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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of the Great Fast -- St. John Climacus

SUN	Mar 19	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of the St. Nicholas Church
MON	Mar 20	7:00 PM	No Liturgy
TUE	Mar 21	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
WED	Mar 22	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
THURS	Mar 23	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
FRI	Mar 24	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
SAT	Mar 25	10:00 AM	Annunciation of the Theotokos (Holyday of Obligation) +Michael Lipcan Sr. – Barbara & Patrick Bagley
5 th Sunday of the Great Fast			
SUN	Mar 26	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of the 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 him at 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 March 19th is requested by Frank Santak Jr. in memory of +Janie M. Santak. May her memory be everlasting!

Recitation of the Rosary – every Sunday at 9:45 AM for Peace in Ukraine. Please pray with us.

The Bishops of the Metropolia of Philadelphia have created a special fund entitled: “War Victims and Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine”. The fund can be accessed through the website of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia: <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate>.

2023 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

Holy Day of Obligation – Saturday, March 25th is the **Annunciation of our Most Holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on at 10:00 AM. Myrovannia (anointing with the Holy Oil) after Divine Liturgy.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES DURING THE GREAT FAST: Every Wednesday and every Friday during the Great Fast at our Church there will be Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts starting at 7:00pm. Every Saturday there will be a Divine Liturgy starting at 9:00am followed by the service of “Sorokousty”, where we commemorate all our deceased. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated for Sundays during this time. Everyone is invited to attend these services which remind us again and again about the great sacrifice that Jesus made for each and everyone of us. Let us pray and meditate about this great mystery, how God came into this world and was crucified for our sake. **Kielbasa and Paska Orders** – a sign-up sheet for kielbasa and paska orders is located in the Church Hall. Kielbasa orders can be picked up on Sunday, April 2nd after the 10:00 AM Liturgy and paska orders on Friday evening and Saturday, April 7th and April 8th. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING KIELBASA IS MARCH 26 AND PASKAS IS APRIL 2nd!**

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: Leila Thomas, John Hynansky, Larissa Kyj, Alexander Sokolski, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw, Lydia Lubun, Julia Szyszka.

Parish income for March 12th: Sunday \$2,508; Holy Day \$4; Dues \$36; Heat/Fuel \$20; Improvements \$30; Initial Offering \$10; Flowers \$20; Varenyky \$80; Coffee \$35; Lent \$79; Diocesan \$18. TOTAL: \$2,840. Thank you for your donations!

WORLD YOUTH DAY—August 1-6, 2023, Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon is calling you – are you ready? If you are interested or would like to learn more or register for the program, please see the flyer in the vestibule of the Church.

103rd Annual Ecumenical Lenten Series 2023 will be at St. Nicholas on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00 PM. Lenten refreshments after service in our Church Hall. Another session will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, Claymont, DE. An offering will be taken at each service and proceeds will go to Ukrainian Relief Fund.

Sorokousty Memorial Services: We honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services on all Saturdays of Lent. Please use your Sorokousty envelope, or write the names on a piece of paper and place it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Please put your name or your family name on the envelope.

Great Fast – Fasting and Abstinence Regulation for 2023. Fast and abstinence from meat and dairy products: 1. First Monday of the Great Fast (Lent), February 20. 2. Good Friday April 7. Fast from meat: 1. All Fridays of the Great Fast. 2. Holy Saturday April 8; Wednesdays of the Great Fast are recommended but not obligatory. Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs of Holy Week are customary but not obligatory. This is obligatory for those between the ages of 14 and 59.

Club for Kids will be held after Divine Liturgy for children under 12 years old. There will be a lot of interesting things to do. Kids will play different games, handcraft, color, sing, and have a lot of fun. This club will be led by Larissa Pohorylo.

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE!