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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

SUN	Feb 9	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Feb 10	8:00 AM	For Health of Deanna Hynansky – Family
TUE	Feb 11	8:00 AM	For Health of Martha Gimbel -- Family
WED	Feb 12	8:00 AM	For Health of Walter Petryk – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
THURS	Feb 13	8:00 AM	Special Intention
FRI	Feb 14	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
SAT	Feb 15	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday of the Prodigal Son			
SUN	Feb 16	9:00 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 9th is requested by Nadiya and Herbert Dempsey in memory of +Anna Balanczuk. 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: Deanna Hynansky, 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.

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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIMING FOR DIVINE LITURGY – 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH – due to Father’s participation in the Pontifical Divine Liturgy with His Beatitude Sviatoslav at the Cathedral, our Divine Liturgy has been moved to 9:00 AM. Your attendance at the service at the Cathedral will be greatly appreciated. Please see note below for more information.

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 15th**, 7:00 PM, Candlelight Vigil, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia; **February 16th**, 11:00 AM, Pontifical Divine Liturgy, Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia; **February 16th**, 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!

Soyuz Ykrainok will have a **Super Bowl Bake Sale** today after the Divine Liturgy. Please come downstairs and support them. Thank you and God Bless you!

Parish income for February 2nd: Sunday \$3,072; Holyday \$64; Dues \$72; Heat/Fuel \$10; Improvements \$15; Initial Offering \$10; Property Insurance \$30; Monthly Diocesan \$5. TOTAL: \$3,278. 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.

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.