

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 svajatyj Nikolaj
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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March 1, 2015

Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-6; 32-12.2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Tone: 5

Troparion & Kontakion: pg 45

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, 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: There will be a special blessing served today with the installation of Trustees and Officers.

March 8th – There will be two services served next week. The first is a panachida for His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas on the 4th anniversary of repose. The second panachida will be served for All Souls Saturday Panachida with reading of the Hramotas.

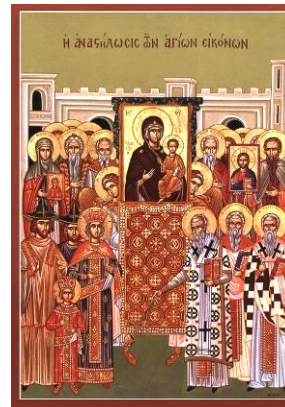
MEMORY ETERNAL! We extend our deepest condolences to granddaughter Anastasia, daughter Susan, and their extended families on the repose +Gertrude Samilenko on February 10th. We ask God to give them the strength to get through this very difficult time. Vičnaja Pamjat!

MEMORY ETERNAL! We extend our deepest condolences to the Rogers, Ochlan and Salony families on the unexpected passing of Gene Rogers on February 21st. We ask God to give wife Mary Lynn and young son, Michael, the strength to get through this very difficult time. Vičnaja Pamjat!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Michal Koneval, Dennis Krupp, Stephan S. Rofa and Meagan Sikoryak many happy and blessed years!

Triumph of Orthodoxy Sunday



The first Sunday of Lent is a joyous day. It is a spiritual celebration of the decree by the 7th Ecumenical Council (787AD) upholding the use of holy icons in Orthodox worship. The decree clarified that icons are venerated, not worshiped. This was a triumph over the iconoclast movement that was trying to end their use. The restoration of icons has been celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent since 843AD when Empress Theodora and Patriarch Methodios returned the holy icons to their rightful places in a great procession.

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil will be celebrated today.

As is the custom of the Orthodox Church, there will be a Pan-Orthodox Vespers service at the St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Brooklyn today:

WHERE: 355 State Street, Brooklyn

WHEN: Vespers: 5:00pm

A Lenten supper will follow.

All are welcome.

CALENDAR CHANGES – IMPORTANT Due to the variant weather we have been experiencing this winter, please note the following dates: **MARCH 1st - The Cookie Walk Appreciation Day scheduled for today has been cancelled** and will be rescheduled shortly. Instead, there will be the installation of Officers and Trustees today and a Board meeting after Liturgy.

MARCH 8th – A very important Altar Society Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 8th. The last two meetings have been cancelled due to weather so hopefully, the third time will be the charm!

MARCH 15th - CONFESSIONS & THE LENTEN MISSION SERVICE –Priests will be available to hear confessions on March 15th both in English and Ponašomu. Please understand that priests will be traveling from their own churches so confessions may not start until after the Lenten Mission Service, starting at 1:00 pm. There will also be a Strict Fast Lenten luncheon after the Mission Service for visiting clergy and parishioners. To assist the Altar Society, please sign up on the Volunteer Board if you plan on attending services and staying for the luncheon. **THANK YOU!**

ALL SOULS DAY COMMEMORATION –HRAMOTA

One of the most venerable Traditions of the Orthodox Church is the commemoration of our deceased in Liturgical prayer. 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 as soon as possible. The first panachida for All Souls Saturday is being served next Sunday, March 8th.

GET YOUR PIROHY FOR LENT TODAY!

Saturday was a busy day here at St. Nicholas Church. It was pirohy making day. Get your fresh made, absolutely delicious pirohy after church today. The remainder will be frozen and ready for purchase throughout Lent. The cost is \$8/dozen for potato/cheddar cheese and \$10/doz. for farmer cheese. You can place an order ahead of Sunday by contacting Magda at mmatlak@kbcc.cuny.edu or 718-373-2279.

ST NICHOLAS LENTEN MEMORIAL WALL: During the Lenten season, we 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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The regular Annual Meeting of the St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church was held on February 8, 2015. We are very thankful to Very Rev. Andrew Fetchina (Rahway) and thank him for serving Liturgy with Father Alexandre and attending the Annual Meeting.

Results of the Election:

PRESIDENT – PAUL SIKORYAK

VICE-PRESIDENT – to be appointed by the board

TREASURER – RICHARD VISLOCKY

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – MAGDA MATLAK

RECORDING SECRETARY – DAWN KRZYZANOWSKI

ELECTED TRUSTEES:

BOGDAN HORBAL MIKE KORMANIK

MAGDA MATLAK RICHARD VISLOCKY

***Congratulations to Danuta Horbal
on becoming an RN!***



Danuta was recently enrolled at The NYC Welcome Back Center, located within the Center for Immigrant Education and Training at LaGuardia Community College. It provides comprehensive services to help internationally trained healthcare professionals rebuild their healthcare careers in New York State. After concluding this program and a long process of having her Polish nursing education verified, Danuta took the NCLEX exam and passed it at first try! Now she moves on to job hunting. **BEST WISHES DANUTA!**

Please see Justine Timko if you would like to perform at the St. Nicholas Talent Show.

All ages are welcome!



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TALENT SHOW

APRIL 26 SUNDAY MAIN HALL

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SINGERS

All acts are welcome -- adults and children!



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GREAT LENT 2015

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My beloved Faithful Clergy and Laity of our God-Protected Diocese:

As we begin Great Lent this year on February 23rd, I want to share with you a few thoughts so that we may journey through this reflective period and arrive at the Great Feast of Pascha spiritually uplifted to receive the Resurrected Christ.

This journey is a time for self-examination and self-denial. We must take control of our lives and bodies with fasting in order to gain a greater awareness of our dependence on and relationship with God. In addition, this journey gives greater time for doing those things that Christ mentioned in Matthew 25: 31-46. He instructed us to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to house the stranger, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, and to go to the imprisoned. If we are indeed followers/disciples of Christ, we must attend to the needs of those less fortunate than us.

All journeys require an extra effort to be successful. Therefore increase your efforts in church attendance, in prayer, in fasting, in scriptural reading, in almsgiving, in repentance and confession, in receiving the Holy Eucharist. If you already do these things, do more. If you do not do these things, begin now.

Lent is time of great joy and a new beginning as we cleanse ourselves in body, mind, and soul. The physical and spiritual fast will give us a new Christian attitude to meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the end of the journey, on that bright day of the Paschal destination.

I pray that this Great Lenten Season is a spiritually uplifting experience for all.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads '+ Bishop Gregory'.

+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the U.S.A.
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SUNDAYS OF LENT

Each of the Sundays of Great Lent has its own special theme. **Today is the first Sunday** and it is called the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the Churches in the year 843 A.D. The major emphasis of this feast is the victory of the true faith, the victory which always ultimately triumphs. Having completed the first week of our Lenten efforts, we are reminded that Christ, the perfect image (icon) of God the Father, calls us to personal victory by restoring within ourselves “the image and likeness of God” in which we were first created (Genesis 1:26).

The second Sunday is the commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas. St. Gregory bore living witness that men can become divine through the Grace of God in the Holy Spirit. He showed that even in this life, by prayer and fasting, human beings can become participants of the uncreated Light of God’s Divine Glory. In this way, our Lenten efforts are confirmed, our resolve is strengthened, and we are filled once more with the light of hope.

The Third Sunday of Lent is the Veneration of the Cross, a day marked by its beauty. The Cross stands in the midst of the Church at the midpoint of the Lenten season to remind us of Christ’s redemption and to keep before us the goal of our efforts. The Cross is a victory for us as well. As we approach Pascha, it stands as a reminder for us to take up our crosses and follow Christ in His suffering and, ultimately, in His eternal victory (Matthew 10:38). On the Third Sunday of Lent the Cross is placed before us in the center of the Church, adorned with flowers, for inspiration and encouragement.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St. John Climacus (St. John of the Ladder), the author of the work: *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. St. John was an abbot at St. Catherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai in the sixth century His work encourages the faithful to persevere in their efforts; for, according to the Lord, only “he who endures to the end will be saved;” (Matthew 24:13). St. John outlines the steps essential for attaining communion with God, steps which remind us that the way to the Kingdom constantly challenges us to engage in spiritual warfare.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent recalls the memory of St. Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin can keep a person from God if the sinner truly repents. In addition, St. Mary tells us that it is never too late, either in life or in lent, to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to Him, even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be serious and sincere repentance.

Great Lent ends on the Friday following the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt. The next day is Lazarus Saturday which is followed by Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-awaited Messiah. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, He entered Jerusalem, “the City of the King”, riding on the colt of an ass, (Zechariah 9:9; John 12:12). “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!”

With this in our minds and in our hearts, we enter the days of the Passover of the Cross — the great and holy Pascha of the Lord — the Resurrection.

EVENT OF INTEREST: World Premiere Sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, March 7th in Wayne, NJ

Come see *Changed by Thalerhof*, a documentary by John Righetti and Maria Silvestri, in its first public showing. (Bogdan Horbal is interviewed in the documentary).

It was the grand experiment in a European state corralling its own citizens, viewing them as a threat. It had never been done before: the creation of the first European concentration camp. There were no rules – people were arrested, interned with no charges, hungry, sick and dying – because of who they were.

- A generation before Aushwitz!
- A people few have heard of, the Carpatho-Rusyns!
- And their community would never be the same!

For more information about the program, please send an email to crsnewjersey@gmail.com or call Dorothy Bognar at 201-891-4151

WORLD PREMIER CHANGED BY THALERHOF

Date: Saturday, March 7th **When:** 1:30 pm

Where: Wayne Public Library
461 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ

Directions: Take Route 46 to the Riverview Drive exit in the direction of Wayne.

Continue on Riverview Drive to the traffic light at Valley Road. Turn right onto Valley Road and proceed to the second light at Nellis Drive at the Wayne Municipal Complex. Turn left and then right to access the library and parking lot.

**Refreshments will be served –
All are welcome!**

March – Pascha 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Mar Orthodoxy Sunday Installation of Officers Board Meeting Pan Orthodox Vespers St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral - Brooklyn The A Team	2	3	4	5	6 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7pm Woodloch Weekend	7 All Souls Saturday Woodloch Weekend
8 St Gregory Palamas All Souls Memorial Service Altar Society Meeting Team Tristate	9	10	11	12	13 Moleben to Cross 7pm	14 All Souls Saturday
15 Cross Veneration All Souls Memorial Service St. Nicholas Lenten Mission with luncheon 1pm Team Black & White	16	17	18	19	20	21 All Souls Saturday
22 St John of the Ladder (Climacus) Team Koneval	23	24	25	26	27 Parakalis 7pm	28
29 St. Mary of Egypt All Souls Memorial Service Team Kitchen Cousins	30	31	1Apr	2	3	4 Lazarus Saturday Liturgy & Confession 10am
5 Palm Sunday Teams BQE & Slovakia & Poland	6	7	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

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Orders must be place by: **March 1, 2015**

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