

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School News

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Христос Раждається!

Christ is Born!



Dear Alumni,

Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31 - Feb. 6, 2021 is fast approaching!

As always St Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School (SNUCS), has fun activities planned for our students and staff. Crazy hat day, Movie and pajama days, Saint - door decorating, talent show, and making Valentine gifts for the residents of St Joseph's home in Sloatsburg NY, just to name a few. All these events are designed to create a positive, educational and memorable experience for our SNUCS families.

This is where we need your help. This year we are creating a **Virtual Memory Walk**.

We are asking all of our Alumni to create a brief video or a short text of their favorite memories from their time at SNUCS. If you send a short text, please send a picture as well. We will compile all your memories into a Virtual Memory Walk to help promote interest and increase appreciation of St Nicholas through social media.

Some guide questions you could answer are:

What is your favorite memory –

(In class, Cafeteria, with friends, during liturgies)

How did SNUCS prepare you for High School and beyond?

Why should a new family join the SNUCS family?

What sets SNUCS apart from the rest.

Send videos or write up to Sr. Eliane at snucs@stnicholaschool.com.

We look forward to hearing your memories of education, friendships, and shenanigans.

As always, we appreciate your support.

Sincerely, SNUCS Family.

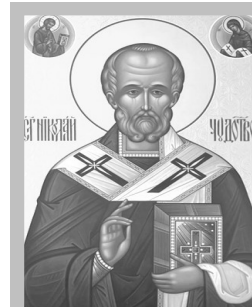


From Saturday vespers - Tone 1

"O faithful, let us not pray as the Pharisee, for those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with the publican let us say: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner."

Monday, January 25 we celebrate Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Saturday, January 30 we celebrate The Three Holy and Great Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom and the Holy Priest-Martyr Hippolytus.



Українська Католицька Церква Св.Миколая Христос Народився!



Pastor: Rev. Andriy Dudkevych



Pastoral Care:

In emergencies, please call Fr. Andriy directly - mobile **267-269-4990** if you, a family member, or someone you know who cannot attend church, is homebound, hospitalized, or gravely ill and will need the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick.
DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE.

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СВЯТІ ЛІТУРГІЇ:

Неділя: 8:30 р., [АНГЛ].

10:30 р., [УКР]

На будні: 7:00 р.,

Субота:

8:00 р., і 5:00 пп.

Свята: 9:00 р., і 6:00 пп.

DIVINE LITURGIES:

Sunday: 8:30 am, [ENG]

10:30 am, [UKR]

Weekday: 7:00 am,

Saturday:

8:00 am, & 5:00 pm.

Holy Days:

9:00 am, & 6:00 pm.

СПОВІДЬ:

Перед Св. Літургіями - в Суботу вечером.

Неділі - Святочні дні.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Liturgies - Saturday evening.

Sundays & Holy Days.



COFFEE AND CAKE

Every Sunday after the Divine Liturgies, please join your fellow parishioners for coffee and cake in the hall beneath the church.

ЗАПРОШУЄМО НА КАВУ

ВЕЧІРНЯ ВСЕПРОЩЕННЯ

В неділю

14-го лютого 2021 в 5:00 вечора,

в нашій парафії відбудеться

Вечірня Всепощення.

Великий Піст-

це час молитви і прощення.

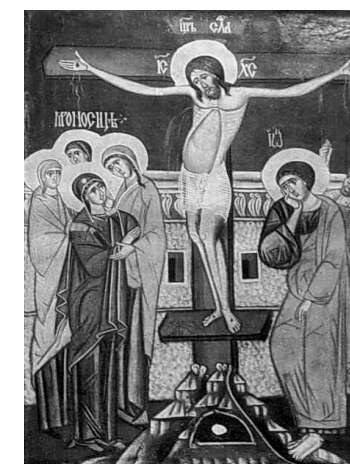


FORGIVENESS SUNDAY VESPERS

On Sunday, February 14, 2021

at 5:00 PM,

the service of "Forgiveness"



Theophany House Blessing

Due to the Covid 19 virus restrictions, regretfully Fr. Andriy will not be doing in person house blessing for our parishioners this year.



Collections:

Parish - \$2,636.00.

