

Serving God and His People since 1903

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Sunday Before Christmas – Of the Ancestors

SUN	Dec 21	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Dec 22	8:00 AM	For Health of Richard Javick – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
TUE	Dec 23	8:00 AM	For Health of Bohdan Hasiuk – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
WED	Dec 24	9:00 PM 9:30 PM	Christmas Eve Great Compline (Povechiria Velike) Christmas Divine Liturgy (English)
THURS	Dec 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Birth of Our Lord For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
FRI	Dec 26	10:00 AM	Feast Day: Synaxis of the Mother of God For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
SAT	Dec 27	10:00 AM	Feast Day: Stephen Protomartyr For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
Sunday After Christmas – David, Joseph and James			
SUN	Dec 28	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 loved ones, please see Grace Pryslak. You can also email her the information at gpryslak@gmail.com. The light will burn for one week and the cost is \$20.

The Sanctuary Light for the week of December 21st is requested by the Schurga Family in memory of +Walter and +Katherine Schurga. May their memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamiat!

Recitation of the Rosary – every Sunday at 9:45 AM for Peace in Ukraine. Please pray with us.

Let us remember our sick people in our prayers: Lidia Harwanko, Bohdan Hasiuk; Deanna Hynasky, John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Martha Gimbel, Walter Petryk, Orest Sobkiw, Yaroslav Vidoynyk and Richard Javick.

Mini Christmas Bazaar on December 21st sponsored by the UNWLA Souz Ykrainok Branch #54 and Ukrainian Plast of the parish. Come and get your last-minute goodies and stocking stuffers!

Parish Language & Service Preference Survey

To help us better serve our parish community, please complete our parish survey by the end of the calendar year. You can fill out the survey using paper copies available in the vestibule of the church, by visiting the URL listed below, or by scanning the QR code. Limited paper copies of the survey will be available in the vestibule every week; if you need another copy, please check next week or ask Father. <https://tinyurl.com/569k8kum>



The Bishops of the Metropolia of Philadelphia have created a special fund entitled: “Healing of the wounds of War in Ukraine”. The fund can be accessed through the website of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

December 21st Sunday, the Bethlehem Peace Light will be presented by Ukrainian Plast to the parish. Candles will be provided to bring the light of Bethlehem to your homes.

Parish income December 14th: Sunday \$473; Holyday \$14; Dues \$3; Heat/Fuel \$20; Improvements \$20; Christmas \$1,100; Flowers \$45; Monthly Diocesan \$5. TOTAL: \$1,680. Thank you for your donations!

2026 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 2025 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

St. Philip’s Fast (PILIPIVKA) – observed in our Church during the pre-Christmas or Advent season, beginning November 15th through December 24th (Christmas Eve), which includes good works, prayers, and voluntary fasting.

Save the Date – Christmas Dinner (Prosfora), Sunday, Jan 18th (The 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 you are interested in donating, please see Natalia.

Annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2026, 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.

Please join us on a Pilgrimage to **Fatima and Lourdes with Barcelona** from September 13-23, 2026. For more information, please call the Rectory on 302 7625511 or speak to Father Klanichka.

CHRISTMAS EVE – Wednesday, December 24th

9:00 PM - Great Compline (Povechiria Veluke) - 9:30 PM - Christmas Divine Liturgy (English)

CHRISTMAS – Thursday, December 25th

10:00 AM - Christmas Day Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

Merry Christmas and our warmest holiday wishes to all our parishioners and friends. We wish you and your loved ones a very happy, healthy, and safe holiday season during these challenging times, and a truly fulfilling new year, one filled with much goodness, renewal, abundance, growth and hope...Let us look forward to a positive new year in 2026. May the blessing of Christmas be with you today and always! Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Merry and Blessed Christmas!

MAY THE DIVINE SAVIOR BESTOW UPON YOU ALL THE BLESSINGS OF A HOLY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND ABIDE WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE NEW YEAR 2026!!!