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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of the Great Fast/St. Mary of Egypt

SUN	Mar 17	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Mar 18	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
TUE	Mar 19	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
WED	Mar 20	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
THURS	Mar 21	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
FRI	Mar 22	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
SAT	Mar 23	9:00 AM	Liturgy with Sorokousty. Remembrance of our Beloved Deceased
Palm Sunday			
SUN	Mar 24	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Confessions 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 March 17th is requested by Eugene Serba in memory of +Catherine Husak. 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.

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, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw.

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 7:00 PM. 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 every one 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, March 24th after the 10:00 AM Liturgy and paska orders on Friday evening and Saturday, March 29th and 30th. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING KIELBASA IS TODAY AND PASKAS IS MARCH 24TH!**

Save the Date – Easter Dinner, Sunday, April 14th (after Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM). Cost \$20 adults; \$5 children 6-12, children under 6 free. Sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of the Church and in the Church Hall.

Pysanky: If anyone is interested in making a Ukrainian pysanka, there will be free supplies to use in the Church Hall today after the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited!

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.

Parish income for March 10th: Sunday \$1,008; Holyday \$4; Heat/Fuel \$10; Improvements \$10,005; Candles \$40; Flowers \$50; Lent \$137; Aid to Ukraine \$32; Monthly Diocesan \$20; Seminary \$20. TOTAL: \$11,326. Thank you for your donations!

Sorokousty Memorial Services: The holy season of the Great Fast (Lent) is once again 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.

All are Invited to attend the **Holy Thursday Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Celebrated by Metropolitan Borys Gudziak and the Clergy** on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, at 830 North Franklin Street. The Service Commemorate the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Holy Priesthood and the washing of the Disciples Feet by Our Lord.

Note for Great fast: Three full prostrations with the singing of Preterpivyi are made following every service during Lent, except those services which are celebrated from Friday evening to the start of Sunday Vespers; those celebrated on the eve and the morning of a Holyday; and the week beginning with the Third Sunday of Lent when Khrestu Tvojemu is sung, with prostrations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND