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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

## Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

SUN	Sept 15	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Sept 16	8:00 AM	+Pauline Sokolski (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) – Melanie Sokolski
TUE	Sept 17	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
WED	Sept 18	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
THURS	Sept 19	10:00 AM	No Liturgy
FRI	Sept 20	8:00 AM	+Ihor Cisar – Nowakiwsky/Lissy and Voloshyn Families
SAT	Sept 21	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>			
SUN	Sept 22	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 15<sup>th</sup> is requested by St. Nicholas Church for God’s Blessing of Bill Bijansky. May God Bless him!

**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.**

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

**Our Church Library** is open and free – over 3,500 items ranging from Inspirational Fiction to Philosophy, Physics, Mathematics, History, Politics, Music, Spirituality and Theology. Our Faith is supernatural – never irrational!

**Annual Clergy Retreat** –Father Klanichka will attend a retreat Monday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the spiritual enrichment and renewal of our clergy.

**Save the Date:** Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God. This year’s Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2024 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 “Mother of God: Fountain of Healing.” The day will begin with the Mystery of Reconciliation starting at 8:30 AM. The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 AM. Metropolitan Borys Gudziak will be the main celebrant with other hierarchy and clergy concelebrating. There will be Spiritual programs, Rosary and Stations of the Cross for Ukraine. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 3:00 PM in the Grotto. For further information, please call 215-379-3998, ext. 17 or visit the sisters’ website at [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com).

The priest and congregation sing the following on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: **“Khrestu Tvoyemu poklonyayemsa, Vladyko, I svyate Voskresinnya Tvoje slavymo. We bow in worship to your Holy Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection”.**

**PLAST** will be forming a group in Wilmington! For those interested in their children participating, please fill out the sign-up sheet located in the back of the church. Open to ages 6-17. Children must speak and understand the Ukrainian language in order to participate.

**English Without Borders** – An English-Speaking Club will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 in our Church Hall. Please join us on Wednesday evenings if you would like to improve your English speaking and understanding. All are welcome!

**Reporting and Benefit Events 2024** – Metropolitan Borys Gudziak cordially invites you to join him at the Reporting and Benefit Events 2024 – Engaging Our Core – Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, Cathedral Hall, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia.

### Highlights:

- Metropolitan Borys will report on the recent development in the Archeparchy
- Dinner will be served catered by The Choice Restaurant
- Musical performances by Philadelphia Funk Authority
- Silent auction and 50/50 raffle

The Church will be purchasing a table for this event. If you are interested in attending please let Father know no later than September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark your calendar for the St Nicholas End of Summer Picnic!** The picnic will take place on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Church Hall and near the Church entrances. **Volunteers** are needed for preparing and serving food at Picnic.

**Parish income for September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday \$2,035; Holyday \$196; Improvements \$30; Summer Recovery \$25; Monthly Diocesan \$30. TOTAL: \$2,316. Thank you for your donations!

**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 22, 2024 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.”