



St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church

Stavropigia of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Very Reverend Bohdan Zhoba, Rector

Bulletin for Sunday, September 8, 2019

- Sunday, September 8: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM & Panikhida
- 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**



Father Bohdan,
Father Oleksii,
Deacon Daniel
and
Altar Server
Yaroslav
Kacharai at the
blessing of
the new
Saint Susanna
icon on
Sunday,
September 1.

A Moleben
was also
served for the
health,
wisdom and
well-being of
all professors,
teachers and
students as
they begin a
new school
year.

Father Bohdan's Sermon – Sunday, September 1, 2019 – Matthew 18:23-35

Today's Scripture reading is a call for unlimited forgiveness. Jesus illustrates this with a powerful parable. A servant owed his King a lot of money that the servant could not repay. He would be punished and the servant accepted this justice, but pleaded for patience. The King's compassion went one step further, and the King granted the servant undeserved forgiveness. Yet the forgiven servant did not do the same for another who owed him a small amount of money, and the servant was prepared to extort the money through violence and cruelty. When the King learned of this, he said: **YOU WICKED SERVANT. I FORGAVE YOU AND YOU CANNOT FORGIVE ANOTHER? OFF TO JAIL WITH YOU!** There is nothing that so grieves the Holy Spirit as an unforgiving spirit.

We bring torment upon ourselves if we have an unforgiving heart. We are not hurting our brother, but ourselves.

Heaven's door is shut upon our bitterness until we repent. And think how many times God has forgiven us.

For that reason alone, we must forgive others to the utmost. **AMEN.**

This beautiful Saint Susanna icon joins our sacred family of icons in St. Nicholas Church. Saint Susanna was the niece of the Bishop of Rome and related to the Emperor. Saint Susanna was virtuous, beautiful, wealthy and Christian. When she refused to marry a pagan, she was arrested and killed. And so, in the 3rd Century, Saint Susanna ultimately died a martyr for her Christian faith.

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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



During the week when parishioners are busy with their daily home and work lives, St. Nicholas Church does not close its doors. Sometimes people will walk into the Sanctuary to light candles and say a prayer. On Tuesdays and Saturdays, we greet lots of strangers as we host an “open house” on these two days for folks interested in seeing Liberty North Hall for their next party! And very often we welcome a wide variety of service people: whether it is the handyman, Bill, who aligns our doors, fixes locks and hinges, touches up paint, patches holes – or does other improvement projects – or the plumber, electrician and HVAC techs who service our essential operating systems. Our church building is more than 160 years old. Think of the structure as 10 huge houses – always needing maintenance, repair and renovation. That is why we have a BUILDING FUND. Our Building Fund subsidizes the ongoing upkeep, and your donation could ensure that our building – our spiritual house -- is well-maintained for many decades to come.

Donate online: stnicholaseoc.org



Our HVAC technicians strongly advised that we install a door from the entrance corridor to the Hall so that our A/C units can cool efficiently – and not fight the rush of hot air when the entrance door opens (and of course the reverse in the winter!) We took their advice, and gave this assignment to Bill!



**Handyman –Painter
VASYL (BILL) DANYLYUK
cell: 609-727-3310**

Bill installed ceramic tiles on the sill of the pass-through kitchen window, one of the many items on his long “to do” list!



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 the health of Father Bohdan and a safe journey to and from Tajikistan
3. For the health of my grandson, Jack Osborn, on his 8th birthday, Love, Grandmom
4. For the health of Corey on his birthday, Love, Uncle Tom and Aunt Judy
5. For the health of son/brother Andrew Wohar on his 36th birthday offered by Mom, Dad, Michael, and Anastasia
6. For the health of my Godsons, Stephen Kull and Andrew Wohar, on their birthdays, offered by Aunt Barb McMonigle

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 Davidyan, 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

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

READER: Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

CHOIR: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Corinthians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. **(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

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

READER: In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope. Let me not be put to shame!
Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

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. Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" "The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." **(Matthew 19:16-26)**

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



Father Bohdan accepted an invitation to chair a religious conference in Dushanbe, Tajikistan this week. He left the U.S. Monday evening, September 2, and returns to Philadelphia on Wednesday, September 11. In his absence, and in an emergency, please call Father Oleksii Kacharai, cell: 215-268-4248 or Father Oleksii's son, Yaroslav (who speaks English fluently): cell: 215-214-9994.



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

Please remember our homebound parishioner:
Ms. Anna Kuliasha
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CHURCH CALENDAR 2019

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7	NORTHERN LIBERTIES POP-UP FESTIVAL, from 12:00 noon-6:00 pm, rain or shine! Vendors, live music, food trucks (including our own St. Nicholas Pierogi & Blintzes stand!) On our south lawn!
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

Except the Lord
build the house,
They labor in vain
that build it. PSALMS 127:1



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ATTENTION: **Food Prep Team for the PIEROGI FESTIVAL**
FROM: **Judy Hanney, Pierogi Festival Team Leader**

This year, due to the success of our Church Hall being booked, we have limited days on which to make our pierogis and roll our helupki. Please note the dates below that are available for our use and mark your calendars. We are locked into them!

- **September 27, 28 & 29**
- **October 4, 5 & 6**
- **October 18, 19 & 20**
- **October 27**
- **November 1**

Friday evenings, we make the filling for the pierogi, and the start time is 6:00 PM or as soon as you can arrive after work. On Saturdays, the start time is 8:00 AM and we end at approximately 1:00 PM. And on Sundays, we roll, pinch and freeze immediately following Divine Liturgy!

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 sterno dishes, trays, crock pots, etc. Friday, November 1, is for last-minute prep and set up.

We need to make 8,000 pierogis. We need everyone to help! Onions will be available for pick up on September 8. They need to be sautéed and placed in the freezer bags (to be provided). Also, Colleen and I will be steaming cabbage on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 AM (after rush hour), beginning after Labor Day. We ask those who can to join us! We need to make 1,000 helupki. For those making soups, please pick up your containers. The freezers are ready! :)

Any questions, please contact Judy Hanney, 856-783-6078 or tjahanney@yahoo.com. **THANK YOU!**

