

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

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



The Blessed
Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret

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 Tremithos, 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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The Creed was formally written by the Holy Fathers in 325 AD. It is officially known as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, and is usually referred to simply as the "Nicene Creed." As the "Symbol of Faith" for Orthodox Christians, the Nicene Creed is recited by the faithful at every Divine Liturgy.

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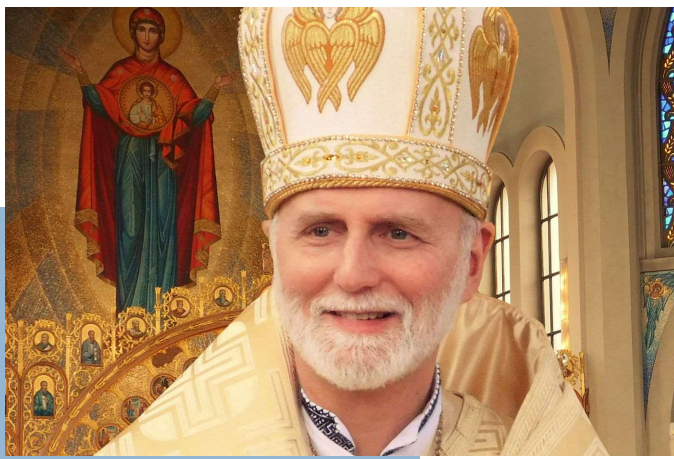
The Creed: The Symbol of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He arose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Following Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, June 2, Father Bohdan presented Altar Server Zachary O'Connor with an Icon of St. Nicholas to celebrate Zachary's High School graduation and acceptance to Penn State!
Congratulations to Zach and his parents, Marcia and Mike!





St. Nicholas Church Congratulates The Most Reverend Borys Gudziak

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, news of the installation of The Most Reverend Borys Gudziak, 58, a native of Syracuse, NY, as the seventh Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy (Archdiocese) of Philadelphia and the new spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States.



The televised ceremonies began at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Franklin Street in our Northern Liberties neighborhood. About 50 bishops from around the world attended, including Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who leads the international Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church; Roman Catholic Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia; Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York; and Archbishop Emeritus Stefan Soroka, Archbishop Gudziak's predecessor. Father Bohdan was among the esteemed clergy invited, and he attended with Deacon Daniel.

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, June 2, 2019 - John 9:1-38

Christ is Risen! Our Bible reading today, the 6th Sunday of Pascha, is about Jesus and the blind man. I want to explain a deeper meaning of this Scripture reading: the blind man ultimately sees, but those who already see are very often blinded, confused, unable or unwilling to understand. And then what a celebration when those who are NOT blind can see clearly again! We often think of something – or someone -- as better than it or the person actually is. We fool ourselves. We lie to ourselves. We see what we want to see. But let today's Scripture reading be an inspiration. Open your eyes. Look at everything closely. Look at others closely. And also – just as important -- look deeply within yourself. See yourself and others clearly....their faults and their qualities.

How many of us will be surprised? Those who we thought we knew turn out to be strangers to us. The person you liked may greatly disappoint you. You thought you could see, but you were actually blind. But just as Jesus gave the blind man his sight after he obeyed and washed in the pool, Jesus can give you the courage and faith to see things and people for who they really are.

Accept the light and truth God offers you, and you will be able to say: **THOUGH I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE!** Christ Is Risen!



"O Master, Lord our God, hearken unto the prayer which we now send up to You, and bless this vehicle with Your holy right hand; send down upon it Thy guardian

Angel, that all who desire to journey therein may be safely preserved and shielded from every evil end...May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure Mother, through the protection of the bodiless powers, of the holy, glorious and all praise worthy Apostles, and of St. Nicholas, and all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, as He is good and loves mankind."

Please remember our homebound parishioner:

Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Rehabilitation Center
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On Sunday, June 2:

- A fun time was had by all who attended the annual Picnic! Thank you to everyone who brought and prepared food, set up tables, cleaned up and gave generous donations.*
- Father Bohdan blessed Cassandra and Ray McNulty's new car. Safe travels!*

On Saturday, June 8:

- YARD SALE!** Come to browse and/or set up a table at our First Annual Yard Sale taking place in the Church Parking Lot. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. \$20 reserves your spot, but you must bring your own table. Pay Colleen Philipp on the day of the event. Purple Heart will be on site from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm to collect any unwanted items.*



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

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SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



ALTAR CANDLES

lit today

In Memory of Beloved Departed Parents

HELEN and STEPHEN SAMERUCK

on their 73rd Wedding Anniversary

Offered by Judy and Thomas Hanney & Family

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of our brother-in-law/uncle Mike Niehoff, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
2. For the health of Ivanna, beloved mother of Halyna Kachur, offered by Halyna and Alexander Kachur
3. For the health of our husband/Dad on his birthday, Love, Renee, Alex, Matt and Marley
4. For the health of Phil on our 31st Anniversary, Love, Ellen
5. For the health and safe travel and Happy 40th Anniversary for Tom and Judy, Love, Ellen and Phil
6. For the health and safe travel and Happy 40th Anniversary for Tom and Judy, Love, Barbara and George and Cassandra and Ray
7. For the health of Aidan Thomas Bennett on his 6th Birthday, Love Baba and Pop
8. Congratulations to Zachary O'Connor on his graduation from high school, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney, the Bennetts and Whitmers
9. For the health of altar server, Zachary O'Connor, as he graduates high school and continues his education at Penn State in the Fall, Love, Aunt Dawn and Uncle Ron xoxo
10. For the health of Joshua Shipley, as he graduates high school and continues his education at Penn State in the Fall, Love, Aunt Dawn and Uncle Ron xoxo
11. For the health of Justin Kane, as he graduates high school and continues his education at Rutgers University in the Fall, Love Aunt Dawn and Uncle Ron xoxo
12. For the health of my Mom and Dad on their wedding anniversary, Love, Dawn and Ron xoxo
13. For the health of the Levchenko sisters and their families

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., 8/1/19
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. 4/19/20
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

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 9

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – FATHERS OF FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

CHOIR: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

READER: To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! O Lord, save Thy people.

CHOIR: And bless Thine inheritance!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Acts.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. **(Acts 20:16-18; 28-36)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most-High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God!
He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in whom I trust!"

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. Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. **(John 17:1-13)**

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