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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

CHRIST IS BORN – GLORIFY HIM! KHRYSTOS RODYVSYA – SLAVITE YOHO!

Sunday, January 16, 2022

34 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost			
SUN	Jan. 16	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of the St. Nicholas Church
MON	Jan. 17	8:00 AM	+ Michael Ginsiorsky – Orest Ginsiorsky
TUE	Jan. 18	8:00 AM	For God's Blessing of John Hynansky – Rev./Mrs. Klanichka
WED	Jan. 19	8:00 AM	+ Olga, Stepan, Stefania, Ivan, Hanna, Olexiy, Mykola, Victor, Olena, Vasyi, Natalia and Roman – Andriy and Inna Boyko
THUR	Jan. 20	8:00 AM	For good health of Larissa Kyj – Kyj Family
FRI	Jan. 21	7:45 AM	No Liturgy
35 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost			
SUN	Jan. 23	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church

**Welcome** – To all who are tired and need rest; To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are friendless and need friendship; To all who are discouraged and need hope; To all who are homeless and need sheltering love; To all who sin and need a Savior; And to whomsoever will, The Parish of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church opens Wide its doors, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! **Our mission:** let us be a community filled with faith in God, love for our tradition and our Church, and love for one another.

**In case of emergency** – if you need to reach Father Volodymyr in an emergency and he is unavailable at the rectory, please call his cell phone at 1-570-328-3818. If you are admitted to a hospital or at home and would like Father to visit you, please call the Rectory Office (302-762-5511) to request visitation of the sick.

**Sanctuary light** – if you are interested in requesting the Sanctuary Light to burn in memory of your deceased love ones, please see Father. The light will burn for one week and the cost is \$20.

**Bequests to Your Parish:** please remember St. Nicholas Church with memorial gifts in your will.

**The Sanctuary Light** for the week of January 16<sup>th</sup> is requested by Mr./Mrs. Walter Szczerban in memory of + Richard S. King. May his memory be eternal! Vichanaya Pamiat!

**2022 Church Envelopes and Calendars** are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

**Blessing of Homes** – request cards are found with your 2021 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

**Christ is born! Glorify Him!** During the celebration of Christmas, it is the custom of Christians to greet one another with the joyous exclamation, “Christ is born!” to which the one greeted respond, “Glorify Him!” or “Христос рождається! Славимо Його!”

**Post-Christmas Season** – Unlike the rest of the country, we celebrate Christmas for 40 days. So, until February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will sing carols, greet one another with “Khrystos Rodyvsya – Slavite Yoho” “Christ is Born – Glorify Him”!

**Let us remember our sick in our prayers:** Peter & Joan Kurych, John Hynansky, Larissa Kyj, Pauline Sokolski, Alexander Sokolski, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Anna Pohorylo; Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw, Dolores Losten, Lydia Lubun.

**Parish income for January 9<sup>th</sup>** : Sunday \$5,092; Holy Day \$170; Dues \$108; Heat/Fuel \$64; Improvements \$80; Eternal Light \$; Bulletin \$30; Property Insurance \$120; Donation \$1,200; Candles \$; Diocesan \$30; Seminary \$; Varenky \$; Initial Offering \$60. TOTAL: \$6,954.00. Thank you for your donations!

**Christmas Dinner (Prosfora) was canceled**, Sunday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> (Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM). In response to the rising numbers of positive Covid-19 cases, particularly the omicron variant.

**BLESSING OF HOMES** – begins this week in the following areas:

- Thursday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, Claymont area 19703
- Friday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM, Wilmington area 19806

Please have a candle on the dining room table and a container of holy water. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested. Request cards are found with your 2021 envelopes or call the rectory.

**Annual Festival of Christmas Carols was canceled** on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 3 p.m. at the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia.

**Birthright Bottles for Babies Fundraiser** - Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of our Bottles for Babies Fundraiser 2021. St Nicolas raised \$6,343.41 so far. We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in, at that point, we will continue to add to your total.

**Epiphany Home Blessing** - According to Byzantine tradition, the month of January is the time for home blessings. This beautiful tradition is an extension of The Feast of the Theophany (or Epiphany) on January 6, when we commemorate Christ's Baptism and when Jesus sanctified all the waters of the world. The Liturgy on this Feast Day of the Theophany concludes with the service of the Great Blessing of Waters. At the end of the service, the priest blesses the congregation with Holy Water. In addition, since our homes cannot physically be brought to the Church to be blessed, the Church has the beautiful tradition of having a priest personally take the Holy Water into a family's dwelling and together with the family, recite prayers to request that God's grace be bestowed on the household in the new year. By sanctifying our personal living space with the newly Blessed Water, we extend the Grace of God to our own individual dwellings.