

St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, September 15, 2019

- Saturday, September 14: Vespers, 5:00 PM
- Sunday, September 15: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM
- Saturday, September 21: Vespers, 5:00 PM; Nativity of Holy Theotokos
- Sunday, September 22: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM



The Blessed
Metropolitan Epifaniy



His Holiness
Patriarch Philaret

A newly-framed icon of SAINT PARASKEVA hangs on the back wall of our Sanctuary to the right of the entrance door. This old icon, painted on a thin piece of wood (date unknown) had been precariously perched on the ledge for some time after Father Bohdan discovered it behind the Iconostasis.

The Great Martyr Paraskeva was born into a rich and pious family in the 10th Century. The parents of the saint especially revered Friday, the day of the Passion of the Lord, and so they named their daughter Paraskeva, which means "Friday."

Saint Paraskeva dedicated her life entirely to God through prayer and fasting. She chose an ascetic life in the desert of Jordan and left this world at the early age of 27.

She is especially beloved by the Orthodox people of Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania and Moldavia. Her holy relics are kept in the Metropolitan Cathedral, Iasi, Romania.

Iconographers usually depicted Saint Paraskeva as statuesque with a radiant crown upon her head. On her feast day (October 14) it was the custom to bring fruit to church to be blessed as Saint Paraskeva was the patron saint of fields and cattle. She is also a healer of people from grievous illness of both body and soul.



- Memory Eternal -

Paraskeva from the Kowal Family

Paraskeva (Paraska) Beruk from the Marx-Borriello-Fox-Osborn Families

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Come and hear about all the exciting projects accomplished – and planned – for our beloved St. Nicholas Church. **Sunday, September 28, 2019, following Divine Liturgy in our Church Hall.** Our Council President, Tom Hanney, will give a full report!



Message from Sisterhood President: Barbara Latsios

The Annual Sisterhood Dinner will be on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**, immediately following Liturgy. The cost is \$25.00 per adult and as always, there is no charge for children up to age 17. The Sisterhood is open to all women at St. Nicholas Church and the money we raise is used to make small purchases for our Clergy and Choir. I ask that all parishioners plan to attend this annual event where you will enjoy a full-course dinner and an afternoon of fellowship at the Church.

Purchase your tickets now until October 3 from Diane Kavchok, Judy Hanney or Barbara Latsios.

This year Father Bohdan asked the Sisterhood to make a small monetary donation to the "Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy" in Lutsk, Ukraine where children have little to work with. To supplement the donation, we are asking parishioners to bring in school supplies (paper, pencils, crayons, new or gently used children's books, gloves, mittens, scarfs, and clothing) that we will send to Ukraine with our monetary gift. Please leave your donation in the Church Office. **THANKYOU!**

The Sisterhood
SCHOOL
SUPPLIES DRIVE

now until Oct. 3



the office

The next step in the continuing renovation of Liberty North Hall is to upgrade our long-forgotten OFFICE. A generous donation has made it possible to finally pull up the old, worn carpet and replace it with the same gray vinyl flooring as in the main Hall. At the same time, the floor in the entrance corridor will be replaced as it is cracked, chipped and beyond repair. A classic "French" door with a lock has already been installed. Two new contemporary desks will follow, along with a few modern office chairs.

The OFFICE is a very important room. It is often the first impression for visitors to St. Nicholas Church and the Hall -- and as such the OFFICE should be attractive and functional. Many people congregate in this room - to discuss religious services with Father Bohdan, to sign the Church Record Book after a Baptism or Wedding, or to take care of Church business. And after the renovation, the Church Council will finally have a quiet, private room to hold its meetings without interruptions.

In addition, the OFFICE is where we talk to people about Liberty North Hall and schedule events. We look forward to the long-awaited renovation that should be completed within the next several weeks.



Our Building Fund subsidizes the ongoing upkeep, renovation and repair of St. Nicholas Church, and your donation could ensure that our building -- our spiritual house -- is well-maintained for many decades to come.

Donate online:
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SUNDAY and PERPETUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY



Altar Candles: \$35; Analoi Candles: \$25; Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the health of Dawn Healey and a successful surgery, Love, Mom and Dad
2. For a successful surgery for my husband Bob Marozzi, Love, Barbara
3. For a successful surgery for my sister Ellen Hanavin, Love, Barbara
4. For a successful surgery for my niece Dawn Healey, Love, Aunt Barbara
5. In memory of our Dad, Emil Levchenko, on the anniversary of his passing, Love, Barbara and Ellen
6. For a successful surgery for Bob Marozzi, Love, Phil and Ellen
7. For the health of Cassandra and Ray on their anniversary, Love, the Hanney and Whitmer Families
8. In memory of the newly-departed Volodymyr, brother of Oksana Voloshnovskyy, offered by Susan Guz

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., 8/1/20
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. 8/1/20
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 my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidian, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
26. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
27. For the health of Nikolay, Praskovya, Nataliya, Vitaliy, Oryssa, Alina, Nastya and Volodya, offered by Vasyl (Bill) Danylyuk. exp. 9/1/20

Matthew 19:24

And again I say unto you,
It is easier for a camel to
go through the eye of a
needle, than for a rich
man to enter into the
kingdom of God.

