St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, March 31, 2019

Friday, March 29: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 30: SOUL SATURDAY: Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM, followed by Panikhida; Vespers, 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 31: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM - Veneration of the Cross;

Moleben in Ukrainian, 11:00 AM



His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret

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On Soul Saturdays, Father Rohdan prays for the souls of your departed loved ones, reading aloud the names on the lists you provided. The special Manikhida follows Divine Liturgy. The remaining Soul Saturdays during Lent are March 30 and April 6.

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The Seniors from The City School, located at 6th Street & Poplar, visited St. Nicholas Church on Friday, March 15, accompanied by Principal Joel Gaines and teacher Kelli Moore. This was the second group of students to visit our church this month. The Seniors' tour was led once again by Judy Hanney, Sunday School Director, and Susan Guz. The students were most curious about confession in the Orthodox faith and our beautiful icons. A third tour will be given to the Junior class on Thursday, March 28. The City School is a "Pre-K to Grade 12 Christian school in the heart of Philadelphia." cityschool.org



The beautiful flowers adorning the Holy Cross on March 31, the Third Sunday of Great Lent -- the Veneration of the Cross -- were donated by Tom and Judy Hanney & Family In Memory of Parents Stephen & Helen Sameruck Sister, Carol Irene Kauriga & Brother, Stephen Michael Sameruck



- . In Memory of Helen Sameruck
- Colleen Philipp -- in Memory of Charles, John, Pauline, Charles, Michael, Thomas and Timothy
- 3. In honor of Susan Guz on her birthday



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!

Father Bohdan's Sermon - Sunday, March 24, 2019 - Mark 2:1-12

Today's Scripture reading is about the paralytic man who was carried on a pallet and lowered through the roof of a house where a huge crowd was gathered to hear Jesus Christ preach. It is a remarkable account of an extraordinary act compelled by faith. Jesus was so moved by this incredible feat that he told the paralytic man that his sins were forgiven. And then began an interchange between the scribes and Jesus. The scribes were stuck on Jesus' words, even to the point of accusing Him of blasphemy. Jesus responded with different words. He said to the paralytic man: ARISE, TAKE UPYOUR BED AND WALK. The lesson I share with you today is this: do not let words get in the way of what you want to achieve by your faith and spiritual goals. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. And whether Jesus said to the paralytic man, your sins are forgiven, or arise take up your bed and walk, the result was the same. An amazing miracle occurred, and the crowd who witnessed it was changed forever. So, instead of talking, take action for the glory of God. Take action driven by your faith. Take action in the name of Jesus Christ. Let your faith be synonymous with ACTION. Believe, and act on it. And you, too, may make a difference in someone's life forever. AMEN.



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.

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A Prayer For Lighting A Candle:

ALTAR CANDLES
lit today in
Memory of Beloved Father
MICHAEL ZARUBA
on his 92nd Birthday
-Memory Eternaloffered by
Marcia Zaruba O'Connor, Mike and Zachary

ANALOI CANDLES
lit today in
Memory of Newly-Departed
ARNALDO TERRAZAS
brother of Deacon Daniel Terrazas
-Memory Eternal-







SUNDAY VIGILS

- 1. For the health and speedy recovery of our friend, Mike Shimp, offered by the Murphy Family
- 2. For the health of Anastasia Wohar on her Birthday, offered by Aunt Barb and Uncle Jim McMonigle
- 3. For the health of our Granddaughter, Kaylee, on her 16th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
- 4. For the health of our Granddaughter, Jessica, on her 19th Birthday, offered by Baba and Pop-Pop McMonigle
- 5. For the health of our daughter, Nicki, offered by Mom and Dad McMonigle
- 6. In memory of Helen Guz, offered by Gail Osborn
- 7. In memory of Michael Zaruba, offered by Gail Osborn
- 8. In memory of Bob Shannon, offered by Gail Osborn
- 9. In memory of Helen Guz, offered by the Murphy Family
- 10. In loving memory of our mother/grandmother, Dorothy Murphy, on the anniversary of her passing. Memory Eternal. Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
- 11. For the health of our Uncle Bob, Love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
- 12. For the health of my nephew, Matthew Murphy, on his birthday, Love, Aunt Gail
- 13. For the memory of mother/grandmother, Helen Doukakis, offered by the Wohar Family
- 14. For the health of our daughter/sister, Anastasia Wohar, on her 33rd Birthday, offered by Mom, Dad, Michael, Andrew and Amy
- 15. For the health and speedy recovery of Tom Wingert, offered by the Wohar Family
- 16. For the repose of the soul of the newly-departed Arnaldo Terrazas, offered by Susan Guz
- 17. For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
- 18. For the health of Barbara Marozzi on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
- 19. For the health of Judy Hanney on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
- 20. For the health of Barbara Marozzi on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
- 21. For the health of my sister/aunt, Judy Hanney, on her birthday, Lovel, Barbara, George, Cassandra and Ray
- 22. In memory of Michael Zaruba, Love, the Latsios and McNulty Families
- 23. In memory of Helen Guz o the anniversary of her passing, Love, the Latsios and McNulty Families
- 24. In memory of Arnaldo Terrazas. May his Memory be Eternal. The Latsios and McNulty Families
- 25. In memory of Helen Guz on the 2nd anniversary of her passing, Love, Ellen and Phil
- 26. In memory of newly-departed Arnaldo Terrazas, offered by Ellen and Phil
- 27. For the health of Judy Hanney on her special birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
- 28. For the health of my sister, Barbara Marozzi, on her birthday, Love, Ellen and Phil
- 29. For the health of Barbara Marozzi on her birthday, Love, Dawn and Ron xoxo
- 30. For the health of Geoffrey Pearce, Love, Dawn and Ron xoxo
- 31. For the health of our cousin/Godmother, Judy Hanney, on her 60th Birthday, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp / Jennifer and Cory Redmond
- 32. For the repose of the soul of the newly-departed Arnaldo Terrazas, offered by the Hanney Family

"Set our hearts on fire with love for You, O Christ our God, so that in its flame we may love You with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul and with all our strength, and our neighbors as ourselves, so that by keeping Your commandments we may glorify You, the giver of all good gifts."

"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

ANNUAL 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 Levchenco 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 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

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

| Pre-Easter Calendar | |
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| 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 | HolyThursday |
| 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 | |

*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.



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.

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31 THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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 Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." **(Hebrews 4:14-5:6)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

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. When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." (Mark 8:34-9:1)

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