

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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### Two Week Bulletin

**Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> & May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

As Christ has Risen, we also rise in prayer

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**CHRISTOS VOSKRES! VOISTINU VOSKRES!**

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

**Sunday of the Blind Man**

**Epistle Reading:** Acts 16:16-34

**Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-38

**Tone: 5 Troparian & Kontakian:** pp. 58-59

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

**Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Francesco Mammoliti and Lillian Parrella many happy and blessed years!

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MEETING:** Today after Liturgy

**REMINDER: Liturgy starts at 9:00 am next week, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, due to grave blessings at Mt. Olivet**

The Sunday of the Blind Man celebrates the miracle of sight bestowed on a man blind from birth. It was said that the man was born without eyes. The icon depicts Christ anointing the eye areas of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam," a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because of the clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience.

**Sunday, May 24, 2015**

**Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

**Epistle Reading:** Acts 20:16-18; 28-36

**Gospel Reading:** John 17:1-13

**Tone: 6 Troparian & Kontakian:** pp. 64-65

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i**

**Blahaja L'ita** Let us all wish Richard Stack and Alicia Vira many happy and blessed years!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

**Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita** Let us all wish John & Anna Mammoliti, Michael & Maria Koneval, John & Helen Salony, Nick & Justine Timko many happy and blessed years!

Today, the Church commemorates 318 fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea. In June, 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). 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.

**May 21, 2015**

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**



*You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that you are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.*

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** JoAnn Attanasio, Fr. John Birch, Debbie Blue, Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Mary Fackovec, Fr. John Fencik, Ann Gaydos, Justine Gidicsin, Marge Hildebrant, Neil Ingenito, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Deacon Michael Pirich, Joyce Rusinak, Meagan Sikoryak, Toni Sikoryak, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraina Vira, Victoria Vislocky and Mary Zizik. Contact Kim to add or remove names: [k.busel@att.net](mailto:k.busel@att.net).

**WHAT'S AHEAD AT ST. NICHOLAS**

<p>May 24<sup>th</sup>  <b>Blessing of Graves at Mt. Olivet- Liturgy starts at 9:00am</b> so that we can get to the cemetery before the Memorial Day Parade.</p>	<p>May 31<sup>st</sup>  <b>First Holy Confession &amp; Communion</b> Alexander, Elizabeth, Leo and Kevin are working very hard to prepare for their first Holy Confession and Communion</p>	<p>June 14<sup>th</sup>  <b>Eighth grade, High School and College Graduation Party</b> - Join us as we honor our many 2015 graduates.</p>	<p>June 21<sup>st</sup>  <b>Father's Day Luncheon hosted by the kids of St. Nicholas</b> All men of 10<sup>th</sup> Street Church are invited</p>
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**YOUTH SPOTLIGHT**

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER:**

The due date for the Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund Scholarship application receipt is June 1<sup>st</sup>! Applications are available outside the church office.

**WIN A WEEK AT CAMP – Enter JR ACRY Essay Contest!**

If your essay is chosen as the winner, the National Jr. ACRY will pay for one full Diocesan week of camp if you are a National Jr. ACRY member or half of your camping week if you are not a member of the National Jr. ACRY. For more info visit: [www.acrod.org/organizations/senioracry/jrarcy/forms](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/senioracry/jrarcy/forms) Also, Camp Nazareth has Online Registration available for Summer camp. [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org).



Congratulations to The Boys Club (across the street). The Harriman Hawks came in 1st Place in the Metro League Swim Championship at Lehman College in April. Altar boy, Alex Ioukliaevskikh came in 1st place for the 8 - 10 year olds.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. The Church's celebration of the Ascension is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the Ascension itself is not to be understood as though it was simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. On this 40th day after the Pascha, Jesus ascends into heaven to be glorified at the right hand of God and to glorify us with Himself. He goes in order to prepare a place for us and to take us also in the blessedness of God's presence.

Christ also goes in order to send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father to bear witness to Him and His Gospel. The Holy Spirit enables the Disciples to be His witnesses and to take his message to the ends of the earth.



**BAPTISM** We warmly welcome Madelynn Hofmann to the Orthodox Faith. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas Church.

May God Grant baby Madelynn and her parents, Danielle & Will and big sister Katelynn , many years!





Mother's Day 2015





**MOTHER'S DAY RECAP** Mother's Day was a special time to show the women of St. Nicholas Church its deep appreciation for the work they do nurturing their children, godchildren, grandchildren, neices and nephews. Fr Alexandre had a special blessing for all of the mothers, tetas, and babas of the church and the altar boys gave each woman a beautiful pink carnation.

**CHINESE RAFFLE** Mother's Day also started what could be a yearly tradition – a Chinese Auction to benefit the senior center/nursing home in Jarabina, Slovakia, hosted by Justina & Kevin Ryan and Mike & Evelyn Kormanik. Nearly \$1,000 was raised in raffle tickets. That is one hospital bed!

Thank you to the many St. Nicholas parishioners and friends who donated baskets:

Nancy Abel	Danielle Hofmann	Lorraine Medvecky
Lillian Benc	Olga Ioukkliaevskikh	Anna Petrik
Kim Busel	Evelyn & Mike Kormanik	Jane Rusinak
Doreen Chobor	Magda Matlack	Justina Ryan
Debbie Derevjanik	Kathy Matlack	Stephanie Salony
Helen Gajdos	Tanya McAusland	Merka Stack
Anna Gajdos	Joanne Medvecky	Matt & Nicole Stack

A big thank you to Paul Tymus for spear heading the Mother's Day Brunch and to all the other men who prepared and worked so hard to make Mother's Day 2015 so special for the women of 10<sup>th</sup> Street.



Robert Stack  
Helenka Tymus  
Bob Zizik

Generosity did not end with the baskets and raffles. We would like to thank the following people for their monetary donations: Michal & Jarka Derevjanik (\$500), Martin Derevjanik (\$100) and Vasil & Anna Kormanik (\$80). Memorial Day is just around the corner and would be a great occasion for everyone to consider donating to the seniors in Slovakia campaign "In Memory Of" a descendant family member or friend. Visit [www.gofundme.com/seniorsinslovakia/](http://www.gofundme.com/seniorsinslovakia/) to make a donation.



**MAY 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

# May – June, 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
17 Board Meeting Team Tristate	18	19	20	21 Ascension	22	23 Baptism – Emma Josephine daughter of Doreen & Joseph Clemente
24 Mt. Olivet Cemetery Blessings <b>Church begins at 9</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost First Confession/ Communion	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Team Slovakia & Poland	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 St. Nicholas Graduation Party	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Parastas for John, Paul & Mary Strenk Last Formal Coffee Hour & Bulletin Team Black & White	29	30	JUL 1	2	3	4

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October 25, 2015

**SAVE THE DATE**

St. Nicholas 90th Anniversary Celebration



**Please Note: Summer Hours begin on July 5<sup>th</sup> thru September 7th.  
Liturgy will begin at 9:00am.**