



St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, March 17, 2019

- **Friday, March 15: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, March 16: Vespers, 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, March 17: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, Moleben in Ukrainian, 11:00 AM**



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

Students from The City School Visit St. Nicholas Church

City School history teacher, Ms. Megan Owens, telephoned St. Nicholas Church last week and asked if it were possible to arrange a tour for her students. On Tuesday, March 12, a group of students from The City School, along with Ms. Owens and Mr. Kenyatta Rush, Bible teacher, walked to our Church from their campus on North 6th Street -- and stayed for 2 hours as Judy Hanney, Sunday School Director, and Susan Guz led a discussion about our Orthodox faith, our Church history, traditions and liturgical services. The students, who are all 14- and 15-year-old High School Freshmen, were inquisitive and had great questions. At the end of the 2-hour talk and tour, the group was given small St. Nicholas icons, a bookmark and a pen inscribed with Father Bohdan's name and our Church address. Ms. Owens was so pleased with the event that she wants to return at a later date with the Junior and Senior students. The City School, located at 910 N. 6th Street, is "a PK-12 Christian school in the heart of Philadelphia." cityschool.org.



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Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, March 10, 2019

Matthew 6:14-21

Great Lent begins tomorrow. And today's Scripture reading gives instructions on how we are to behave during the next 40 days. There are 2 things to do:

Number 1: ASK FOR FORGIVENESS. "Forgive my trespasses," the Bible says, and these are words we have spoken since children when we recited the Lord's Prayer. This is the easy part. Forgive me, we say...and then the burden is on the person to whom we speak. What if that person does NOT forgive you?

Number 2: The challenging part, the difficult part, sometimes the part we never can resolve is when WE are asked to forgive. How can we forgive when we still feel the hurt of someone's words or actions? Sometimes the pain is as fresh as the day it happened even though it may be 50 years ago! We hold grudges, we resent, we are bitter.

And then every year we can be assured of this day -- TODAY – Forgiveness Sunday – and Lent – and Confession – when we are continually given the opportunity to put the past transgressions of others aside, to reflect deeply, to contemplate, to meditate, to ponder, to pray – and then to forgive others for their trespasses against us. For the Scripture again is clear. **IF YOU FORGIVE MEN THEIR TRESPASSES, YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU.** So as we begin Lent, unburden yourself of ill will, unkind thoughts, hate and negative emotions. Welcome the Fast as a time to purify your body with healthy foods, a healthy mind and spirit and healthy prayers. And again, as the Scripture says, when you fast, do not do so with a sad face. Let no one know – except God. AMEN.



CONFESSIONS will be heard on:

- **FRIDAYS at 7:00 pm during Pre-Sanctified Liturgy;**
 - **SATURDAYS at 5:00 PM at Vespers;**
- **SOUL SATURDAYS at 9:30 AM before Divine Liturgy; and**
 - **SUNDAYS at 9:00 AM before Divine Liturgy**



Father Bohdan's Eulogy for
Lillian Fox

on
the 15th Anniversary of her Passing

Today, we prayed for the souls of many of our beloved departed during the Panikhida – including a woman, a beloved mother -- LILLIAN FOX – who passed away 15 years ago.

I regret that I did not have an opportunity to know Lillian, but I see her in the faces of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren every Sunday. Lillian's three daughters -- Gail, Renee and Karen -- have raised their children in the Orthodox faith, and their children continue to do the same.

Lillian instilled such strong family and spiritual values that her family continues to worship in St. Nicholas Church for FOUR generations. That is a testament to Lillian's faith and love for her family and God.

We remember Lillian Fox on the 15th anniversary of her passing and pray for the repose of her soul.

Memory Eternal



Lillian on her wedding day.
She was married in
St. Nicholas Church in
1953.





Anton Treadway celebrated his 11th Birthday on Monday, March 4 – and Father Bohdan and the congregation sang a resounding Mnohaya Lita! at our Cheesefare Fellowship Lunch. Anton's parents, Tatyana and Tracy, treated everyone to delicious Black Forest birthday cake!

A big THANK YOU, too, to the Latsios and Hanney Families for hosting and donating the blintzes, raviolis and salad served on Sunday, March 10. The lunch was in memory of beloved parents, Helen and Stephen Sameruck.



