

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  
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

## ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### FEBRUARY 2015 3-Week Edition

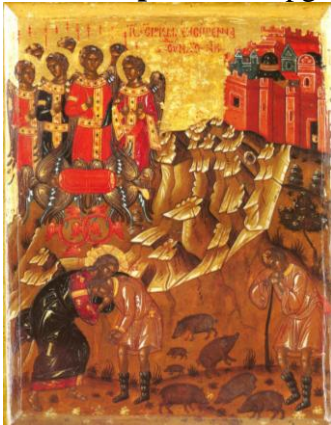
**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**Epistle:** 1 Cor 6:12-20

**Gospel:** Luke 15:11-32

**Tone:** 2 Trop & Kont: pg 42



The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is a perfect reflection of the nature of sin and the nature of repentance. The parable describes sin as a kind of exile from our Father's House. Inside the House is salvation. The young son *chose* to leave the house and waste his inheritance, his gifts from God. The beauty of the lesson is that the young son is not barred from returning. This is the heart of humble repentance: having the sense and will to rise up and turn back home. In doing so we forget our pride, admit all the things we have done wrong, and throw ourselves on our Father's mercy. Just as the father forgives his son, we can be forgiven our sin when we repent.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Epistle:** 1 Cor 8:8-9:2

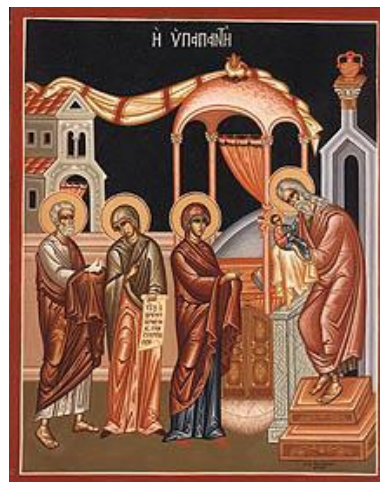
**Gospel:** Matt 25:31-46

**Tone:** 3 Trop & Kont: pg 43

**Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 7:7-17

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40



Today is the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and the closing of the nativity cycle. When Christ was 40 days old, the Holy Theotokos and Joseph brought Him to the Temple following religious observance. On the icon, we see Christ in Simeon's arms. Simeon was a devout man who prayed to see the Messiah before he died. Anna the Prophetess is also there holding a scroll that states, "This Child has established heaven and earth".

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Forgiveness Sunday**

**Epistle:** Rom 13:11-14:4

**Gospel:** Matt 6:14-21

**Tone:** 4 Trop & Kont: pg 44



Today is Forgiveness Sunday, a day the Church remembers the disobedience and expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. The sin of disobedience was not so much of eating the fruit of the Tree, but the sin was going against God's command. Even worse, Adam and Eve never asked for forgiveness and instead, blamed one another. They were both expelled from Paradise because they did not want to be united to God and submit to Him. Genuine repentance and reconciliation with God can only occur when, at the same time, we are reconciled with Him and one another.

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

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR** - David Artim, JoAnn Attanasio, Debbie Blue, Mary Fackovec, Ann Gaydos, Marge Hildebrant, Neil Ingenito, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Deacon Michael Pirich, Ann Petrik Plutchok, Mary Rebovich, Joyce Rusinak, Toni Sikoryak, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira and Mary Zizik. Please contact Kim to add and/or remove names: [k.busel@att.net](mailto:k.busel@att.net).

**HOUSE BLESSINGS** A sign-up sheet for Blessing of homes is located in the back of the church. Kindly submit the form to Fr. Alexandre ASAP.

**GET YOUR PIROHY!** Great Lent soon. You can place a pre-order for delicious St. Nicholas Church handmade pirohy by contacting Magda at [mmatlak@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:mmatlak@kbcc.cuny.edu) or 718 373-2279.

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Fr. Alexandre, Parishioners of St. Nicholas, friends and family.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Naviki!

We thank you for your prayers, cards and well wishes we have received on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

May God bless everyone.

In Christ,  
Charles and Helen Gaydos

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### February 8<sup>th</sup> Announcements

**We welcome** Very Rev. Andrew Fetchina (Rahway) to St. Nicholas Church and thank him for serving Liturgy with Father Alexandre and attending the Annual Meeting.

**TODAY'S SERVICES** – There will be three services today. Two services will be performed prior to Liturgy, beginning at 9:15 am. The first is a Parastas in memory of Fr. Protodeacon Joseph & Pani Olga Hotrovich and parents Fred & Euphemia Polik, and brother William, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Polik & family. The second is a Panachida in memory of Christina Markovic on the 18th Anniversary of Repose given by daughter, Christina Bankovic The third is a Parastas after Liturgy in memory of Peter, Mary & Mikulas Ceselka given by Anna Liska & Family.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Emilija Bankovic, Alexandra Bubniak, Jennifer Gidicsin, Zuzana Pancik, Nicole Stack and Luke Stack many happy and blessed years!

### **ANNUAL MEETING TODAY**

In addition to the regular, old and any new business, election of Church Officers and Trustees will also be held.

### February 15<sup>th</sup> Announcements

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY -**

#### **Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Vasil Ceselka, Mary Kay Chanat, Justina Chobor (Sr.), Michal Derevjanik, Korianne Kindya, Leela Kmech, Amanda Krupp, Jane Rusinak, Kevin Rusinak and Marion Strenk many happy and blessed years!

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY -**

#### **Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Nik and Catherine Rael many happy and blessed years!

#### **Sunday of the Last Judgment** –

Today is the 3rd Sunday prior to the start of Great Lent. The last two Sundays cover repentance, humility and God's readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. While God is patient and merciful, He does not forgive those who do not repent. On this third Sunday, focus is placed on the future judgment of all persons who will stand before the throne of God when Christ returns in His glory. He will separate those in front of Him, like a shepherd, with sheep on His right hand and goats on His left. To the sheep, He will say "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The goats will be condemned to everlasting punishment because they ignored service to those in need.

### February 22<sup>nd</sup> Announcements

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY -**

#### **Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Michael Bulko (SI), Michael John Chanat, Bill Hlinka, Sr, Justina Ryan, Hunter Salony many happy and blessed years!

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY -**

#### **Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Ondrej and Nataalka Sikorjak many happy and blessed years!

#### **ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

This is a very important meeting. We will be discussing the idea of restructuring the Altar Society to best handle the group's increasing responsibilities and an imminent change of leadership. Get your coffee and join us in #2 Hall.

#### **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> IS COOKIE WALK APPRECIATION DAY**

Everyone is welcome –  
it is going to be a fun day!

*Great Lent begins tomorrow for Orthodox Christians. Let all of us fast to the best of our ability joining it with acts of mercy and charitable giving. Limit earthly and material cares and anxieties. Everyone should make their confession during this time before Palm Sunday. Let us begin the fast with joy and may it bring new life to our souls. Glory to God!*



**ST NICHOLAS LENTEN MEMORIAL WALL:** During the Lenten season, we would like to remember our St. Nicholas family and friends who have departed with a Memorial picture wall. If you have a photo that you would like for us to include, please give to Debbie Derevjanik.

**ALL SOULS DAY COMMEMORATION –HRAMOTA**

One of the most venerable Traditions of the Orthodox Church is the commemoration of our deceased in Liturgical prayer. It is of great consolation for us, the surviving friends and relatives of our faithful departed, to remain united to them by a bond of everlasting love. Attached to this bulletin is the Hramota, a form that you and your family can complete that lists the names of departed loved ones. Completed forms should be returned to Father Alexandre. For those out-of-town readers of the bulletin, you can mail the form to the Church (address on the first page). Our plan is to read the names on the Sundays following Soul Saturday during so that we may follow this custom as a part of our spiritual Lenten journey.

**WELCOME BACK!**



51 parishioners and friends set sail for a 10-day Caribbean Cruise on January 23, 2015 from Bayonne, NJ. In addition to parishioners from St. Nicholas, parishioners from St. Mary's Orthodox Church (7th Street), NYC; Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, Manville, NJ; St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church (American Ukrainian Diocese), Troy, NY; St. Peter and Paul (OCA), Meriden, Ct.; St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ; and St. John Nepomucene Roman Catholic Church, NYC were among the other parishes represented.

**A great vacation, with a wonderful group of people!**

**WHAT'S AHEAD – Mark your calendars**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> – Pan Orthodox Vespers in Brooklyn**

**March 6-8 Weekend Getaway**



Woodloch Weekend for St. Nicholas Church families & friends – See Justine Timko if you are interested in going ([jgtimko@aol.com](mailto:jgtimko@aol.com)).

**April 26 – Jr ACRY Hosted Talent Show**  
 Talk to Justine Timko if you have a talent to perform in the Talent Show. All ages welcome!

# February – Pascha 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>8 Annual Parish Mtg</b> Team Slovakia & Poland	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>15 Presentation of Christ at the Temple</b> Team BQE	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>22</b> Altar Society Mtg. <b>DIY Coffee Hour</b>	<b>23</b> Great Lent begins	24	25	26	27 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7pm	28
<b>1 Mar</b> <b>Orthodoxy Sunday</b> • Cookie Walk Appreciation Day • Pan Orthodox Vespers St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral - Brooklyn The A Team	2	3	4	5	6  Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7pm  <b>Woodloch Weekend</b>	7  All Souls Saturday  <b>Woodloch Weekend</b>
<b>8 St Gregory Palamas</b> All Souls Memorial Service Team Tristate	9	10	11	12	13  Moleben to Cross 7pm	14  All Souls Saturday
<b>15 Cross Veneration</b> All Souls Memorial Service St. Nicholas Lenten Mission (tentative) Team Black & White	16	17	18	19	20	21    All Souls Saturday
<b>22 St John of the Ladder (Climacus)</b> Team Koneval	23	24	25	26	27  Parakalis 7pm	28
<b>29 St. Mary of Egypt</b> All Souls Memorial Service Team Kitchen Cousins	30	31	1Apr	2	3	4  Lazarus Saturday Liturgy & Confession 10am
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> Teams BQE & Slovakia & Poland	6	7	8 Holy Unction 7pm	9 Holy Thursday 7pm	10 Holy & Great Friday 7pm	11 Resurrection Matins & Processional 8pm
<b>12 The Resurrection of our Lord PASCHA</b>	13 Bright Monday	14 Bright Tuesday	15	16	17	18

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