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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, January 12, 2025

Sunday After Theophany

SUN	Jan 12	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Jan 13	8:00 AM	Special Intention
TUE	Jan 14	8:00 AM	+Olena Chalupa (1 st Anniversary – Zenia Chalupa
WED	Jan 15	8:00 AM	For Health of Deanna Hynansky – St. Nicholas Parish
THURS	Jan 16	8:00 AM	For God’s Blessing of Michael Hynansky and Family -- Parish
FRI	Jan 17	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
SAT	Jan 18	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
35th Sunday After Pentecost			
SUN	Jan 19	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 January 12th is requested by Eugene Serba in memory of +Stanley Husak. 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: Deanna Hynasky, John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Orest Sobkiw, Yaroslav Vidoynyk.

During the celebration of Christmas, it is the custom of Christians to greet one another with the joyous exclamation, “Christ is born!” to which the one greeted responds, “Glorify Him!” or in Ukrainian “Христос рождається! Славимо Його!”

Members of our Parish will be performing a **Christmas Play (Vertep)** today after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Donations will be greatly appreciated as the profits will be used to support the soldiers in Ukraine.

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

Blessing of Homes – request cards are found with your 2024 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mark and Deanna Klanichka, who will celebrate their 15th Birthday on Jan.13. May God bless them always for many happy and healthy years – na Mnohaya i Blahaya lita!

BLESSING OF HOMES – begins this week in the following areas:

- Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 10:00 AM, Wilmington 19803 and 19810
- Thursday, Jan. 16th, 10:00 AM, Wilmington area 19810 and 19809

Please have a candle on the dining room table and a container of holy water. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested. Request cards are found with your 2024 envelopes or call the rectory.

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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!

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 January 5th: Sunday \$1,376; Holyday \$339; Dues \$111; Heat/Fuel \$10; Improvements \$70; Christmas \$1,100; Initial Offering \$85; Bulletin \$5; Property Insurance \$50; Monthly Diocesan \$10. TOTAL: \$3,156. Thank you for your donations!

Epiphany Home Blessing - According to Byzantine tradition, the month of January is the time for home blessings. This beautiful tradition is an extension of The Feast of the Theophany (or Epiphany) on January 6, when we commemorate Christ's Baptism and when Jesus sanctified all the waters of the world. The Liturgy on this Feast Day of the Theophany concludes with the service of the Great Blessing of Waters. At the end of the service, the priest blesses the congregation with Holy Water. In addition, since our homes cannot physically be brought to the Church to be blessed, the Church has the beautiful tradition of having a priest personally take the Holy Water into a family's dwelling and together with the family, recite prayers to request that God's grace be bestowed on the household in the new year. By sanctifying our personal living space with the newly Blessed Water, we extend the Grace of God to our own individual dwellings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE!