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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, January 28, 2024

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

SUN	Jan 28	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Jan 29	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
TUE	Jan 30	8:00 AM	+Anna Zaryckyj – Maria Hawrysczuk
WED	Jan 31	8:00 AM	Special Intention
THURS	Feb 1	8:00 AM	For God's Blessing and Health of Mark Miller
FRI	Feb 2	10:00 AM	<b>Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna</b> For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
SAT	Feb 3	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
<b>Sunday of Meat-Fare</b>			
SUN	Feb 4	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 January 28<sup>th</sup> is requested by the Koch Family in memory of +Michael Koch. 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.**

**2024 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.

**Church Elevator** – we are currently experiencing some issues with our elevator. It has been recommended by our elevator servicing partner that we replace the current unit with a new ADA Compliant handicapped elevator. We are asking our parishioners to help offset the cost of this project. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. Please give this request your consideration. Donations can be placed in the Sunday collection or given to Father Klanichka. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

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 responds, “Glorify Him!” or in Ukrainian “Христос рождається! Славимо Його!”

**Holy Day: Friday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>** – the **Presentation (Encounter)** of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. After the Divine Liturgies the traditional Blessing of Candles. There will be Mirovannia (Anointing with Holy Oil) after the Liturgies.

**HELP IS NEEDED** to take down **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** on Wed, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Blessing of Homes** – request cards are found with your 2023 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

**Parish income for January 21<sup>st</sup>:** Sunday \$1,849; Holyday \$14; Dues 72; Heat/Fuel \$70; Improvements \$; Eternal Vigil \$; Initial Offering \$20; Bulletin \$10; Property Insurance \$25; Monthly Diocesan \$5. TOTAL: \$2,065. Thank you for your donations!

**CONDOLENCES:** We, as St. Nicholas Parish Family, would like to express our sincere condolences to the Koch Family on the occasion of falling asleep of +Michael Koch. May the Lord God help and bless the grieving Family at this difficult time and may He accept the departed servant of God +Michael Koch into the Heavenly Kingdom. Everlasting Memory!

**Special Thanks** – Throughout the years, many parishioners have volunteered for various projects and duties. The services that you so willingly provide are greatly appreciated. No task is too small whether it is cleaning the church, working at fundraisers and dinners, helping at the coffee social, singing in the choir or any of the other important services needed to keep this Church moving forward. Your volunteer hours are essential to this Church and are greatly appreciated! Keep up the good work with God's Blessings. You can be proud of your time spent to help your church.

**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.