



WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN JEWELS DAY OF CELEBRATION

We are so happy that you are here today, with special greetings to our Guests of Honor and their families and friends. This will be a day filled with joy and happiness with a few fun surprises along the way.

Please help us acknowledge with love and appreciation, our special honorees today.

Anna Benyo	Anna (Bittner) Herko	Teddy Pathroff	Mary (Hlinka) Seewald
Nicholas Benyo	Helen Honara	John Petrick	Anna Strenk
Mary (Gaydos) Fackovec	Angela Kindya	Joseph Roman	Paul Tymus
Helen (Ceselka) Fornazor	Helen Krzyzanowski	Marge Roman	Mary Ann Vira
Charles Gaydos	Mary (Yanoscik) Medvecky	Dorothy (Hlinka) Rusinak	Victoria (Balash) Vislocky
Helen Gaydos	Nicholas Ochlan	John Rusinak	George Vislocky
John Gidicsin	John Ochlan	Sonia Rusinak	Mary (Ceselka) Zizik

And for all who were unable to be here, please know that you are being remembered today, included in our prayers and special blessings and are in our hearts, always. You are missed.

We cannot stress enough the importance of praying for one another.

As we approach this special event, keep all of the honorees in your prayers, together with the names of all your loved ones.

Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

*I thought about the Golden Jewels today
And whispered a grateful prayer,
Giving thanks to God for this day
We will soon be blessed to share.*

*Such kind and gentle souls
From a generation or two ago,
What they are to us today,
I pray they will come to know.*

*With wisdom and light.
They've been our guide along the way.
The dedicated laborer who on bended
knee, taught us to how to pray.*

*Patriarchs and Matriarchs,
The earliest pioneer.
The pillars that built the church
in a faith they hold so dear.*

*Soldiers of great sacrifice,
Treasured more than art.
We honor, love and cherish each.
You gave 10th Street your heart.*

We offer prayers for strength and for lives that continue to offer praise to God.

There is nothing we can offer to God greater than our own very life. We look forward to a beautiful and momentous celebration of the life God has given us and the blessings He has given us all.

May our God see us all through to this great day!



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

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June 12, 2016

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL

Epistle Reading: Acts 20:16-18; 28-38 **Gospel Reading:** John 17:1-13 **Tropar & Kontakion:** p 64-65

*****No Kneeling between Pascha and Pentecost in honor of the Resurrection!*****

As Christ has Risen, we also rise in prayer

SERVICES TODAY: There will be special prayers and blessing for the Golden Jewel honorees today at the end of Liturgy. All honorees are asked to sit at the end of the pews so that they can have access to come to the front of the church to receive a special blessing and a small gift of remembrance. After the blessing, all honorees, please remain in the church.

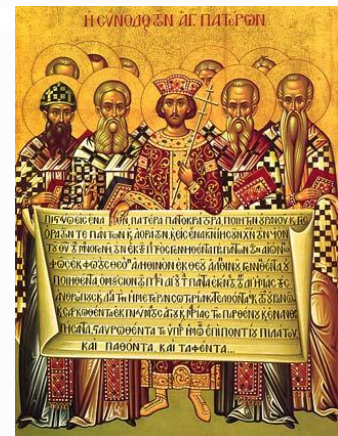
PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Nikita Albert, Anna Benyo, John Beskid, Walter Bubniak, Ernie Canovas, Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Paul Dolhy, Priest Vasyl Do vgan, Mary Fackovec, John Geida, Magdalena Ilanovska, Helen Karpiak, Betty Kormanik, Anna Mamrillova, Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Deacon Michael Pirich, John Salony, Toni Sikoryak, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira, Victoria Vislocky, & Mary Zizik. Contact Fr. William to add or remove names: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to Nicholas Spontak, Miroslav Strenk, Anna Benyo, Nadia Strenk, Sherry Vislocky, Gillian Chanat, & Nadia Ryan.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to Vasil & Jane Rusinak.

PRAISE GOD There was a bus accident in Jarabina last Saturday that involved our dear friends, the singers of Polana. They were traveling to the festival in Kamienka when their bus overturned. We are very thankful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that our friends were protected from serious injury.

FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Today, the Church commemorates 318 fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea. On or about June 19, 325 AD, the First Ecumenical Council was convened at the request of the Emperor, St Constantine, to address the heresy of Arianism (the teaching that the Son of God is not the true God, is not consubstantial with the Father, but rather a work or creation of God). All of the God-bearing Fathers, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God and composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed.

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED We are pleased to announce that a St. Nicholas Church recipient has been selected to receive the 4th Annual Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Scholarship award of \$1,000. Diane and Gary Heidenfelder will be making the announcement by the end of June. This recipient will join an impressive list of past winners: Christina Ioukliaevskikh, Olga Ioukliaevskikh and Tiffany Canjura.

WHAT'S AHEAD - The calendar is creeping towards the start of summer as things wind down a bit here at St. Nicholas Church. We are planning one last hurrah next week - be sure to join us for our annual Father's Day luncheon. We will be having a picnic-themed, Dad's favorite food festival, as we celebrate the men of 10th Street. Hope to see you there.

- 1) On June 26th - the Main Hall is rented - We will have a coffee hour in #2 Hall.
- 2) Starting in July, we will have very light coffee hours on most Sundays. You are welcome to bring a refreshment to share.

NEXT WEEK IS PENTECOST/ RUSAL'A!
The work of the church begins

The Feast Day of the DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PENTECOST) is one of the most important days on our church calendar. The Book of Acts recounts how the Apostles, the Theotokos and other disciples of the Lord were gathered in Jerusalem for the Hebrew festival of Pentecost, which commemorated the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai. They were all together in the same room where the Mystical Supper had taken place. Why were they there? Because Christ had commanded them to do so, asking them to wait there for the fulfilling of the "Promise of the Father." On the morning of the first Christian Pentecost, that promise was fulfilled. With the mighty rushing of the wind and with tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles, giving them the strength and courage to carry out Christ's great commission to "... go and teach all nations." These frightened men were transformed into fearless preachers of the Good News, witnessing to Christ not only in Jerusalem, but "... in all Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Peter alone was responsible for the conversion and baptism of some 3,000 souls on the day the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ's faithful followers. The work of the Church began on Pentecost, and it continues to this day. It is our sacred calling to gather others into the "net" of the Church, for we, too, are "fishers of men."

On this great Feast, it is customary to decorate our churches with greenery and flowers, thus expressing our joy and thanksgiving to God for renewing us through the Lifegiving Spirit - for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. **We would appreciate anyone who has access to trees to please cut some branches with leaves so that we can decorate the church on the 19th. We would need them by 9AM so that the outside and inside of the church can be decorated. Also a Reminder - wear something green for Pentecost.**

FULL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Week of June 12th - June 18th

SUNDAY, June 12th - Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
- Golden Jewels Blessing & Celebration
Mon, June 13th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Wed, June 15th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Fri, June 17th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Sat, June 18th - Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
- Great Vespers, 6 PM

Week of June 19th - June 25th

SUNDAY, June 19th - Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
- FEAST OF PENTECOST
- Father's Day Blessing & Celebration
Mon, June 20th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Wed, June 22rd - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Fri, June 24th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Sat, June 25th - Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
- Great Vespers, 6 PM

Week of June 26th - July 3rd

SUNDAY, June 26th - Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Note from Fr. William: If you would like anyone remembered during the course of these Divine Liturgies or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or email him at fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

Please Note:
Summer Sunday Liturgy Hours begin on July 3rd thru Sept 4th.
Liturgy will begin at 9:00am.



The Importance of Simeon the Righteous, our gift to today's Golden Jewels Honorees

“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” John 7:38, RSV

On this special day, we are reminded of the life of Simeon the Righteous, or as he is often known

as, Simeon the God-receiver, who lived out his long life in waiting for the coming of his Lord.

For us, his story begins as a translator, one of seventy who were given the great task of translating the scriptures from Hebrew for an expanding Greek-speaking population (3rd Century, BC). This work of the seventy translators lives on in what is known as the Septuagint.

As Simeon was working on translating the book of Isaiah, precious among other books of the Bible, he came to the verse “Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son.” (Isaiah 7:14). In his own confusion, he wanted the translation to read “young woman” instead of “virgin,” but at that moment, an angel of God appeared to Simeon restrained him from making the change, confirming even that he would live to see this prophecy fulfilled. God did in fact allow Simeon to see the Word of God in the flesh, Jesus Christ, as an infant.

There is a special significance to the life of Simeon, who did not simply wait for the Lord but dedicated and prepared a place in his life for Him, not knowing when He would come. Simeon lived a VERY long life of 360 years according to tradition, and by the time the infant Christ came, his eyes were quickly failing and his own life began to twilight. It was at THAT MOMENT that God chose to enter into Simeon's fading life, whose famous words are echoed in our worship to this day:

Now let Your servant depart in peace, O Lord, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, the light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your people Israel.

It is God's decision when to enter into our lives, but when He does, he does it perfectly. As members of the LIVING Body of the Church, who pass not from life to death, but from life to life, our entire lives are spent preparing a place for the Lord. From that place, our hearts, rivers of God's grace will flow for all those around us and for those who come after us. Let us all honor our great God and give thanks for giving us the blessing to see His Presence on this earth, for filling our lives with the grace we need to share in His love, through our love for others!

WHY THE NAME “GOLDEN JEWELS”?

In His own words, God tells us the people of Israel were to Him as valuable rare jewels set in gold. They were precious to Him with an inestimable value in His sight.

Today, we are celebrating parish members and friends of St. Nicholas Church who are invaluable to us. As each is in their golden years of life, they are “Golden Jewels” of St. Nicholas Church. They share many things in common. Like precious jewels, they are, of course, known for their brilliance and radiance. They are also strong and resilient, each unique. And most of all, the honorees are very valuable and appreciated.

The following is another way to look at jewels – nurturing the one inside of each of us. Its writer was 92 years young when she penned this beautiful poem.

The Gift-Wrap & the Jewel

By Wanda B. Goines

I looked in the mirror and what did I see,
but a little old lady peering back at me
With bags, sags and wrinkles and wispy white hair,
I asked my reflection, 'How did you get there?'

You once were straight and vigorous
and now you're stooped and weak,
when I tried so hard to keep you
from becoming an antique.

My reflection's eyes twinkled
as she solemnly replied,
'You're looking at the gift wrap
and not the jewel inside.

A living gem and precious,
of unimagined worth.
Unique and true, the real you,
the only you on Earth.

The years that spoil your gift wrap
with other things more cruel,
should purify and strengthen,
and polish up that jewel.

So focus your attention
on the inside, not the out.
On being kinder, wiser,
more content and more devout.

Then, when your gift wrap's stripped away
your jewel will be set free,
to radiate God's glory
throughout eternity.

SURVIVING THE JOYS OF CHILDHOOD

If you lived as a child in the 40's (50's, 60's or 70's), it's hard to believe that we survived based on standards of raising kids these days... As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, cabinets. Our cribs were covered in bright lead-paint.

We rode bikes to a friend's home and rung the bell not knowing if they were there or if they could play and that was okay. Or, we gathered on the corner just to see who was there. It didn't matter – we found a way to have fun and not get into too much mischief.

We licked the beaters and ate chocolate chip cookie dough and didn't become deathly ill from eating batter with raw eggs in it. At Easter, we dyed our hard boiled eggs and they sat out at room temperature for a week and we ate one when we wanted.

We drank water from the garden hose. A water park was two sprinklers.

The only scent in our sheets was, if you were lucky, that of a lilac in bloom next to our wet laundry blowing in the wind – or, more likely, whatever was in that city breeze.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day at the park, near the train tracks, exploring life and we were okay as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. Mom and Dad knew we would find our way back home.

We all shared the same bathroom with six, seven, eight other people and we lived to tell the tale. Sometimes you were pounding on the door to get in because your sister was getting ready for a date or you were leaving and knowing you were about to get a punch from your brother who was waiting on you.

We would spend hours building our go-carts and skateboards out of scraps and roller skates and then ride down the hill, only to find out we didn't know how to stop. After running into the bushes (or maybe a parked car) a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We shared grape soda with four friends, from one bottle and one straw and no one died from germs.

We couldn't wait to see what Topps baseball player was inside of our 5¢ pack of cards as we nervously chomped the piece of “delicious” gum.

We played dodge ball, stick ball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We got cut, broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents.

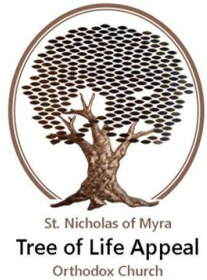
Sometimes, we were the last picked for a team...or didn't make a team... and had to live with disappointment. Only the 1st Place team received trophies at the end of the season and that feeling could never be beat when you looked at the trophy on your shelf.

It is a wonder we made it through those years... We had more freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. It was the beautiful simplicity of youth in a different time. And, I wouldn't change a thing – except I might not eat those Easter eggs anymore.

THE HUMOROUS REALITIES OF BEING OVER 80 (and 70, 60, and 50)

- ❖ Your wild oats have turned into shredded wheat
- ❖ Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
- ❖ Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- ❖ Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
- ❖ In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
- ❖ No one expects you to run-- anywhere.
- ❖ Your back goes out more than you do.
- ❖ There are fewer and fewer things you are willing to stand in a line for, except free pancakes at IHOP.
- ❖ There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- ❖ You enjoy hearing about other peoples' operations.
- ❖ You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- ❖ Time is a great healer but a lousy beautician.
- ❖ You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- ❖ You sing along with elevator music and your favorite songs are all on the oldies stations.
- ❖ Your eyes won't get much worse.
- ❖ You know more about prescription drugs than your pharmacist
- ❖ Half the stuff you buy at CVS says, "For fast relief."
- ❖ You realize that life is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay in, the more wrinkled you get.
- ❖ You start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.

ONGOING ST NICHOLAS PROJECTS



Like branches on a tree, we grow in different directions, yet our roots at St. Nicholas Church will always remain our common bond. We live in hope, we grow in faith, and we give in love.

WHAT IS THE TREE OF LIFE?

The Tree of Life is the elegant tree sculpture mounted in Hall #2. The tree is a part of a perpetual fundraising program that creates a living legacy to honor the lives of the many people that were, are and will be a vital part of St. Nicholas Church as well as a way to help our church remain financially solvent for future generations.

Our hope is that the proceeds from the Tree of Life will give our children a great gift for the future – freedom from the monthly expenses of a large mortgage.

HOW DOES THE TREE OF LIFE WORK?

Each stone and leaf has a set donation amount. Families then submit an inscription that is engraved on the stone or leaf for permanent display. The stones represent the bedrock of St. Nicholas and offer the highest level of giving (\$10,000 and \$5,000). The leaves represent important people and events in family's lives. A leaf is a donation of \$250.

HOW CAN I DONATE A STONE OR LEAF?

There are informational packets located in back of the Church, next to the sculpture and in the Church office with detailed information on how to donate. You will be asked to create a personal message to be engraved on the stone or leaf. If you want to read more, please visit the St. Nicholas Church website at:

<http://www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org/tree-of-life-appeal.html>

WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE A LARGE SINGLE DONATION? *To help you budget*, there are several donation options including installment payments, monthly payments by credit card and splitting payment between family members.

If you have any questions, please contact: Dawn Krzyzanowski - dawn@krzyzanowski.org

ONGOING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

There is a permanent container in #2 Hall for food donations. This ongoing effort is spearheaded by Bob Zizik who is now volunteering at the food pantry. This past Sunday, Bob decided to bring the collected food to the pantry this and it came just in time. We had collected a good amount of pasta and that was desperately needed this week. And, it adds up. St. Nicholas Church has donated over 2,000 pounds (ONE TON!) of food that has been collected and distributed. Thank you to all who contributed! Please watch the sales for non-perishable items. Also, if you want to make a financial donation, please see Bob Zizik. Since he donates his time at the Food Pantry and he can purchase items that are in greatest need. Remember, hunger doesn't take a summer vacation. For food insecure families, the reality of adding breakfast and lunch to their already tight budgets can lead to summer hunger for many school-age children. Thank you for your help!



ALTAR ROBES

Altar Boys are an integral part of the Sunday Liturgies. For the first time, we have four young servers with preparations to potentially welcome several more over the next few years.

While we have a stock of young adult robes, we are in need of new robes for our young altar servers.

This summer, Fr. William and the Altar Society will be ordering the robes needed for the future growth of our Altar Boys. Multiples of four to six altar boy robes will be purchased in several liturgical colors and various sizes to ensure uniformity as our servers get older, and taller!

If you would like to make a contribution to help us obtain our new robes, please either see Father William personally or make out a check to "St. Nicholas Church" with the memo "Altar Robes"



"My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, for He has clothed with the garment of salvation; with the robe of joy, He has covered me. As on a bridegroom, He has placed on me a crown and as a bride, He has adorned me with beauty!"
- Isaiah 61:10 -

JUNE/JULY 2016

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
12 Golden Jewels Day of Celebration	13 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	14	15 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	16	17 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	18 <i>Divine Liturgy, 10am</i> <i>Great Vespers, 6pm</i>
19 <i>Feast of Pentecost</i> Father's Day Celebration	20 <i>Spirit Monday</i> <i>*Liturgy @ Manville, NJ, 10 AM</i>	21 <i>Spirit Tuesday</i>	22 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	23	24 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	25 <i>Divine Liturgy, 10am</i> <i>Great Vespers, 6pm</i>
26 <i>Altar Boy Retreat & Young Women's Encounter Begin</i>	27 <i>Apostles Fast Begins</i>	28	29	30	JULY 1	2
3 All Saints of North America <i>Divine Liturgy, begins at 9am</i>	4	5	6	7 Birth of St. John the Baptist	8	9
10 Feast Day of Ss. Peter & Paul <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30

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TREE OF LIFE DONATION FORM

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You will receive sample layouts of the inscription for your selection & final approval prior to engraving. If you have any questions, please email us at: TREEofLIFE@stnicholaschurchnyc.org

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