

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, March 24, 2019

- Friday, March 22: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, March 23: SOUL SATURDAY: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM; Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, March 24: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, Moleben in Ukrainian, 11:00 AM



The Blessed Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret



**The Second Sunday of
Great Lent is Dedicated
to a Pillar of Orthodoxy:
St. Gregory Palamas,
Archbishop of Thessalonica**

Troparion of
St. Gregory Palamas in Tone 8

“Light of Orthodoxy, pillar and teacher of the Church, adornment of monks and champion of theologians, O Gregory, wonderworker and boast of Thessalonika, preacher of grace, pray that our souls may be saved!”

St. Gregory was a great defender of Orthodoxy through his teachings and writings. On this day, the second Sunday of Lent, the Church speaks to us about the mystery of light – a blessed internal light – which we must come to know if we want to behold the Resurrection of Christ. St. Gregory reminded Christians of the words of the Scripture stating that God is light. By affirming “God the Father and God the Son, Light from Light, true God of true God,” we believe that God created an inner light described in the book of Genesis: “God said, let there be light.” To walk in the light means to know God, seek His wisdom, understand His truth, and live in the light of His righteousness.

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**Sunday
of
Orthodoxy
Procession
March 17,
2019**



Father Bohdan's Sermon – Orthodoxy Sunday, March 17, 2019

Today we commemorate an event that happened more than 2,000 years ago – on March 11, 843 to be exact. This day was a victory for icons in Orthodox churches. Let me explain with a short Sunday School lesson about today – The Sunday of Orthodoxy. It started a century before the year 843 between the ICONOCLASTS and the ICONOPHILES. The iconoclasts were those who feared too much devotion was given icons in Orthodox worship. Miracles attributed to icons and excessive worship was interpreted as idolatry – the worship of idols. This iconoclastic movement ultimately led to the removal of ALL icons from Orthodox churches. The iconophiles believed the opposite: that icons represented the divine through art and beauty. The outcome was a decree that restored icons in the churches...a decree that proclaimed icons could be venerated and honored, but not worshipped, as worship was due only God. And in 843, Empress Theodora, her son, monks and clergy came in procession into the Hagia Sophia Cathedral in Constantinople and restored icons to their rightful place in the church. The day, the first Sunday of Lent, was called the Triumph of Orthodoxy or the Sunday of Orthodoxy. And so that is why we can honor icons in our church today. As you know, icons are placed everywhere!...on furnishings, on walls, ceilings, the iconostasis, on vestments and in our houses. Icons in Orthodoxy are not optional. We venerate the icons by kissing them, burning candles in front of them, by using incense. Remembering the conflict between the iconoclasts and iconophiles will remind us of the distinction between veneration and worship. -- and that our devotion to icons is NOT idolatry, but rather an integral part of our faith and devotion to the saints represented in these beautiful works of art. AMEN.





Easter Flowers and Vigils

Starting the first week of April, Diane Kavchok will be contacting you by email for any revisions to your Easter vigil list. To our new parishioners: please contact Diane by email, kavchokd@aol.com, or see Diane after church if you would like to have Vigils published in the Easter edition of our Bulletin.

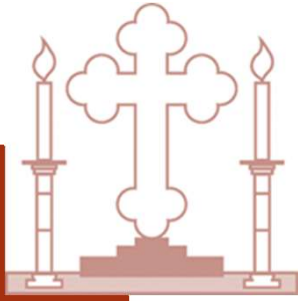
It is time to order flowers for Easter. An order form will be emailed with the weekly Bulletin. Blank order forms are also available in the Candle Room. The flowers – tulips, geraniums, lilies, hyacinths and daffodils -- will adorn the tomb set up in our Sanctuary on Holy Friday through Easter. On Bright Monday, the potted plants will be available to take home. Please order yours by Sunday, April 14.

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."

Our Endowment Fund Drive is underway. 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!



ALTAR CANDLES

lit today in

Memory of Beloved Mother

HELEN GUZ

on the 2nd anniversary of her passing

July 14, 1923 – March 24, 2017

offered by

Patricia Walker and Susan Guz



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

ATTENTION, PARISHIONERS

Tom Hanney, President, Church Council, will give the congregation a Church "progress report" in our Firebird Grand Hall following Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, April 7**. This is the first update meeting since our Annual Meeting last September. Many projects have been accomplished in the past 6 months – and there are more exciting projects ahead. Please attend to hear how your Church is doing – and how you can make a difference.



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**

Fellowship Lunch



Christopher Borriello

Thank you, Chef Christopher and the Borriello Family, for preparing a delicious Lenten lunch on Sunday, March 17. Parishioners enjoyed baked cod, salmon, roasted potatoes, green beans, fruit salad – and TWO cakes to celebrate several birthdays this month: Frank Borriello, Nathan Borriello, David Kuchmiak and Susan Guz. Mnohaya Lita!

Our Fellowship Lunches following Divine Liturgy are part of our social life – and are also great fundraisers for the Church. Please volunteer to host a lunch. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or email sneco100@gmail.com.



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 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	TOM HANNEY: PROGRESS REPORT TO CONGREGATION 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

Our "chanting" classes for girls have begun and the Myrrh Maidens are rehearsing 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.

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 my son, brother, uncle, Nicholas Philipp, on his birthday, offered by Colleen, Jennifer and Cory
3. In memory of Mr. Zaruba on his birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil Hanavin
4. For the health of Susan Guz on her special birthday, offered by Diane Kavchok
5. In memory of Father/Grandfather, George Wohar, on the 30th year of his passing, offered by the McMonigle family
6. For the newly-departed Bob Shannon, offered by the Wohar Family. Memory Eternal!
7. In memory of Michael Zaruba on his birthday, offered by Susan Guz

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. 12/31/19
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 24

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 5th Tone: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

CHOIR: Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

READER: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is Godly. Thou, O Lord, shall protect us.

CHOIR: And preserve us from this generation forever.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail. "But to which of the angels has He ever said: 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool'?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him. **(Hebrews 1:10-2:3)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: The Lord answer thee in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect thee!
Save the king, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

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 Mark.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone? But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins-He said to the paralytic, I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" **(Mark 2:1-12)**

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



Do you recognize this place?

This is our Firebird Grand Hall all decked out for an event that took place on Saturday, March 16.

If you build it, they will come...!



On Sunday, April 7, Tom Hanney, our Church President, will give you the details of our successful efforts to generate revenue from the Firebird Grand Hall.

