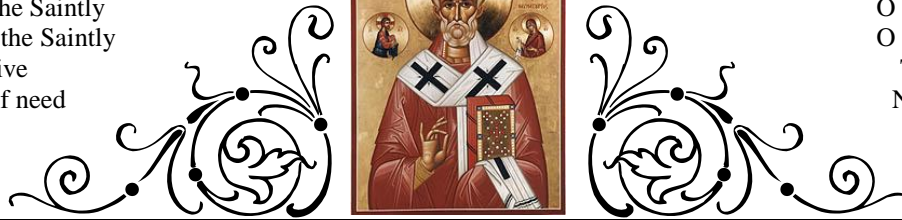


O who loves Nicholas the Saintly
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly
Him will Nicholas receive
And give help in time of need
Holy Father Nicholas



O kto kto Nikolaja l'ubit
O kto kto Nikolaja služit
Tomu svjatyj Nikolaj
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj
Nicolaj, Nicolaj

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April 5, 2015

Palm Sunday

Epistle Reading: Phil 4:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Troparian & Kontakian: pp 85-88

Welcome! If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you are here
and we hope that you will find a spiritual home among us.

COMMUNION REQUEST: Please state your name as you approach the Chalice for communion.

MEMORY ETERNAL! We extend our deepest condolences to daughters Nina and Tanya, granddaughter Jana, and brothers Peter and Mike Petrik, and their extended families, on the recent repose of Ann Petrik Plutchok in California. We ask God to give them the strength to get through this very difficult time. Vičnaja Pamjat!

MEMORY ETERNAL! We extend our deepest condolences to son George Glosik, wife Mary Jane (Medvecky) and grandson Joseph and their extended families on the repose of Olga Glosikova on March 23rd in Kamienka, Slovakia. We ask God to give them the strength to get through this very difficult time. Vičnaja Pamjat!

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR JoAnn Attanasio, Fr. John Birch, Debbie Blue, Mary Fackovec, Fr. John Fencik, Ann Gaydos, Marge Hildebrant, Neil Ingenito, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Deacon Michael Pirich, Joyce Rusinak, Toni Sikoryak, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira and Mary Zizik. Contact Kim to add or remove names: k.busel@att.net.



PALM SUNDAY

On the Sunday before the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. Just as His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS – April 7th

It is on this feast day that we recall the "announcement" by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary in which he tells us of God's will to become man, and to make His abode in her womb by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. Without this conversation, our salvation would not have come to pass. We would still be dead in our sins, for Jesus, the Son of God, would not have been born and thus not have been able to accomplish as a man, the victory over sin, death and the devil.

**Most Holy Theotokos,
save us!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Aidan Bankovic, Carlos Canjura, Anna Derevjanik, John Gajdos, John Hubka, Jessica Koneval, Martha Koneval, Betty Kormanik, Tess Lamhaouar, Lorraine Medvecky, Albert Nicholas Vira, III many happy and blessed years!

FLOWER DONATION We are asking for your heartfelt donations towards the efforts of decorating the Grave. Flowers collection continues this week.

PASKA & KOLAČ orders are ready for pick-up. Please see Magda for your order. There may be a limited amount available for purchase today.

CAMP NAZARETH RAFFLE TICKETS

Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets have arrived! This is still the only diocesan-wide fundraiser for Camp Nazareth and a significant source of income for the Camp Program. The raffle takes place at the camp on Family Day, Sunday June 7th. Please consider purchasing a \$20 ticket. If you're interested see Debbie Derevjanik or email info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org for more information.

RACE TO BENEFIT BEAUTIFULLY RECKLESS – The Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund

The calendar says "spring" so it is time for the 3rd annual VSC Eagles 5K Run/Walk to benefit Beautifully Reckless on Saturday, April 25th. The race starts at 9:30am, but the gym will be opened at 8:00am, plenty of time to register, enjoy coffee and a snack. There will be medals for the top three males/females in each division; trophies for the overall male/female winners; and raffle prizes. We will be selling Eagles 5K Run for Tracy DriFit t-shirts again this year in a new color (cost is \$15). Registration is \$25.

So get your running (or walking) shoes ready, help spread the word, and we will look forward to seeing you on the 25th! You can register online through the link below. **Aren't able to make it that day? You can still make a small donation using the same link as well.** Thank you so much for your support!
<https://central5kfortracy.webconnex.com/VSCeagle5KRun/WalkForTracy>

3RD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

For the 3rd year, the Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund will be offering a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to a St. Nicholas Church high school senior (in the event of a tie, the award will be split). More details will be in next week's bulletin.

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA PARKING

Parking for Holy Week and Easter Services has been arranged with the 9th Police Precinct and the NYC Parks Department as follows:

- In front of the Church (288 East 10th Street)
- Parking along Tompkins Square Park between Avenues A & B

Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 9-10th:
From 6:00P – 11:00P

Resurrection Matins: Holy Saturday April 11th:
From 6:00P to 12:00A

Pascha Liturgy: Sunday April 12th:
From 8:00A to 4:00P

SPECIAL NOTES:

IMPORTANT! There are NEW “Attending Church Services” signs with the specific day of the week that must be displayed in the windshield. You can get the signs in the Church office.

- 1) Vehicles must be parked with tires on one side of the car on the curb and the other side tires on the street when parking along Tompkins Square Park between A&B. You must display the new sign in the windshield.
- 2) Vehicles may park in front of St. Nicholas Church building entrance using the new sign as indicated above in the windshield.
- 3) **DO NOT PARK** in front of the Boys Club on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They are open during these times and have their own parking permits;
- 4) You must follow the parking rules and regulations for all other locations, including paying meters.

Flowers were placed by the grave of +Metropolitan Nicholas of Blessed Memory by Jan Kindja from the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church. May his memory be eternal!



Ten Tips for Holy Week and Pascha:

1. Make participation at the Services a priority- especially Holy Thursday, Holy Friday and Holy Saturday. This is especially crucial for those families with children. They must experience as much of Holy Week and Pascha as possible with their parents.
2. In our homes we should strive to "keep out the world" and enter into the peace, solemnity, and theology of the events of the last days of Our Lord. Don't plan social events, movie outings or other distractions.
3. Be sure to read the last chapters of the Holy Gospels that speak of the Passion, Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ.
4. Last year's palms and pussy willows should be placed outside in an area to decay where they will not be disturbed. They are holy and should not be simply thrown out with the garbage.
5. Before venerating Holy Objects, such as the Cross, the Chalice, Icons, or the Winding-Sheet *Plasčnica* (*Plaschanitsa*), make sure to wipe off lipstick and/or Chapstick. Remember, we do not kiss the face of Our Lord, His Mother or the Saints; instead kiss the hands, shoulders and feet.
6. If you haven't yet made your confession during Great Lent, do so before Great and Holy Thursday.
7. Make an attempt to make amends with those we may be upset with or those who may be upset with us, so that on Pascha we can joyfully sing "Let us call brothers even those who hate us, and forgive all by the Resurrection".
8. Try to limit the intake of food and drink on Great and Holy Friday. Television, radio and computers should remain off for the entire day. On this day of the Crucifixion, we recall the words which Our Lord spoke to the Pharisees: "the days will come, when the Bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then they shall fast" (Matthew 9:15).
9. During Bright Week, sing or read the Paschal Hours instead of your normal morning or evening prayers. Let the joy of praising The Lord's Resurrection accompany you throughout Bright Week, the Paschal season and your whole life.
10. The joy of the Resurrection is part of our very essence as Orthodox Christians. Pascha MUST be a permanent experience for each one of us. Christ can resurrect us, even now, if this is what we want with a new quality of life, a new perspective, a new peace, a new joy, a new love. Accept the truth of Christ's Resurrection with conviction.

THE PASCHA BASKET TRADITION

After the Saturday Paschal Liturgy, we all gather together to bless the Pascha baskets. These baskets have been carefully prepared with many of the foods from which we've been fasting for the past month and a half during Great Lent. There are several foods traditionally included in the basket each with its own symbolism:

Sweet bread leavened with yeast. This is a symbol of the New Covenant; the Jews made unleavened bread, and we, the Children of the New Covenant, make leavened bread. *Paska* (Carpatho-Rusyn), *Kulich* (Russian) and *Tsoureki* (traditional Greek braided bread) are examples. The braided form of this bread is a reminder of the Trinity and the Crown of Thorns.

Sweet cheese (*Sirnaya Paskha* in Russian tradition) is a reminder of the "mountain of God" described in the Psalms: "The mountain of God is a butter mountain; a curdled mountain, a rich mountain." (Psalm 67:15LXX)

Bitter herb, often horseradish or garlic, serves as a reminder of the first Passover (horseradish is eaten as a traditional part of the original Passover meal) and of the bitter sufferings which Christ endured for our sake. Sometimes the horseradish is colored red with beets, symbolizing the Blood of Christ. The "bitter herb" is also to bring to mind the Jews' forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

Wine, cheese, and butter are figurative of all the good things of life, and remind us of the earthly gifts that come from God.

Meat is included in remembrance of the sacrifice of the Old Testament Passover, which has been replaced by Christ, the New Passover and Lamb of God.

Salt reminds us that we are "the salt of the earth."

Red eggs remind us the tomb from which Christ arose. This is because of the miracle of new life which comes from the egg, just as Christ miraculously came forth from the tomb. The color red reminds us of the glory of God and the beauty of the Kingdom of heaven. Additionally, according to the church's tradition, during a dinner with the emperor Tiberius Caesar, Mary Magdalene was speaking about Christ's Resurrection. Caesar scoffed at her, saying that a man could rise from the dead no more than the egg in her hand could turn red. Immediately, the egg turned red. Because of this, icons of Mary Magdalene frequently depict her holding a red egg. This is why red is the color used by Orthodox for dyeing eggs at Pascha.

Glory to God

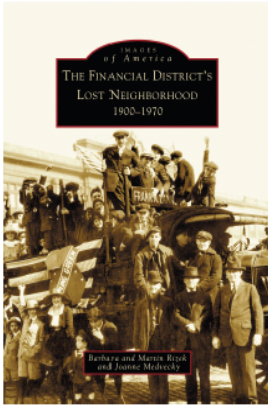
UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Carpatho-Rusyn Society New York Chapter



You are cordially invited to attend...

Authors **Joanne Medvecky** and **Barbara Risek**
will present an illustrated talk on their book,



The Financial District's Lost Neighborhood, 1900-1970...

a collection of personal photos of the Carpatho-Rusyn turn-of-the-century immigrant settlement located in Manhattan's Lower Westside.

Joanne (a second generation Rusyn) and Barbara (a first-generation Slovak and former resident) will share stories about the members of this little known multi-ethnic community who lived, worked and worshipped together beneath the skyscrapers standing directly across the Hudson River from Ellis Island.

→ **Saturday, April 25, 2015** ←

Book Talk and Meet the Authors 12:00 – 2 PM

The New York Public Library, Jefferson Market Branch
<http://www.nypl.org/locations/jefferson-market>
425 Avenue of the Americas (9th St. and 6th Ave.)
Manhattan, New York 10011
212-243-4334

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

RSVP to Andrea Kaufman, president, C-RS/NY at ak@c-rs.org

Please visit us at www.c-rs.org and <https://www.facebook.com/NYRusyns>

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April 26th JR ACRY TALENT SHOW

Please see Justine Timko if you would like to perform at the St. Nicholas Talent Show. All ages are welcome!



Slovak Youth Folk Groups and Opera Singer Event

When: Sunday, May 17 at 1pm

Where: Church of St. John Nepomucene, 416 E. 66th St. In NYC

Cost: \$5 for adults/kids free

There will be a Slovak lunch for purchase starting at 12pm.

June 5-7th 3rd ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP: His Grace, Bishop Gregory has issued a cordial invitation to all Diocesan Youth and their families to join him at Camp Nazareth for the third annual Family Camp during Camp Nazareth's upcoming Family Day Weekend. Families “camp” together and participate in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

Family Camp is scheduled for June 5 -7, 2015 with the annual Family Day, Sunday, June 7th.

For more information: www.campnazareth.org

**APRIL 17 – 21st Veneration of Holy Relics
Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Rockaway, NJ**

...Sts. Peter and Paul is receiving for 5 days the relics of St. Nektarios. This is a great blessing and opportunity for the faithful to come and venerate the relics of St. Nektarios. I am sure as all of you know, many miracles have been worked through St. Nektarios especially those of curing cancer and many other maladies. Through the time period of April 17-21 the relics will be here in the church. The church will be open from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm for anyone to stop by and venerate the relics and pray before them. There will be services throughout the days. The big service and time that I hope all the clergy (and faithful) can come together is on Saturday, April 18th at 6pm for the vespers service. It would be a great joy for Clergy, faithful, and others to come and be in the presence of such a holy saint. There will be a small meal afterwards as well. Fr. William George

SAINT NECTARIOS OF AEGHINA

Holy Hierarch Nektarios of Aegina (1846-1920) is one of the most widely known and most beloved saints in the Orthodox Church. He was officially canonized by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in 1961, and is considered the Patron Saint of those who suffer from cancer, heart trouble, arthritis, epilepsy and other sicknesses.

A prolific writer, theologian, philosopher, educator poet, ascetic and mystic, St. Nektarios was born in Selybria, province of Thrace, Northern Greece (now in Turkey). Towards the end of his life, he became the Metropolitan of the Island of Aegina. There, in addition to several churches and chapels, the Venerable Hierarch also founded the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Convent for nuns. People flocked to Aegina to pray and to be confessed by the holy bishop, to listen to his sermons, and to be healed by him from different illnesses. A great theologian and thinker, yet Saint Nektarios remained a humble man. Although he was a Metropolitan he tended the gardens, carried stones, and helped with the construction of the monastery buildings that were built with his own funds, laboring side by side with other workers, just as everyone else around him. But above all, St. Nektarios was a man of love and deep prayer. All around him was permeated with his spirit of love for God and people. Even on his deathbed, he cried aloud in prayer: "I love Thee, my Lord and my God, I love Thee!"

St. Nektarios is well known as a great wonderworker. Just minutes after his repose in the Lord, on November 8, 1920, a miracle took place in his hospital room. While the body of Saint Nektarios was being prepared for burial, someone accidentally placed on the nearby bed the holy man's sweater which touched the paralytic lying in that bed. Although his body was completely inert, he suddenly regained his strength and began to walk within that same hour, being able to leave the hospital on his own the very same day. Since then, miracles continue to happen not only at the Convent of Holy Trinity in Aegina, where St. Nektarios was buried, but also at the shrines where his holy relics are preserved and venerated, including the Radu-Vodă Monastery in Bucharest, Romania. Many faithful suffering from the grievous illness of cancer have turned to him, and many have been cured through his prayers. He has proved to be not only a healer of every sort of disease, but a great helper for those seeking work, as well. It has been attested also that within local parishes, the oil from the lamps burning in front of his holy icon is also helpful in healings.

We are humbly thankful to God, as our Lord has truly sent us the relics of such a great loving wonder worker saint, as St. Nektarios, who still continues to pray for us, sinners. How great is the love of our Lord God, Who works miraculously through His saints! Holy Hierarch and Wonderworker Nektarios, pray unto God for us, sinners!
Amen.

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**SAINT NECTARIOS
OF AEGHINA**



From Friday April 17
to Tuesday April 21,
2015, Sts. Peter & Paul
Carpatho-Russian
Orthodox Church will be
open daily to the faithful
that will come to pray
and worship
the Holy Relics,
from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm

Apolytikion in the First Tone:

*"In joy of heart let us hymn with
songs the newly revealed star of
Orthodoxy, the newly erected
bulwark of the Church;
for, glorified by the activity of the
Spirit, he poureth forth the
abundant grace of healing upon
those who cry: Rejoice, O Father
Nektarios, model of patience
and lover of virtue.*

(Akathist to Our Holy Father
Nektarios of Aegina)



PALMS & PUSSY WILLOWS – An Explanation

From ancient times, palm-branches were symbols of victory and triumph. The Romans used to reward their champions of the games with palm-branches. Christ, after raising Lazarus, was finally recognized by the Jewish people as their Messiah. When He arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, they greeted Him with a triumphant welcome. They took "branches of palms" in their hands and, cheering, cried out: "Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Because of the cold weather in the Carpathian region, palm trees are not able to thrive, and even other trees rarely blossomed in time of the celebration of Palm Sunday. For this reason our ancestors introduced the custom of blessing willow-branches, which, were already budding. Pussy-willows also express the liturgical symbolism of Palm Sunday in a proper manner. During the winter the willow tree seems to be dead and yet, with the coming of spring, it sprouts and gives a sign of life. Thus the willow-branches bring to our mind the wood of the Tree of the Cross, while the buds (a sign of new life) remind us of the glorious Resurrection.



April – Pentecost 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
5 Palm Sunday Teams BQE & Slovakia & Poland	6	7 Annunciation of the Theotokos	8 Holy Unction 7pm	9 Holy Thursday 7pm	10 Holy & Great Friday 7pm	11 Resurrection Matins Processional 8pm Blessing of Baskets
12 The Resurrection of our Lord PASCHA Blessing of Baskets	13 Bright Monday	14 Bright Tuesday	15	16	17	18
19 Apostle Thomas	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Myrrh Bearing Women Jr ACRY Talent Show	27	28	29	30	1May	2
3 Paralytic	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Samaritan Woman Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Blind Man	18	19	20	21 Ascension	22	23
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