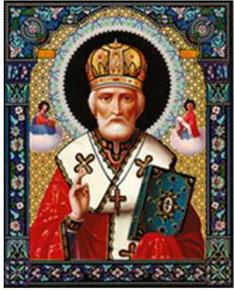


# St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church - Kyivan Patriarchate

**Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector**



His Holiness Patriarch Philaret

## Bulletin for Sunday, November 11, 2018

- Saturday, November 10: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, November 11: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM, followed by General Panikhida
- Saturday, November 17: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, November 18: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

## St. Nicholas Church is Blessed to Receive Metropolitan John Varenenko



## Entrance of Metropolitan John on Sunday, November 4

Greeted By

**Thomas Hanney,**

*President, Church Council*

**Judy Hanney,**

*Director of Sunday School*

**Barbara Latsios,**

*President, Sisterhood*

*with traditional offerings of  
bread and roses*



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## Metropolitan John Presents A Unique Icon To St. Nicholas Church

Originally created for ATO soldiers (anti-terrorist operations) in Kyiv, this unique, original icon was hand-carried by Metropolitan John from Kyiv to Philadelphia and St. Nicholas Church, now the icon's permanent home – in appreciation for the ongoing generous support of the Ukrainian chaplains. Chaplains hold a special place in St. Nicholas Church as both Father John Bohush and Father Bohdan serve as Chaplains.

The icon "Sacred Virgin" is the patron saint and the spiritual strength of the Ukrainian Chaplains and has been reproduced on prayer cards for the soldiers. Sacred Virgin was painted by the Ukrainian icon painter Yuri Nikitin. The artist portrayed the Mother of God holding an omophorion in her hands, covering and protecting soldiers of different eras amidst a field of poppies. The poppy is a universal symbol of remembrance for all those who fought and died in wars. That we received the Sacred Virgin icon at the time of Veterans Day is especially poignant.



## The Church Council

**Thomas Hanney, Susan Guz, Ellen Hanavin and Frank Borriello**

personally donated beautiful new blue vestments to  
Metropolitan John.

Tom presented the vestments prior to Divine Liturgy.  
Metropolitan John was then vested in the center of the Church.











*Preparing Holy Communion*









### *Father Bohdan's Remarks*

Today we are blessed to have Metropolitan John with us – a historic day as this is our first visit from a Metropolitan from the Kyivan Patriarchate.

Metropolitan John was born in 1967. After graduating from the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute and serving in the Army, at the age of 27, he entered the Kyiv Theological Seminary and graduated with a degree in theological sciences.

In 1997, Metropolitan John received monastic vows at St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery. The following year he was ordained a priest. In 2001, he was appointed a teacher at the Kyiv Theological Seminary, and in 2002, His Holiness Patriarch Philaret promoted him to the rank of Abbot. In 2003, Metropolitan John was consecrated as the Bishop of Cherkasy and Chigirinsky. Six years later, he was promoted to the rank of Archbishop. And then on January 23, 2012, by the decree of His Holiness Patriarch Philaret, he was raised to the rank of Metropolitan. Metropolitan John is currently the Head of the Ukrainian Synodal Administration for Chaplaincies.

Please take the opportunity to get to know Metropolitan John beyond these words. He is kind, compassionate and approachable. We are fortunate to have him with us to receive his blessing. Yaroslav Shevchenko, his secretary, also traveled to Philadelphia from Kyiv. Both Metropolitan John and Yaroslav speak English so please give them a warm welcome.



Father Bohdan received special blessings and a jeweled crucifix from Metropolitan John for his relentless efforts tending to the spiritual needs of his Parish and for his personal donations to the Chaplains.





**Thomas Hanney, *President, Church Council,* and Judy Hanney, *Director of Sunday School, and Sisterhood member,* received Metropolitan John's special blessing and icons for their extraordinary leadership of the parish and their decades of selfless dedication to ensure the success and growth of St. Nicholas Church.**



Susan Guz, Vice President, Church Council, received icons from Metropolitan John with his appreciation and blessing for making it possible for him and Yaroslav Shevchenko to come to the USA. Susan's efforts began six months ago when she initially collaborated with the US Military Chaplains Association to secure an invitation to the MCA Annual Conference; and then Susan personally donated funds for Metropolitan John's and Yaroslav Shevchenko's airfare, hotels in Philadelphia and Washington, DC and all incidentals to make their first visit to the United States first-class, comfortable and memorable.



Our most senior member, Helen Sameruck (93 years old), received Metropolitan John's blessing and an icon for being an inspiration to our congregation and representing the founders of St. Nicholas Church. Her steadfast faith and devotion are inspiring to our youth, and she is revered and respected by all for her Orthodox Christian values and fortitude.



## Metropolitan John had a full itinerary during his first visit to the United States and Philadelphia.



On Saturday, November 3: After blessing the commencement of the Pierogi Festival, Metropolitan John, Father Bohdan and Deacon Daniel served a **Panikhida at Oakland Cemetery** for departed American soldiers and departed priests and founders of St. Nicholas Church. Accompanied by Yaroslav Shevchenko, they prayed at the grave of Very Reverend Alexis Gougnin, former pastor of St. Nicholas Church. Memory Eternal.

Metropolitan John then served Vespers with Father Bohdan and Deacon Daniel.

# PIEROGI FESTIVAL 2018 EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS!

**Metropolitan John blessed the commencement of the Pierogi Festival on Saturday, Nov. 3, at noon.**

From that moment until beyond closing time on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 5 pm, the people kept coming....and coming....and coming....!



The food line snaked around the perimeter of the hall. The tent was full to capacity. And we sold every morsel of food.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
AND THANK YOU TO  
ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

We will report our profits in a future Bulletin soon.





St. Nicholas Church will be hosting  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22,  
in our Firebird Grand Hall. All are welcome to  
enjoy a traditional dinner: turkey, stuffing and all  
the trimmings! Cost is \$15 per person.  
Start time: 2:00/2:30 PM.

**Introducing our new oil  
vigil candles:**

double the burn time (8 hours);  
a brighter flame; more economical;  
no carbon residue to damage our  
icons; no wax residue. Your cost:  
still only \$2.



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- In Memory of Helen Guz
- Helen Sameruck, in Memory of husband, Stephen, son, Stephen and daughter, Carol Kauriga
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- Barbara and George Latsios
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- Renee and Frank Murphy, in Memory of Helen Guz
- Larry Ristik
- Renee and Frank Murphy. in Honor of Ellen and Phil Hanavin on their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- Gail Osborn, for the health of Frank Murphy
- Susan Isaac, for the health of Helen Sameruck
- Marcia Zaruba O'Connor

**Father Bohdan's Sermon**

**Sunday, November 4 – Luke 16:19-31**

*Today's Scripture reading is the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus – two men as different as night and day. For the Rich Man, daily life is great, wonderful, happy. For Lazarus, his daily life is torture, living in rags among the dogs. Both die, their lives are reversed – and the outcome is set for eternity. The Rich Man realizes why he is in agony and worries about his family, that his fate will become theirs. And so he pleads for Lazarus to rise from the dead, go to his family and shock them into salvation. But the answer is a definite NO. The Rich Man was told: If they do not hear Moses and the prophets – the Scripture – neither will they be persuaded by one who rises from the dead. So all is lost for the Rich Man. This parable should be enough to convince you to live compassionately, live generously, and live with your riches kept in perspective. If the Lord has given you a gift, share it. For our life on earth is very short. Enjoy each day, for sure, but let this parable remind you of the big picture of eternity. AMEN.*

# SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

## SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the safe travel of Metropolitan John and Yaroslav Shevchenko, as they return home to Ukraine
2. For the health of the Murphy Family, offered by Renee and Frank
3. For the health of all our hard-working volunteers who labored tirelessly to make our Pierogi Festival the incredible success it was!
4. For the health of my daughter, Wendy Snoke, on her birthday, Love Mom
5. On this Veterans Day, in memory of the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy in this country.
6. For the health of Anastasia Hanney Whitmer, for her talents and beautiful photography

## 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. 12/31/18
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. 12/31/18
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. 12/31/18
15. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/18
16. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/18
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

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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# THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**PRIEST:** Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The Prokeimenon in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**CHOIR:** The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**READER:** Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people!

**CHOIR:** The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

**READER:** The reading is from the Ephesians.

**PRIEST:** Let us attend!

**READER:** Brothers...For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Amen. **(Ephesians 2:14-22)**

**PRIEST:** Peace be unto thee, Reader.

**READER:** And to thy spirit.

**PRIEST:** Wisdom!

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

**READER:** It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most-High! To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

**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 Luke.

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

**PRIEST:** Let us attend. Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him. **(Luke 8:26-39)**

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



