

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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March 29, 2015

5th Sunday of Lent - St. Mary of Egypt

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45 **Tone: 1 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.

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK There will be a panachida on the 1-year anniversary of the repose of Sam Kovalcik given by niece, Barbara Kovalcik and nephew, Michael Kelcho.

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, Ann Petrik Plutchok, 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Maros Derevjaniak and George Glosik many happy and blessed years!



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. 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. She promised that day, that if she were permitted to enter the church she would change her life-and it then she was able to enter. She went to Confession, received Holy Communion and went to the desert in Palestine

It was there where she fought her addictions through prayer and repentance for 30 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!

PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR PASKA & KOLAČ An order form is on the back page of the bulletin. Please see Magda if you have any questions. You must place your order by **today**. If you do not place an order ahead of time, there will be a very limited amount available to purchase.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PASCHA – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) We are asking for your heartfelt donations towards the efforts of decorating the Grave. **Flowers collection continues this week.**
- 2) **Pussy Willows Needed** for Palm Sunday. If you have them in your yard, upon bloom, bring them to the church this week. We will be tying them up for distribution on Palm Sunday next Saturday, April 4th.
- 3) **Easter Food Donations Needed** As we do every year, we are asking you for food donations for our Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday. We would like to keep it simple, but ensure that we have enough food to offer our parishioners and visitors after Liturgy. Lauren Tymus & Stephanie Salony started approaching people last week. Please see them for what is still available. Also, to allow those who set-up prior to services to attend the Liturgy from beginning to end, we ask that you prepare your food at home on a disposable plate/platter. *It is a very busy week prior to Easter with people attending church services, baking, cleaning, etc. and we thank you all in advance for your donations* – Lauren & Stephanie

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!



Happy 85th Birthday John!
Hope you enjoyed the surprise!!



LAZARUS SATURDAY SCHEDULE
April 4th – Next Saturday

Early morning
PASKA & KOLAČ making begins

10:00 am Liturgy

After Liturgy Pizza Lunch

12:00 noon

Fun for kids of all ages: dye Easter eggs and tie up pussy willows and palms for Palm Sunday. Kids and Parents: Please let Dawn or Kim know if you will be at the church to help with these very important tasks



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 Derevanik or email info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org for more information.



**ST ZOSIMAS AND
ST MARY OF
EGYPT**

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. 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 Fr. Zosimas 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."

EVENTS OF INTEREST

**TODAY: Sunday, March 29
5:00 pm** St. Mary of Egypt -
Service of the Sacrament of
Holy Unction
Cathedral of the Holy Virgin
Protection, 59 E. 2nd St.,
NYC 10003

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!



**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

March – Pentecost 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
29 St. Mary of Egypt All Souls Memorial Team Kitchen Cousins	30	31	1Apr	2	3	4 Lazarus Saturday Liturgy & Confession 10am
5 Palm Sunday Teams BQE & Slovakia & Poland	6	7 Annunciation of the Theotokos	8 Holy Uction 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
24 Holy Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost						

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v hale kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého

411 E 66th Street, NYC

Program:

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DOMOVINKA, Clifton, NJ

SLNOVRÁTOK, Hillsborough, NJ

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V hale si bude možnosť kúpiť slovenský obed od 12.00 hod.

Viac info: www.SlovakAmericanCC.org

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. Dancing will be for everyone!

KOLAČ/PASKA ORDER FORM

Order form can be dropped off at the church office; or e-mailed to :

mmatlak@kbcc.cuny.edu

call in your order to Magda Matlak on: 718 373-2279

Please make checks payable to: St. Nicholas Church

Orders must be placed by: **March 29, 2015**

Orders will be available for pick-up **Sunday, April 5**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Item	Price	Amount	Total
Kolač – Poppyseed (Whole)	\$10.00		
Kolač – Walnut (Whole)	\$15.00		
Kolač – Lekvar (Whole)	\$10.00		
Paska- (S)	\$ 7.00		
Paska- (L)	\$10.00		
		GRAND TOTAL	

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