Father Bohdan visited Olga Zuzulock on Saturday, March 9, in rehab following her pacemaker procedure. Olga is recuperating at Paul's Run, and thanks everyone for their prayers and cards. Olga gave the Sisterhood a donation in appreciation. Thank YOU, Olga! And we wish you a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Olga Zuzulock
Paul's Run
9896 Bustleton Avenue, Room 202
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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

Pre-Easter Calendar

Friday, March 15	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 17	Chanting Class for Myrrh Maidens following Divine Liturgy
Friday, March 22	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 23	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Sunday, March 24	Chanting Class for Myrrh Maidens
Friday, March 29	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 30	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Sunday, March 31	Chanting Class for Myrrh Maidens
Friday, April 5	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7 :00 pm
Saturday, April 6	*Soul Saturday: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am and Panikhida
Sunday, April 7	Chanting Class for Myrrh Maidens
Friday, April 12	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 14	Chanting Class for Myrrh Maidens
Friday April 19	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 20	SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY and lowering of chandelier
Sunday, April 21	Palm Sunday "Potato Pancake" Fellowship Lunch
Wednesday, April 24	Healing Service
Thursday, April 25	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 26	Holy Friday
Saturday, April 27	Holy Saturday
Sunday April 28	PASCHA EASTER

***NOTE: We are suggesting a donation of \$25 for the reading of the names of your beloved departed on all three Soul Saturdays. See Ellen in the Candle Room.**



The Flower Girls & Myrrh Maidens

This Lenten season we will introduce "chanting" classes for girls, specifically to rehearse the Lamentation verses of Psalm 119 that are traditionally chanted at the tomb by the Myrrh Maidens who are dressed in all white. The chanting takes place at Matins of Holy Saturday which are celebrated the night of Holy Friday at 7:00 pm.

Reciting the verses without practice on Holy Friday is not a "teachable moment." There are unfamiliar words in the Psalm and a few practices will be necessary beforehand. Verses will be assigned to all girls who want to participate (from Grade 3 and up). We will rehearse for 15 minutes after Divine Liturgy, starting Sunday, March 17, and for the following five Sundays until Holy Week.

Those girls too young to be Myrrh Maidens are invited to participate in Holy Friday night services as Flower Girls. Flower Girls should also be dressed in all white, and they will be given flowers to lay at the tomb.

ANNUAL ENDOWMENT FUND DRIVE

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Now that Lent has begun, we will begin our Endowment Fund Drive through the next month. It is customary to give alms -- a charitable gift -- during Lent. What better beneficiary than our beloved St. Nicholas Church to ensure its future!

*Please pick up a PINK envelope from the Candle Room and give generously.
THANK YOU!*



This Sunday, March 17, is Orthodoxy Sunday. Please remember to bring your favorite icon to church to hold during the Procession following Divine Liturgy.

SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health and speedy recovery of our friend, Mike Shimp, offered by the Murphy Family
2. For the health of our Granddaughter, Jessica, on her trip, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
3. For the health of my husband, Jim, on his birthday, offered with love by Barb Mc.
4. In memory of Bob Shannon, offered by the McMonigle family
5. In memory of the newly-departed Harry Zervos, offered by Tom and Judy Hanney
6. For the Health of our godson Nicholas Philipp on his birthday, Love, Aunt Judy, Uncle Tom and family
7. In memory of the newly-departed Bob Shannon, offered by the Hanney Family
8. For the Health of Frank Borriello on his birthday, Love Ellen and Phil
9. For the health of Frank Borriello on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
10. For the health of David Kuchmiak on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz
11. For the health of Susan Guz on her special birthday. Thank you for all that you do for St Nicholas, offered by Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
12. In memory of our Mom/Mom-Mom Lillian Fox on the 15th anniversary of her passing. Memory Eternal, love Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
13. For the health of Frank Borriello on his birthday, Love, Gail
14. For the health of Susan Guz on her special birthday, Love, Gail
15. In memory of the newly-departed Harry Zervos, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond
16. For the health of Ann Zervos, George, Jim and Debbie at this difficult time, offered Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Jennifer and Cory Redmond

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
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

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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

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 Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **(Hebrews 11:24-26; 11:32-12:2)**

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 following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." **(John 1:43-51)**

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