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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

SUN	Feb 18	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Feb 19	8:00 AM	+Maria Matwijkiw – Martha M. Gimbel
TUE	Feb 20	8:00 AM	+ Olena Chalupa (40 <sup>th</sup> day) – Zenia Chalupa
WED	Feb 21	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
THURS	Feb 22	8:00 AM	+ Stefan Matwijkiw – Martha M. Gimbel
FRI	Feb 23	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
SAT	Feb 24	9:00 AM	Liturgy with Sorokousty. Remembrance of our Beloved Deceased
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast			
SUN	Feb 25	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 February 11<sup>th</sup> is requested by Nadia and Herbert Dempsey in memory of +Stephanie Patterson and +Mary Balanczuk. May their 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND**

**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.

**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, March 24<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 AM Liturgy and paska orders on Friday evening and Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING KIELBASA IS MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AND PASKAS IS MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>!**

**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 12. 2. Good Friday March 29. Fast from meat: 1. All Fridays of the Great Fast. 2. Holy Saturday March 31; 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.

**Great Fast** begins on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. No meat or dairy products allowed. **Clean Week Schedule** – during the first week of Great Lent, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Parish income for February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday \$3,622; Holy Day \$20; Dues \$3; Heat/Fuel \$; Improvements \$20; Lent \$105; Monthly Diocesan \$45. TOTAL: \$3,815. Thank you for your donations!

**The Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection February 18:** Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/cee](http://www.usccb.org/cee). Envelopes are located next to bulletins in the vestibule. Please be generous in your support.

**Sorokousty Memorial Services:** In a few short weeks, the holy season of the Great Fast (Lent) will once again be upon us. 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.

**Triodion:** In the Byzantine Tradition, Lent is preceded by the “Triodion” (three odes). Triodion is a time to prepare for the Great Fast; a time to contemplate the mysteries of the human condition; a time to consider the reality of who we are before God and the Great Mercy of our Lord in claiming us as his own. The Triodion begins with the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, followed by the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Sunday of the Last Judgement, and ends with Forgiveness Sunday.