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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

SUN	Sept 3	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Sept 4	8:00 AM	Special Intention
TUE	Sept 5	8:00 AM	For Health of Millie Yanonis – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
WED	Sept 6	8:00AM	For Health of Julia Sobkiw – Sobkiw Family
THURS	Sept 7	8:00 AM	For Health of Larissa Kyj – Kyj Family
FRI	Sept 8	10:00 AM	<b>Birth of the Theotokos</b> For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
SAT	Sept 9	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
<b>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross</b>			
SUN	Sept 10	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 3<sup>rd</sup> is requested by daughter Nadija and son-in-law Herbert Dempsey in memory of +Anna Balanczuk. May her 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

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

**Feast Day** – Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, is the **Feast of the Birth of the Mother of God and Ever Virgin Mary**. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00 AM. Mirovannia (Anointing with Holy Oil) after the Divine Liturgy.

**Save the Date:** Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God. This year’s 92<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.stbasils.com).

**Preserve and promote our own traditions: when you enter**, it is customary to first go to the Tetrapod Table up front, in the middle of church — we are to make the sign of the cross, bow, and kiss the icon and cross displayed. We then bow and make the sign of the cross again, and then go to light candles or take our place for Liturgy. In our Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Churches, we make the Sign of the Cross (holding together the right thumb, index and middle fingers) starting with our forehead, then to our mid-chest, then to our right shoulder first, then the left shoulder. Also in our churches, we do not genuflect (brief bending of the right knee towards the altar) - instead we make the sign of the cross the Eastern way, and bow towards the altar. And remember that church is a holy place, so try to keep quiet (not to talk or laugh loudly) before, during, or after the church services. Let’s preserve and promote our own and beautiful traditions.

**Confessions:** If you would like to receive the grace of forgiveness in the Mystery of Confession, a priest is available to hear confessions every half hour before the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am on Sundays. Avail yourself of God’s gifts of mercy and spiritual renewal.

**For Receiving Holy Communion:** Please come forward, tilt your head back slightly, open your mouth wide, (do not stick out your tongue and do not say, “Amen”). After priest gives you the Holy Eucharist, close your mouth, consume the Holy Eucharist, and return to your place.

**Parish income for August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday \$718; Holyday \$5; Dues \$3; Candles \$314; In Memory \$250. TOTAL: \$1,290. Thank you for your donations!

**Mark your calendar for the St Nicholas End of Summer Picnic!** The picnic will take place on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.