Candles - \$409.00.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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8:30 am	God's Blessings for Teresa & Pavlo, Sylvia & Christian Hyra	Family	
	God's Blessings for Barbara Palys	Family	
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our parishioners		
Monday	- January 25th No services		
Tuesday	- January 26th		
7:00 am	+Michelle Diaz +Hedwig Djatschenko s	Luba Zazulkewycz Urbanowycz Family	
Wednesday	- January 27th		
7:00 am	+Walter Smolak (with Panakhyda) +Anna Korbak (with Panakhyda)	Wife & Family Husband & Family	
Thursday	- January 28th		
7:00 am	+Walter Urbanowycz +John Doloszycki	Anna Znak Maria Tynio	
Friday	- January 29th		
7:00 am	+Olha & Evhenia (with Panakhyda) +Michel Celuch (with Panakhyda)	Children Inna & Ihor Oksana Hrubek	
Saturday	- January 30th - Three Holy Hierarchs - Трьох Святителів		
8:00 am	+Teodora Betley(with Panakhyda)	Family	
5:00 pm	God's Blessings for Irena Kapitula	Mother & Family	
	God's Blessings for Stefan & Anna Kosciolek	Family	
	God's Blessings for Maria Zubaly	Daughter & Son-in-Low	
Sunday	- January 31st - Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Неділя Блудного Сина		
8:30 am	+Marie D. Marrocco (with Panakhyda) +Rev. Mark Hirniak (with Panakhyda)	Fr. Andriy & Family LUC	
10:30 am	God's Blessings for our parishioners		

МОЛИТОВНА ГРУПА
– запрошує всіх молитися на вервиці кожної неділі після першої Служби Божої. Просімо у молитві Матір Божу, щоб заступалася за нас перед Ісусом Христом. Парафіяльна родина, коли молитесь разом стоїть завжди разом.

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Sorokousty Memorial Services


On Monday, February 15, the holy season of the Great Fast (Lent) will once again be upon us. As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with **Sorokousty Memorial Services** every Friday during Lent after Presanctified Liturgy . This is the service where Fr. Andriy reads aloud in church the names of the deceased. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed. Please use your **Sorokousty** envelope if you are a parishioner, if you are not, then write the names on a piece of paper and put it into a white envelope and place it in the collection basket. Please take the time to remember your deceased family members. They hope for our prayers; and in turn, they pray for us.


ПОМИНАЄМО ПОМЕРЛИХ.

Виявом нашої любові до тих, що відійшли до вічності, є наші молитви в роковини їхньої смерті чи похорону. Це похвальний християнський звичай у роковини давати на відправу святої Літургії і Парастасу. Так ми засвідчуємо нашу любов до дорогих нам померлих і нашу вдячність їм. Однак, хоч Церква у своїх щоденних молитвах і богослужіннях пам'ятає про душі померлих, все-таки вона, як добра мати, у часі Великого Посту признає ще окремі дні для поминання й молитви за померлих. Ці дні називаємо задушними і молимося Сорокоусти.

Сорокоусти – це Служба Божа в часі Великого посту, підчас якої читають поминальні молитви за всіх померлих. Якщо ви є парафіянами нашого храму то між вашими річними конвертами, є сірий конверт на якому написано – “Sorokousty”. Візьміть цей конверт, і на ньому напишіть імена померлих, дайте свою датку, і киньте конверт у кошик підчас Літургії. Якщо ж ви не маєте конвертів, то візьміть пустий конверт зі столика при вході до церкви, напишіть на ньому або на листку паперу імена померлих рідних і дайте конверт о. Андрію, або також киньте конверт у кошик підчас збірки. Подані імена померлих рідних будуть згадуватися на Літургії на протязі цілого Посту. Пам'ятайте, що молитися за померлих родичів, близьких та знайомих є обов'язком кожного.

ПАМ'ЯТІ БАТЬКІВ





Sponsor A Candle

Parishioners may sponsor a Remembrance Candle for a week (\$25.) either in the Sanctuary, the Perpetual Light, or on one of the side altars to Our Lord Jesus Christ or the Blessed Virgin Mary. These candles may be requested in memory of your loved ones or for any other special intention. To reserve a candle, please contact Fr. Andriy.

“The Vibrant Parish - A Place to Encounter the Living Christ”
“Жива Парафія - Місце зустрічі Живого Христа ”

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE * Epistle - 2Timothy 3: 10-15 ~ Gospel - Luke 18:10-14 - Tone 1

The hymns of the Church say, “*Let us flee from the boastfulness and the pridefulness of the Pharisee who just kept the rules externally, and let’s learn from the Publican’s tears.*”

Today we begin the Lenten Triodion, which means that Great Lent, the year’s most intense period of spiritual discipline, will begin in a few weeks. During the coming season of Lent, we will prepare to follow our Lord to His cross and glorious resurrection at Pascha. The kind of prayer that we need in Lent, and every day of our lives, is that of the tax collector. The kind of prayer that we must avoid in Lent, and every day of our lives, is that of the Pharisee.