Father Bohdan's Sermon - Sunday, September 8, 2019 - Matthew 19:16-26

We are all guilty of this: We want Jesus, but on our own terms. We want Jesus to go with us and bless our plans, but only as a part of our lives. Today's Scripture reading is the story about the rich young ruler who had everything except one thing -- an assurance of eternal life. He was not absolutely sure that he was "right with God." And his doubts were justified. Whatever you love the most, serve most, seek out most, give to the most, worship the most and care about the most is your god. Your "god" can be your career, your bank account, the way you look, a particular position or degree, influence, power, or physical pleasure. Your "god" is whatever you allow to control you, to be the ultimate guide to decision-making, the place of your supreme loyalty, and the source of your self-worth. Jesus showed the young man in today's Bible reading that he was not good enough for God, despite his wealth. Jesus put a light on the sin that separated him from God, and it was the young man's greed and his idolatry with regard to the things he possessed. And Jesus summarized it perfectly with these words: it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into Heaven. AMEN.

Please remember our
homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
St. Martha Rehabilitation
Center
470 Manor Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
Tel: 610-873-8490

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



Each man should give
what he has decided in
his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

CHURCH CALENDAR 2019

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, following Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13	SISTERHOOD OF THE PROTECTION (POKROVA) OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS LUNCH, following Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3	ANNUAL PIEROGI FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15	ST. NICHOLAS PATRON SAINT LUNCH, following Divine Liturgy

We acknowledge and are grateful for recent generous donations from several parishioners who came forward to cover the cost of our handyman – and the new vertical window blinds, high-top tables, stools and flat screen TV in the Church Hall. Thank you!



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SEPTEMBER

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The success of an outdoor festival is weather dependent....and Saturday's perfect bright blue skies and pleasant temperature brought out droves of people to the Pop-Up Festival held on the Church's grounds on Sept 7.

Bottom line:
St. Nicholas
Church made
\$2,000 from
this fundraiser!



Special thanks to new Church member Oksana Voloshnovskyy for delivering the 600 fresh handmade delicious pierogi and 200 cheese blintzes.....ALL SOLD in one day!

It's
crunch
time



for the
PIEROGI FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 2
&
Sunday, November 3

The Pierogi Festival is our biggest FUNDRAISER of the year! The Pop-Up Festival last Saturday “only” raised \$2,000. Our goal for the PIEROGI FESTIVAL is TEN TIMES that....\$20,000!

WE CAN DO IT -- BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!
All labor, supplies, food and refreshments are DONATED by parishioners and benefactors. That means all money generated over the 2-day Festival is PROFIT.

CONTINUE READING TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR BELOVED ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH...



HELUPKI

Helupki preparation began this week. Please stay after Divine Liturgy this Sunday, September 15, to help roll helupki. We will finish by 12:30 pm. During the week, we meet in the Church Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am. We will continue these weekday and Sunday meetings until we have reached our goal: **1,000 HELUPKI**

ONIONS

Please pick up a bag of onions from inside the large refrigerator in the kitchen. Marked freezer bags (used for flat freezing) are packed with the onions. Saute the onions to a golden brown. If you use a food processor to chop your onions, please DO NOT OVER CHOP as the onions become too mushy. Our goal: **250 POUNDS OF ONIONS**

PIEROGI

Pierogi making will start and continue on these dates: September 27, 28 & 29; October 4, 5 & 6; October 18, 19 & 20; October 27; and November 1. Friday evenings at 6:00 PM, we make the filling for the pierogi. On Saturdays, we start at 8:00 AM and end at approximately 1:00 PM. And on Sundays, we roll, pinch and freeze immediately following Divine Liturgy! Our goal: **8,000 PIEROGIS**

SOUPS

For those of you who are making soups, please pick up your plastic containers from the kitchen – and then bring them back filled to put in our freezers.

FINAL PREP WORK

Sunday, October 27, will be for final prep work, such as filling the sour cream and cherry containers (our St. Nicholas Youth did a great job doing this last year), cleaning and setting up chafing dishes, crock pots, etc. Friday, November 1, is for last-minute prep and set up.

WINE / LIQUOR

In the past, parishioners have donated an assortment of alcoholic beverages. This year we are asking for CASH DONATIONS for the purchase of beer, wine and spirits that we know – based on past festivals – are best-sellers. Our bartender/sommelier, RAY McNULTY will be accepting your cash or checks. Please contact him directly with any questions: mcnulray@gmail.com. Our donation goal: **\$500**

**Any questions about the food? Contact the Food Prep Team Leader, JUDY HANNEY
856-783-6078 or tjahanney@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!**



Another fundraiser for St. Nicholas Church took place Thursday evening, September 5. AT&T Mobile sponsored a neighborhood event in Liberty North Hall. Caterer Chef Smiley gave a presentation to the community on healthy cooking and a complimentary dinner was served to all who attended. AT&T showed its appreciation to St. Nicholas Church with a \$200 donation.

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE
whatever **GIFT**
you have received
to **SERVE OTHERS**
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
God's GRACE
IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS 1 PETER 4:10

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

CHOIR: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my God, Thou art very great! O Lord, how manifold are Thy works!

CHOIR: In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren-you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints- that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand- Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. **(1 Corinthians 16:13-24)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: Go forth, prosper and reign because of truth and meekness and righteousness.
You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

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 Matthew.

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

PRIEST: Let us attend. Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, 'He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes.'"**(Matthew 21:33-42)**

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

WELCOME HOME

Father Bohdan returned to Philadelphia on Wednesday, September 11. We look forward to hearing about his successful and exciting trip to Tajikistan!

