Bohdan; Audrius Palionis, Mercy Fleet Director of Operations; Beka Talakhadze, Mercy Fleet Logistics Manager; Igor Smirnov, Mercy Fleet Safety Director

Please remember our homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Rehabilitation Center
470 Manor Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Tel: 610-873-8490



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

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 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22	CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCH, following Divine Liturgy



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EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO...
 we were in the early stages of renovating our Church Hall with the goal of creating a first-rate rentable event space to generate sustained income for our beloved St. Nicholas Church. **WE SUCCEEDED!** These are photos from a Baby Shower held this past Sunday, July 14, 2019, in the Church Hall (now known to the public as Liberty North Banquet & Event Space). **WOW!**



*Come to the Pop-Up Festival on Saturday, September 7:
A fundraising event for St. Nicholas Church!*

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2019

**FREE
ADMISSION**

*Outdoors
on our Church
Grounds*

Philadelphia's

**POP-UP
NORTHERN LIBERTIES
FESTIVAL**

12pm-6pm

**FIFTY
VENDORS**

*including our own
St. Nicholas Pierogi
& Blintz Stand*

Food Trucks, Live Music, Kids Bouncy and Karaoke

**SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE
TWO BIG FUNDRAISERS FOR OUR
CHURCH!**

ST. NICHOLAS EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

**PIEROGI
FESTIVAL**
nov 2-3 2019

ETHNIC FOOD | BAKED GOODS | VENDORS | LIVE MUSIC | BEER GARDEN

Eat-In or Take-Out

SAT Nov 2 | 12-9PM | SUN Nov 3 | 12-5PM

Free Admission & Parking

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 21

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 4th 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 Romans.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **(Romans 10:1-10)**

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 Matthew.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. **(Matthew 8:28-9:1)**

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

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Bulletin for Sunday, May 26, 2019

- Sunday, May 26: Akathist to the Holy-Body Theotokos, 9:30 AM
- Sunday, June 2: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Sunday, June 9: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Deacon Daniel Terrazas' intensive continuing education at the Lutsk Theological Seminary culminated with his participation in Divine Liturgy at St. Volodymyr Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv on Sunday, May 19. Deacon Daniel chanted a Litany that Sunday morning. During worship, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, Very Reverend Borys Tabachek, Rector, and the Patriarchal Cathedral clergy bore witness to Deacon Daniel's outstanding training and education received at the Seminary. Deacon Daniel returned to Philadelphia on May 21. Welcome home!



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Bulletin for Sunday, June 2, 2019

- Sunday, June 2: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Sunday, June 9: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Sunday, June 16: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Father Bohdan Returns from Ukraine with Greetings and Blessings from His Holiness Patriarch Philaret and Metropolitan Epiphany – and a gift for St. Nicholas Church from Metropolitan Epiphany: a scroll reproduction of the Trous of Autocephaly, signed on January 5, 2019, by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. The historic Trous reversed centuries of Moscow rule and bestowed independence on the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.



Father Bohdan had been invited to Ukraine to attend Epiphany's Feast Day celebration on May 25. The following day Father Bohdan served Divine Liturgy with His Holiness Patriarch Philaret in St. Volodymyr Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv.

While in Ukraine, Father Bohdan also gathered with his family in his hometown of Oberytn where he served a memorial Panikhida on the 5th Anniversary of the passing of his beloved father, Michael, and the 9th Anniversary of the passing of his beloved mother, Maria.

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 9, 2019

- Sunday, June 9: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, June 16: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, June 23: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, June 30: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM

Please note that during the summer months Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:00 AM.

Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise: "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

On this Seventh Sunday of Pascha, June 9, we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, convened in 325 AD by Emperor Constantine the Great. Participating in the Council were Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Trimythos, and others venerated by the Church as Holy Fathers. Most notable is that the Council composed the Creed, the Holy Symbol of Faith. They also decided the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha, that is, Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day as the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox.

The icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council depicts Saint Constantine together with the Holy Fathers and Saints of the Church who attended the Council and affirmed the unity of the Faith through the Creed. The Fathers are shown holding the text of the Creed, also referred to as the Symbol of Faith.



