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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

Sunday of the Forefathers

SUN	Dec 15	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Dec 16	8:00 AM	+Alexander Vanziliak – Luba Tabak
TUE	Dec 17	8:00 AM	For Health of Deanna Hynansky – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
WED	Dec 18	8:00 AM	For Health of Maria Soares – Family
THURS	Dec 19	8:00 AM	Special Intention
FRI	Dec 20	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
SAT	Dec 21	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday Before Christmas – of the Ancestors			
SUN	Dec 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 December 15th is requested by Dr. Orysia Tresznewsky in memory of +Julia Tresznewsky. 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.

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

St. Philip’s Fast (PILIPIVKA) – observed in our Church during the pre-Christmas or Advent season, beginning November 15th through December 24th (Christmas Eve), which includes good works, prayers, and voluntary fasting.

Many thanks to all those who helped decorate and clean the Church. May the new-born Infant of Bethlehem bless you and reward you always.

2025 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

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!

Many Thanks to all those who contributed to the **Special Collection for St. Andrew’s Pence**. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Confessions will be heard by Archpriest Father Daniel Troyan on Thursday, December 19th beginning at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Church. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

Many Thanks to all those who helped with the St. Nicholas Brunch. Special thanks our Parish Children who participated in the St. Nicholas Play.

Save the Date – Christmas Dinner (Prosfora), Sunday, Jan 19th (Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM). Sign-up sheets are located at the side entrance of the Church and in the Church Hall. Donations will be greatly appreciated to help defray expenses. If interested in donating please see Grace Pryslak or Natalia Klanichka.

Annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

Parish income for December 8th: Sunday \$909; Holyday \$95; Improvements \$50; Flowers \$85; St. Nicholas Brunch \$2,402. TOTAL: \$3,761. Thank you for your donations!

Plast children will be having a Christmas cookie sale after church on Sunday, December 22nd. Please come and help support them!

Plast children would like to go caroling during the Christmas season. If you would like to have them come to your house, there will be a sign up sheet available in the back of the church.

Bethlehem Peace Light will be presented after church on Sunday, December 22nd. Candles will be available for people to take home.

CHRISTMAS EVE – Tuesday, December 24th

9:00 PM - Great Compline (Povechiria Veluke) - 9:30 PM - Christmas Divine Liturgy (English)

CHRISTMAS – Wednesday, December 25th

10:00 AM - Christmas Day Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)