Why is the publican, and not the Pharisee, justified before God by his prayer? Because he prays in humility, from a broken and contrite heart that God does not despise. Indeed, the prayer of the publican shows that he was praying from his heart. The prayer of the Pharisee shows that he was nowhere near his heart.

The prayers of the Church are all like the publican’s prayer. The Church is our Mother. Her goal for us, her children, is our salvation, to heal us in our mind, our soul and our body; and so, she teaches us to pray like the publican: “*Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.*” She teaches us to accept God’s judgment against us: “*O Lord, laying aside all excuse, we sinners offer to Thee as to our Master this supplication: have mercy on us.*” For, God does not judge us to condemn but to save us. He judges us to show us our sin, our sickness, so that if we will but confess it and pray as did the publican, “*Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner,*” He can treat us and heal us as the Great Physician.

In humility, in the confession of our sins, we unite ourselves to Christ. When we unite ourselves to Christ, we unite ourselves to His death that He suffered on behalf of all and for all, and united to His death, we are united to His Holy Resurrection, and we are granted by His grace to become partakers of the divine nature. Then, we pray to God in thanksgiving, in the “eucharistia” of the Church. But even in thanksgiving, we do not pray in the conceit of the Pharisee but in the humility of the publican: “*I thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast not rejected me a sinner, but Thou hast made me who am unworthy, worthy to become a communicant of Thy life-creating mysteries.*”

On Christmas, Christ, the Light of Heaven who is the Light of the world, was born of a Virgin in a cave in ways past nature, and the prophetic word of Immanuel, God with us! was fulfilled. On the Feast of Theophany, the second feast of light, the heavens were opened at the baptism of Christ, and the path leading upward to God was revealed in the depths of the Jordan. On the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, the Theotokos, whom St. Gregory Palamas identifies in one of his sermons as the tongs of Isaiah’s vision, who gave to Isaiah the burning coal from the altar, gives that burning coal, Christ her Son and our God, to the righteous Elder Simeon. He takes the Light of that burning coal into his arms and holds him to his heart and gives thanks to God: “*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel.*”

The Light of Heaven, Christ God, is with us! The heavens have been opened. Our Joshua, Jesus Christ, will lead us there. His Holy Mother, the Theotokos, gives the Light to us in Holy Eucharist, as she gave the Light to the righteous Simeon in the temple. And, we, taking up the light of Christ as our Cross, make ready to follow Him to His Cross, the death of our ego and our spiritual pride, and the resurrection of our soul made alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ’s Holy Resurrection.

With this Gospel of the Publican and the Pharisee, we open the Lenten Triodion. With these pre-Lenten Gospels, the Church helps us to lay aside our pride and to clothe ourselves in the humility of the Publican and the Prodigal Son (next Sunday), that the eyes of our soul may open to see the path of salvation that descends into the Jordan and ascends to God in union with Christ Immanuel, God With Us! Through sincere, humble confession of our sins, in the mind of the publican and the prodigal, God leads us through the fast of Great Lent as on the path to Golgotha, and as we crucify our ego to His Cross, He raises us up in the victory of His Cross to the heavens that have been opened, that we may partake of the Tree of Life in the joy of His Holy Pascha.

Nowhere and at no time does the Church ever direct us to pray like the Pharisee but always like the Publican: “*LORD, have mercy on me, a sinner*”; always like the blind man of Jericho; always like the Canaanite woman: “*LORD, Son of David, have mercy on me!*” It is the prayer, I believe, of the one who is striving to unite himself to Christ in the likeness of His death. It is the prayer of the one who embraces the LORD’s command: deny yourself, lose your life for my sake and the Gospel’s, and take up your cross and follow Me. (*Excerpts from <https://www.sthermanmpls.org/homilies>*)

If last Sunday’s Gospel story of Zaccheus is telling us that the goal of Great Lent is to climb the ladder of the virtues to get ready to receive the Bridegroom into the house of our heart when he comes on Pascha Midnight, this Sunday’s Gospel story of the Publican and Pharisee is telling us that the wood of the ladder of the virtues that we climb must be the wood of the Cross, the wood of divine humility that burns with the divine compassion of God’s Holy Spirit in which Christ God gave himself up for the life of the world. If our pious deeds of Great Lent are not rooted in the pursuit of humility and compassion, our Lenten effort, like the Pharisee’s, is in vain, for our virtue will still be rooted in the rotten seed of self-love and we will be no closer to God at the end than we were at the beginning, no matter how much we may have prayed and fasted.

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY’S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

PRAYER: Page 262, Sections 816-818

LENTEN PREPARATION: Page 188, Sections 567-569

PRIDE vs. HUMILITY: Page 253, Sections 777-779

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears!