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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, September 17, 2023

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

SUN	Sept 17	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Sept 18	9:00 AM	+Roman Kovalyshyn (1 st Anniversary) – Kovalyshyn Family
TUE	Sept 19	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
WED	Sept 20	8:00AM	No Liturgy
THURS	Sept 21	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
FRI	Sept 22	8:00 AM	+Yuriy Steciuk – Kateryna Shevchuk
SAT	Sept 23	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
17th Sunday After Pentecost			
SUN	Sept 24	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 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 September 17th is requested by Eugene Serba in memory of +Peter Serba. May his memory be eternal! Vichanaya Pamiat!

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.

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw.

Annual Clergy Retreat –Father Klanichka will attend a retreat Monday, Sept 18th through Thursday, Sept 21st. Please pray for the spiritual enrichment and renewal of our clergy.

The priest and congregation sing the following on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: “**Khrestu Tvoyemu poklonyayemysya, Vladyko, I svyate Voskresinnya Tvoje slavymo.**

We bow in worship to your Holy Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection”.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world. It is a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross; the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

Save the Date: Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great 92nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God. This year’s 92nd annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor. The theme of this year’s Pilgrimage is “Our Lady, Our Protectress and Refuge” with emphasis on calling upon the Mother of God to protect Ukraine during this time. The day will begin with the Myster of Reconciliation starting at 9:00 AM. The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 AM preceded by a procession. Metropolitan Borys Gudziak will be the main celebrant with other hierarchy and clergy concelebrating. Lunch, featuring traditional Ukrainian food, will be available afterwards. There will be Spiritual programs, Rosary and Stations of the Cross for Ukraine. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 PM in the Grotto and blessing of vehicles followed by departure. For further information, please call 215-379-3998, ext. 17 or visit the sisters’ website at www.stbasils.com.

A Reporting and Benefit Events 2023 for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, PA. Reports will be given on the Archeparchy’s activities, and proceeds from this fundraising event will benefit the Archeparchy’s ministries in service to the faithful. A portion will also be given to help in Ukraine. All friends and supporters of the Ukrainian Catholic Church are invited. You may register online at the reportingandbenefitvents2023@ukrcatholic.org. Alternatively, you can obtain information by asking your parish priest or calling (215) 627-0143. Please attend and support this important event for the Archeparchy with your prayers and donations.

Parish income for September 10th: Sunday \$980; Holyday \$65; Dues \$6; Heat/Fuel \$10; Improvements \$5; Summer Recovery \$20; Monthly Diocesan \$18. TOTAL: \$1,104. Thank you for your donations!

Mark your calendar for the St Nicholas End of Summer Picnic! The picnic will take place on Sunday, October 1st after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Sign-up sheets can be found near the Church entrances. **Volunteers** are needed for preparing and serving food at Picnic.

Effective October 8, 2023 we will return to having two Divine Liturgies each Sunday – 9:00 AM in Ukrainian and 11:00 AM in English. At that time, we will also continue the live streaming on Facebook of the Divine Liturgy.

Next Sunday “Catechetical Sunday” an important event will take place in our parish: the beginning of the new Catechetical year. To welcome our new and returning students and bless our teachers, special prayers and blessings will be included during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM. All instructors and students are asked to be present for this ceremony that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians, as we seek to grow in “Communion with God.”