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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, February 23, 2025

Sunday of Meat Fare			
SUN	Feb 23	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church Panakhyda for All Deceased Souls on the Third Anniversary of the War in Ukraine
MON	Feb 24	8:00 AM	+Maria Matwijkiw – Martha G. Gimbel
TUE	Feb 25	8:00 AM	+Stefan Matwijkiw – Martha G. Gimbel
WED	Feb 26	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
THURS	Feb 27	8:00 AM	+Nick Lemesh – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
FRI	Feb 28	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
SAT	Mar 1	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday of Cheesefare			
SUN	Mar 2	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 16th 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.

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!

Varenyky Sale – orders are being taken for Varenyky. Pick-up date is **Sunday, March 16th** 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 14th and March 15th beginning at 9:00 AM. Donations to help defray the cost are greatly appreciated.

Parish income for February 16th: Sunday \$1,090; Dues \$108; Heat/Fuel \$50; Initial Offering \$10; Bulletin \$5; Soyuz Ukrainok Donation \$200; Property Insurance \$20; Monthly Diocesan \$5. TOTAL: \$1,488. 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.

Triodion: In the Byzantine Tradition, Lent is preceded by the “Triodion” (three odes). Triodion is a time to prepare for the Great Fast; a time to contemplate the mysteries of the human condition; a time to consider the reality of who we are before God and the Great Mercy of our Lord in claiming us as his own. The Triodion begins with the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, followed by the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Sunday of the Last Judgement, and ends with Forgiveness Sunday.

Forgiveness Vespers will be sung on Cheesefare Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. All the faithful and religious are invited to begin the Lenten Journey through the Great Fast by participating in the Forgiveness Vespers Service celebrated by Metropolitan Borys Gudziak, and the Philadelphia Deanery Clergy.

Special Thanks – Throughout the years, many parishioners have volunteered for various projects and duties. The services that you so willingly provide are greatly appreciated. No task is too small whether it is cleaning the church, working at fundraisers and dinners, helping at the coffee social, singing in the choir or any of the other important services needed to keep this Church moving forward. Your volunteer hours are essential to this Church and are greatly appreciated! Keep up the good work with God’s Blessings. You can be proud of your time spent to help your church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE HOLY LAND