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Bulletin for Sunday, June 16, 2019

- Sunday, June 16 - PENTECOST, BLESSINGS, FATHER'S DAY: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, June 23: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, June 30: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, July 7: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM

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Blessings on Father's Day

We all have a Father in whom we can trust and to whom we can turn for comfort and counsel. He is our Heavenly Father.

We wish all our earthly Fathers, Grandfathers, and Godfathers, A Happy Father's Day!

"I will be a Father to you. And you shall be Sons & Daughters." 2 Corinthians 6:18



The icon of Pentecost: The descent of the Holy Spirit is represented by the semicircle at the top with rays and the "tongues of fire" pointing toward the Apostles. The group of Apostles, with some holding scrolls, represent the Church and the teaching authority given to them by Christ.

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There have been numerous requests for paper copies of all Bulletins since May 26, 2019.

Paper Bulletins of these issues (and through Aug. 4) will be available in the Church Hall on Sunday, Aug. 4.

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SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

The first Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, those saints who are known to us, and those who are known only to God: the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Hierarchs, Monastics, Teachers, and Righteous, all perfected by the Holy Spirit.



The descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "Be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16

Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on this first Sunday after Pentecost.

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Bulletin for Sunday, June 30, 2019

- Sunday, June 30: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, July 7: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM, followed by Panikhida
- Sunday, July 14: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, July 21: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM

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The Baptism of Elizabeth Louiza Kurtsevich



On Sunday, June 23, 2019, Father Bohdan baptized infant Elizabeth Louiza Kurtsevich, born on May 9, 2019, in Philadelphia, to parents Alena Makarevich and Vladimir Kurtsevich. God bless Elizabeth Louiza and Congratulations to the Family!

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Bulletin for Sunday, July 7, 2019

- Sunday, July 7: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM, followed by Panikhida
- Sunday, July 14: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, July 21: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, July 28: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM

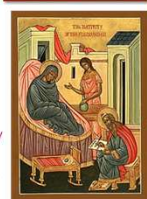
This Week's Bulletin is Sponsored by: Mrs. and Mr. Maryanna in Honor of SAINT NICHOLAS on her birthday! Love, Mom and Dad

The Nativity of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John



Today, Sunday, July 7, is the Feast Day of the Nativity – the Birth – of Saint John the Baptist, who is also referred to as John the Forerunner because Saint John announced Jesus' coming.

Saint John was born six months before Jesus. As an adult, Saint John preached in public. His fame reached the ears of Jesus in Nazareth (Matt. 3:3), and He came from Galilee to be baptized by Saint John in the waters of the River Jordan. Saint John was an ascetic and a great prophet and became one of the most revered saints in the Orthodox Church. Saint John is the patron saint of Godparents.



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Be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:32



God Calls Us to Imitate His Kindness
"Therefore, as God's chosen people/holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Col. 3:12
"Love is patient. Love is kind." 1 Cor. 13:4
"Be kind to one another. Forgiving each other, just as God in Christ forgave you." Eph. 4:32
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Gal. 5:22

Saints Peter and Paul

Ways to Show Kindness to Another
• Give words of encouragement. 1 Thess. 5:14
• Comfort someone who is sick or injured. Luke 10:30-35
• Help to meet others' material needs. Rom. 12:20
• Support another's personal and spiritual growth. 1 Cor. 14:6
• Commend success. Matt. 25:21
• Bring good news to others. Prov. 25:25
• Cancel a debt owed to you. Matt. 18:23-27
• Forgive a wrong. Eph. 4:32
• Promptly correct a friend. Prov. 14:15
• Pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6:27-28
• Lift a veil for the health of a stranger. John 1:12

Friday, July 12, is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two very different men of different backgrounds and education (a fisherman and a Pharisee) who came to Christ through two extremely different paths and at two very different times. But they both became disciples of Christ and allowed Him to transform their lives. The Apostle's feast (which began on June 24 and ended on July 12) is a time to show kindness, compassion, hospitality and Christian love to neighbor, friend, family and even an enemy.

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