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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

SUN	Feb 16	9:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Feb 17	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
TUE	Feb 18	8:00 AM	+Maria Matwijkiw – Martha G. Gimbel
WED	Feb 19	8:00 AM	+ Stefan Matwijkiw – Martha G. Gimbel
THURS	Feb 20	8:00 AM	+Nick Lemesh – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
FRI	Feb 21	8:00 AM	Special Intention
SAT	Feb 22	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
<b>Sunday of Meat Fare</b>			
SUN	Feb 23	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 February 16<sup>th</sup> is requested by St. Nicholas Parish in memory of +Nick Lemesh. 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!”

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

Celebrate the Jubilee Year with Patriarch Sviatoslav – **Hope and Perseverance, Peace and Justice.** Take part in the spiritual renewal program of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia; **February 15<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 PM, Candlelight Vigil, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia; **February 16<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 AM, Pontifical Divine Liturgy, Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia; **February 16<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00 PM, Prayer for Hope and Perseverance, Peace and Justice, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

**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!

**Varenyky Sale** – orders are being taken for Varenyky. Pick-up date is **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** after Divine Liturgy. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule of the Church and the Church Hall.

**Help is needed on Friday and Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 AM.

Donations to help defray the cost are greatly appreciated.

**Parish income for February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday \$1,002; Holyday \$4; Dues 3; Candles \$333; In Memory \$100; Monthly Diocesan \$13. TOTAL: \$1,455. Thank you for your donations!

**Sorokousty Memorial Services:** In a few short weeks, the holy season of the Great Fast (Lent) will once again be 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.

**Ecumenical Prayer:** You are cordially invited to join in Ecumenical Prayer remembering Two Years of the full-scale War in Ukraine. Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 1:00 pm, at St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Philadelphia Pike.

**Thank You:** Soyuz Ukrainok would like to thank everyone for their support at their Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale. May God Bless you all!

**CONDOLENCES:** We, as St. Nicholas Parish Family, would like to express our sincere condolences to the Lemesh Family on the occasion of the falling asleep of +Nick Lemesh. May the Lord God help and bless the grieving Family at this difficult time and may He accept the departed servant of God +Nick Lemesh into the Heavenly Kingdom. Everlasting Memory!

**Morning Reflections on Hope Ранкові роздуми про надію - am "Holy Year of Hope" (ENG/UKR), Metropolitan Borys Gudziak "Hope and Healing Wounds and Trauma" (ENG), Bishop Paul Chomnycky Chancery Boardroom "Hope and Prayer" (UKR), Bishop Venedykt Aleksiychuk "Hope and Mental Health" (ENG/UKR), Bishop Bohdan Danylo Treasury of Faith Museum Afternoon Reflections on Hope - pm Movie Screening: "NJ In Focus" (ENG with UKR subtitles), Chancery Break room "Hope in Discerning Your Vocation" Panel Discussion – Fr. Volodymyr Radko (Moderator), Sr. Maria Veronica, Maria Ivaniv Lonchyna, Bohdan Lonchyna (UKR), Upper Hall "The Hope that Liturgy Brings" – Fr. Herman Majkrzak (ENG), "Hope vs Optimism" – Fr. Ostap Mykytchyn (UKR), "Hope in the Bible" – Fr. Andrii Chornopyskyj (ENG), Classroom under Cathedral Treasury of Faith Museum "Hope, War and a Just Peace" – Fr. Yurii Shcurko (UKR), Chancery Boardroom "Mother Teresa: Witness to God’s Gift of Hope" – Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk (ENG), Sisters Chapel Young Children's Program (ages 3-12).**