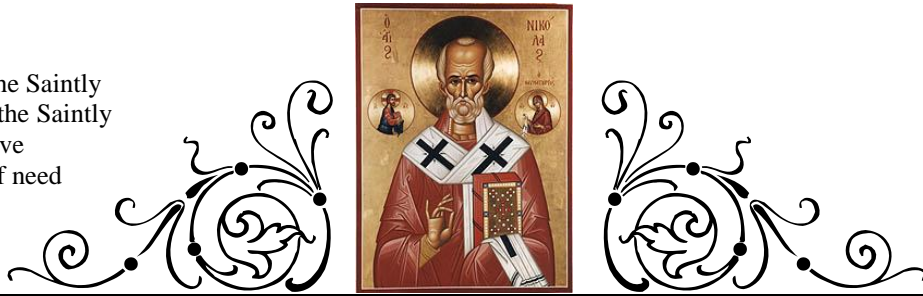


O who loves Nicholas the Saintly
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly
Him will Nicholas receive
And give help in time of need
Holy Father Nicholas



O kto kto Nikolaja l'ubit
O kto kto Nikolaja služít
Tomu svajatyj Nikolaj
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

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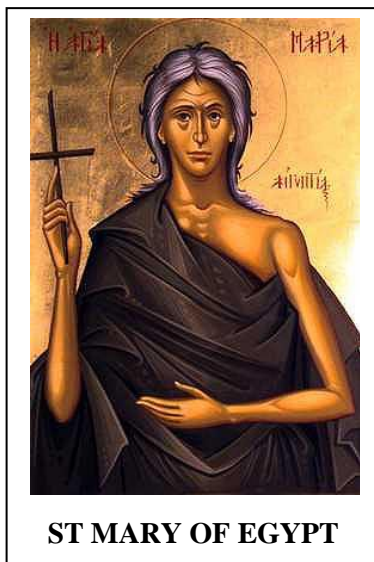
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Sunday, April 6, 2014

5th Sunday of Lent - St. Mary of Egypt

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:32-45 **Tone:** 8 **Troparian & Kontakian:** p 83-84

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.



ST MARY OF EGYPT

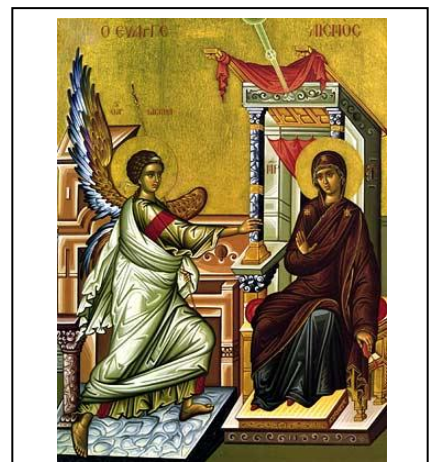
St Mary of Egypt

When people think of Saints, those who were devout and close to God all their life, most of us see their lives as being unattainable. We forget that the Saints were regular human beings with passions, who sinned but repented. We see this with St. Mary of Egypt.

St. Mary of Egypt was far from devout or saintly throughout the first part of her life. From a very young age, she was addicted to sexual desires and alcohol. While traveling to Jerusalem, she tried to enter to Church of the Holy Sepulchre to see the Cross of Christ. As she went to enter the church, a force kept her outside. She was unable to enter, while those around her did. She realized that God had done this because of her sinful life and to lead her to repentance. She promised that day, that if she were permitted to enter the Church, she would change her life-and it was only then that she was able to enter. She went to Confession, received Holy Communion, and then went to the desert in Palestine. It was there where she fought her addictions through prayer and repentance for thirty years.

She was visited by a priest-monk named Zosimas. He pleaded with Mary to tell him about her life and labors to overcome sin. He returned and gave her Holy Communion, and later the same day she departed her earthly life to live the future life with Christ. Although she sinned much, she also repented and suffered much, winning her battle and receiving the crown of glory.

The lesson as we come to the final week of the Great Fast is that there is nothing that can separate us from God, no sin that we cannot overcome, and it is never too late to be reunited with Him. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continues to call us into his loving embrace. He will forgive us...all we have to do is ask. Holy Mother Mary of Egypt, pray to God for us sinners!



ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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!**

COMMUNION REQUEST: Please state your name as you approach the Chalice for communion. Since we understand "Communion" to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, the reception of the Holy Eucharist is RESERVED only to those who are baptized and chrismated members of the Orthodox Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, a recent confession, fasted from all food/ drink from midnight and arrived on time for Liturgy. Those who are not fully prepared to receive the Holy Gifts, or those who are non-Orthodox, may approach the chalice to receive a blessing only. Please advise the priest or deacon of your intention.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

There will be a Memorial Service/Panachida today on the 50th anniversary of the repose of +Anna Vislocky, offered by her children Ann Ludwig, Helen Salony, Bill Vislocky, and Richard Vislocky.

MEMORY ETERNAL

A long time and beloved member of St. Nicholas Church - Seman (Sam) Kovalcik, fell asleep in the Lord on March 31st. We extend our deepest condolences to his nieces, nephews, grand and great grand nieces and nephews. We ask God to give them, and their extended families, the strength to get through this very difficult time.

May his memory be eternal - Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!

Arrangements: Sunday, April 6th: Trzaska Funeral Home from 2PM-9PM; Parastas will be at 2:30PM.

Funeral: Monday, April 7th at St. Nicholas Church - 9:30 AM

The church in Jarabina will join us on Monday in ringing their bells as Sam is brought into his beloved St. Nicholas Church for the final time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

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

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Justine Gidicsin, Mike Kormanik, Mary Fackovec, Peter Tymus, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Lorraine Vira, Mary Strenk, Steven Gaydos, Ann Gaydos, Mary Lichvarik, Olga Petrick, Deacon Joseph Hotrovich, Joyce Rusinak, Victoria Vislocky, Marge Hildebrant and Neil Ingenito. Please contact Kim Busel to add and/or remove names: k.busel@att.net.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TRUSTEES MEETING – March 30, 2014

- Nick Timko, Paul Sikoryak and Bob Zizik represented the Board of Trustees at a meeting with His Grace Bishop Gregory and Fr. Andrew Fetchina. Bishop Gregory said that he is continuing his search for a full time priest for our parish stating that he wants to make sure he appoints someone who will be the right fit for us. His Grace has taken the time to learn more about the 10th Street parish, even viewing the Legacy of Faith DVD that was produced for our 75th Anniversary. The meeting was very positive and provided a great opportunity to meet Bishop Gregory and discuss our unique needs with him. We look forward to continued communications with him as the process to appoint a new priest moves forward.
- The Trustees are seeking to upgrade the sound system for the church proper, including new speakers, microphones and amplifiers, and will be getting estimates. If you would like to help us in this project by making donations towards this upgrade, please see Madga Matlak or Rich Vislocky in the church office.
- 90th Anniversary – In the Fall of 2015 we will celebrate our 90th Anniversary as a parish. We will begin planning for this celebration in the near future and will be seeking assistance from parishioners to serve on various committees. If you would like to help in the planning of this event, please see Doreen Clemente. Keep your eyes out in the bulletin for details on the 90th Anniversary celebration.

FLOWER DONATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED FOR PASCHA

As we approach Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord on Holy Pascha, we are once again asking for your heartfelt donations towards the efforts of decorating the Grave, including all of the flowers, and needs for our church during various services. **We will be starting to collect for flowers this week.** Our cost this year is nearly double over previous years because of sharing the same holiday as Western Easter as well as our primary distributor is no longer in business. Please give generously.

Also, please see Magda in the office to donate one of the items remaining for use during Pascha and Holy Week. For those who have already donated items, your generosity is appreciated! The complete list will be printed in the Pascha bulletin.

PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR PASKA & KOLAČ TODAY

An order form is on the back page of the bulletin and located outside of the office. Please see Magda if you have any questions. **You must place your order by Sunday, April 6th.** If you do not place an order ahead of time, there will be a very limited amount available to purchase.

PUSSY WILLOW ALERT

We are still in need of pussy willows for Palm Sunday. If you have them in your yard, upon bloom, bring them to the church. Please let Helenka or Kim know if you think you will be bringing them in so we can make sure we have enough. We have ordered one large bunch from a Brooklyn distributor but can always use more. Our thanks to Richard Stack and Paul Sikoryak for the pussy willows brought in last Sunday. We truly appreciate your extra effort before and after cutting them down.

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 1st. Please consider purchasing a \$20 ticket. If you're interested see Debbie Derevjanik or email info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org for more information.

2ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the 2nd year, Diane, Gary and Michele Heidenfelder are doing something very special for the graduating seniors here at St. Nicholas Church. The Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund will be presenting a \$1,000 Scholarship Award to the student selected (in the event of a tie, the award will be split).

Applications are available outside the church office starting today. The due date for application receipt is May 20th. The Scholarship Selection Committee (does not include Diane, Gary or Michele) will announce the recipient of the scholarship by June 16th. The members of this committee are not affiliated with St. Nicholas Church in any way, and have no knowledge of the candidates. Selection will be based on the application content only.



The Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund Scholarship



Award Amount: \$1000

Non-renewable, and may be split in case of a tie

Applications are available in the church office

Application Deadline:

**Must be received at address on the application
by May 20, 2014**

The criteria for applying:

- High School Senior, graduating Class of 2014
- GPA of 85 or better
- Will be attending either a 2 or 4 year college/university
- Must be currently involved in at least one school extra curricular activity.
- Must be an active participant at St. Nicholas of Myra Church

Scholarship Recipient to be announced no later than June 16th

**If you have any questions, please contact us at
fortracy@beautifullyreckless.org**



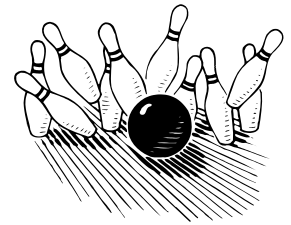
APRIL 12th – SATURDAY – CHORE DAY

SENDING A MESSAGE TO EVERYONE!! We are looking for volunteers!

Saturday, April 12th (Lazarus Saturday) Divine Liturgy will start at 10:00 am. After service, we need plenty of hands to help do some spring cleaning in preparation for Holy Week. These are tasks that require ladders and some high reaching places, like chandeliers and the tile walls. If you are able to come down that day, please see Dawn Krzyzanowski.

DIOCESE NEWS

Remember all of the fun we had bowling?? St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Elizabeth NJ and ACRY Chapter #34 will be the host for the 2014 66th Metropolitan Orestes Memorial Bowling Tournament, May 23-26th. If you are potentially interested in bowling, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Registration is by April 30th so we have some time to figure out if there is enough interest and the details. The tournament is open to all members of the Diocese and their friends; membership in the ACRY is not required.



2nd 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 second annual Family Camp which will take place during Camp Nazareth's upcoming Family Day Weekend. Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, May 30 – Sunday, June 1, 2014. If you are interested, more information may be found on the Diocese website: www.acrod.org.

LADIES LUNCHEON/CHINESE AUCTION TO BENEFIT BEAUTIFULLY RECKLESS – June 7th

Beautifully Reckless, the Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund, is hosting a Ladies Luncheon and Chinese Auction

Date: Saturday, June 7th, 2014

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Place: Elks Lodge, 57 Hempstead Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

Cost: \$35.00 per person includes luncheon, door prize ticket and 10 free auction tickets

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be on sale until May 17th or until sold out.

Sorry but no tickets will be sold at the door. Please send your check payable to Beautifully Reckless by May 17th to: Beautifully Reckless PO Box 1643, Valley Stream, NY 11582

If you are sending a check for several people, please enclose a list of their names. Tables of 10 can be reserved. Admission tickets will be at the door when you arrive.

Cash Bar; Additional Auction tickets will be sold throughout the event \$20 for a sheet of 25 tickets

For more information, visit www.beautifullyreckless.org.



KIDS OF ALL AGES! Want to have some fun?

Join us on Lazarus Saturday, April 12th after Liturgy to dye Easter Eggs and tie up pussy willows for Palm Sunday. The Altar Society will sponsor a lunch for everyone.



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St. Nicholas Flea Market

Saturday, June 21st

11:00 – 4:00

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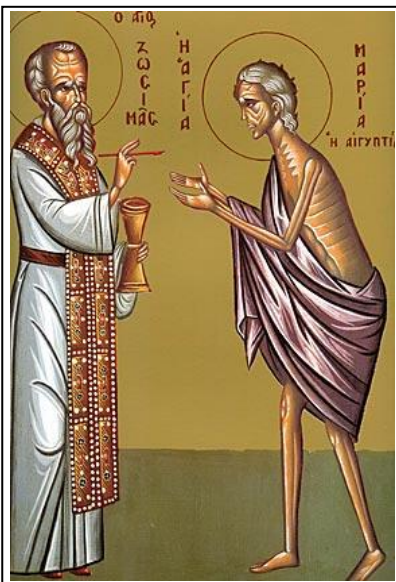
Housewares, home decorations, jewelry, handbags, books, toys and anything you no longer can use, but maybe someone else can.

**PLEASE, NO CLOTHING!
NO COMPUTERS/PRINTERS!**

We will be storing the items in the Choir Room

Can you spare some time to help sell all of our "treasures"?

Please Save the Date



**ST MARY OF EGYPT
AND ST ZOSIMAS**

The Story of St. Zosimas

Fr. Zosimas was a priest and a monk, sincere, devoted, and earnest. He sought to live a good Christian life, and he did. From his childhood he had pursued the monastic vocation, with piety and discipline. His life was so different than St. Mary of Egypt's life had been: the life of the monastery as opposed to the life of the city streets.

At the age of fifty-three, Fr. Zosimas came to a crisis in his life. He felt as if he had attained perfection and required no more teaching. "Is there a monk on earth capable of affording me benefit or passing on to me anything new, some kind of spiritual achievement of which I either do not know or in which I have not succeeded as a monk?" But the Lord was compassionate with Fr. Zosimas, and spoke to him in a vision telling him to go to the desert beyond the Jordan, 'so that you may know how many and varied are the ways to salvation.'

Fr. Zosimas went, expecting to find a great and holy monk who would become his teacher. When he entered the desert, he walked for twenty days into its deepest and most desolate part. He caught sight of a human with a withered and naked body and with hair as white as snow, who fled from his sight because of its nakedness.

Fr. Zosimas chased the figure until they came to a stream when it cried out, "Fr. Zosimas, forgive me for the Lord's sake. I cannot turn round to you, for I am a naked woman." Fr. Zosimas threw the woman his cloak and she turned around. The elder was amazed that she knew him by name and knew that he was in the presence of God.

O Mother in the spirit, it is plain from this insight that all your life you have dwelt with God and have nearly died to the world... But since grace is recognized not by office but by gifts of the Spirit, bless me, for God's sake, and pray for me out of the kindness of your heart."

Eventually, with great difficulty, Fr. Zosimas extracted Mary's story. He was alternately terrified and awed as he watched and listened to her. She did not see, though Fr. Zosimas could, that she had attained a degree of sanctity that could only be measured by the degree of sinfulness she had known. For unlike him, she had no illusions about her accomplishments. She knew only the truth of God, and her love for him.

Then she asked a favor. She asked him to return to his monastery and tell no one about her, but in a year's time return to her on Holy Thursday and bring her the Eucharist. Reluctantly, Fr. Zosimas left. He had become her disciple. Her presence and story renewed him, giving him life he had lost in complacency. He returned at the appointed time, yearning for her presence. She came to him, walking on water to cross the Jordan while he again gave way to awe. As he knelt to reverence her she reproved him, 'What are you doing, Fr. Zosimas, you who are a priest of God and carrying the holy mysteries?' Then, the story says, "Mary received the life-giving gifts of the sacrament, groaning and weeping with her hands held up to heaven, and she cried out, 'Lord now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word: for my eyes have seen your salvation.'"

Again she sent him away, to return again the following year at the same time. But when the time came and Fr. Zosimas hastened on his journey, he found his beloved guide dead, with a letter to him written in the sand beside her body. From this he learned that she had died within an hour of receiving the sacrament the previous year - the fulfillment of her hope. He learned, also, for the first time her name: she signed herself "Mary the sinner."

Grieving and marveling, Fr. Zosimas buried the holy woman, helped by a lion who came to venerate the body of the Saint. Then, he went back to the world to give the gift of her story to others, as she had given it to him.

As week enter the 6th and final week of the Great Fast:

Let us remember as Christ taught us in Scripture-a pure fast means the putting away of sin, the rejection of the passions, love for God, attentiveness in prayer, tears of compunction, and acts of mercy to the poor. Through repentance let us make the lamp of our soul burn brightly, and let us cry with tears to Christ: Forgive us our trespasses in Thy love for mankind! May God who sees all that we do in secret reward you for your efforts!

APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
6 St. Mary of Egypt Panachida – 50 th Anniversary of the repose of +Anna Vislocky Team Black & White	7 Annunciation of the Theotokos	8	9	10	11 Lenten Service & Confession 7:30pm	12 Lazarus Saturday Service 10:00am Cleanup of St. Nicholas, baking, tying pussy willows
13 Palm Sunday The A Team	14	15	16 Holy Uction 7:00 pm	17 Holy Thursday 7:00 pm	18 Holy & Great Friday 7:00 pm	19 Resurrection Matins & Procession 8pm Blessing of Baskets
20 The Resurrection of our Lord – PASCHA Divine Liturgy 10am Blessing of Baskets	21 Bright Monday	22 Bright Tuesday	23	24	25	26
27 Holy Baptism Luke Michael Stack Team BQE	28	29	30	MAY 1	2	3

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Phone #: _____

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Kolač – Walnut (Whole)	\$15.00		
Kolač – Lekvar (Whole)	\$10.00		
Paska- (S)	\$ 7.00		
Paska- (L)	\$10.00		
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