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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

Sunday of Cheesefare			
SUN	Mar 2	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Mar 3	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
TUE	Mar 4	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
WED	Mar 5	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
THURS	Mar 6	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
FRI	Mar 7	7:00 PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
SAT	Mar 8	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast			
SUN	Mar 9	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 March 2<sup>nd</sup> is requested by the Szczerban Family in memory of +Christopher Szczerban. 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE**

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Sunday \$1,499; Dues \$45; Heat/Fuel \$50; Improvements \$30; Monthly Diocesan \$60. TOTAL: \$1,684. Thank you for your donations!

**Great Fast – Fasting and Abstinence Regulation for 2025.** Fast and abstinence from meat and dairy products: 1. First Monday of the Great Fast (Lent), March 3. 2. Good Friday April 18. Fast from meat: 1. All Fridays of the Great Fast. 2. Holy Saturday April 19; Wednesdays of the Great Fast are recommended but not obligatory. Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs of Holy Week are customary but not obligatory. This is obligatory for those between the ages of 14 and 59.

**Great Fast** begins on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. No meat or dairy products allowed. **Clean Week Schedule** – during the first week of Great Lent, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**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.

**The Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection March 9<sup>th</sup>:** We will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe next Sunday. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Envelopes are located next to bulletins in the vestibule. Please be generous in your support.

**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.

**105<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Lenten Series:** Worship at 6:00 PM followed by a light Lenten Supper. March 12<sup>th</sup> Aldersgate United Methodist Church; March 19<sup>th</sup> Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church; March 26<sup>th</sup> Open Date; April 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church; April 9<sup>th</sup> Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church. Please see flyer in the vestibule of the Church for more information.