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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, September 8, 2024

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross/Birth of the Theotokos			
SUN	Sept 8	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Sept 9	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
TUE	Sept 10	8:00 AM	+Nancy Dressler – St. Edmond’s Parish
WED	Sept 11	8:00 AM	+Paul Collins – St. Edmond’s Parish
THURS	Sept 12	10:00 AM	+Funeral Services
FRI	Sept 13	8:00 AM	+Ihor Cisar – Nowakiwsky/Lissy and Voloshyn Families
SAT	Sept 14	10:00 AM	Exaltation Of The Holy Cross For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross			
SUN	Sept 15	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 8th is requested by Eugene Serva in memory of +Petro Serba. May his 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.

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!

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.

Feast Day – Today 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.

Feast Day – Saturday, September 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM followed by Mirovannia. The priest and congregation sing the following on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: **“Khrestu Tvoyemu poklonyayemysya, Vladyko, I svyate Voskresinnya Tvoje slavymo.**

We bow in worship to your Holy Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection”. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world. It is a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross; the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

English Without Borders – An English-Speaking Club will be held beginning on Wednesday, September 4th 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 5th, 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 25th.

Mark your calendar for the St Nicholas End of Summer Picnic! The picnic will take place on Sunday, September 29th 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 1st: Sunday \$1,076; Holyday \$20; Dues \$6; Improvements \$65. TOTAL: \$1,167. Thank you for your donations!

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE!