

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

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Sunday, November 16, 2014

Martyrs Acepsimas, Joseph and Aeithalas

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Tone: 6

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK: There will be a Parastas for the 5th Year Anniversary of Repose of Andrey Benc given by wife, Lillian & family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Marcella Ceselka, Deana Kania, Michael Kania, Jr., Michael Kelcho, Christina Nevader, Julia Grace Timko many happy and blessed years!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Alex and Holly Marchak many happy and blessed years!

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: JoAnn

Attanasio, Debbie Blue, Mary Fackovec, Mary Gaydos, Ann Gaydos, Dan Halama, Marge Hildebrant, Neil Ingenito, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Mary Lichvarik, Magda Matlak, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Joyce Rusinak, Toni Sikoryak, Mary Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira, and Mary Zizik. Please contact Kim Busel to add and/or remove names: k.busel@att.net

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 90th Anniversary set for October 25 2015
- Video Cameras have been installed throughout the church for security purposes and are fully operational
- Building work - Some items that will be going on in the building - clean out of drains by the altar boys rooms, buffing coating of the main hall floor, scraping and painting of the church proper in needed areas.



Martyrs Acepsimas, Joseph and Aeithalas

The holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs Acepsimus, Bishop of Naeson; Joseph the Presbyter; and Aeithalas the Deacon were Christians living in Persia at the time of Shapur II the Great (309-379). They were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of

Naesson. Bishop Acepsimus' flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work.

The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. St. Acepsimas was arrested, even though he was already an 80 year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this, he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the 70-year-old Presbyter Joseph and Deacon Aeithalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years, the Saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst.

Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead.

The holy bishop, the presbyter and deacon were martyred for the faith and are remembered together in the Orthodox Church.

LOTS OF LUCK CALENDARS

ACRY Lots-Of-Luck Calendars have arrived! They are \$25.00 each. Please see Dawn Krzyzanowski if you are interested in purchasing one. Checks should be made out to "National ACRY".

GOT COFFEE?

It didn't seem possible, but our coffee reserves are low. If you have extra at home or see a good sale, we would be grateful for a can of coffee. Thanks so much.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

During the holiday months, the need for emergency food assistance to families increases as other bills, like gas and electric rise with the colder weather. Can you help to fight hunger during time between Thanksgiving and Christmas (to give a happy "Thanksmas to other families in need)?

The St. Nicholas Church Holiday Food Drive begins now and runs through our annual St. Nicholas Day Luncheon, December 21st. You can participate by donating the items listed below (bin located in #2 Hall) or by making a monetary donation to Bob Zizik and we will buy it for you.

All non-perishable food is welcome, but there is a need for holiday foods like: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, corn muffin mix, canned vegetables and fruit, cranberry sauce, creamed soup, canned pie filling, pie crust mix, jello and pudding mixes, canned evaporated milk and dried milk, canned gravy or gravy packets, canned fruit juices.

OF INTEREST

Monday, Nov 24 at 6:30pm - Lost World of Subcarpathian Rus



in the Photography of Rudolf Hůlka (1887–1961).

An Illustrated Talk and Book Presentation by Edward Kasinec, Curator Emeritus, NYPL & Associate, Harriman Institute, Columbia University

with the Carpatho-Rusyn Society New York

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Suggested donation \$5.00

DO YOU HAVE YOUR KERMEŠ TICKETS YET?

Get your tickets today!

Our Annual Kermeš is scheduled for November 23rd after Liturgy. The meal will be prepared by Chef George Chobor and his assistant Justina. Please see Helen Gajdos, Debbie Derevjanik or Doreen Clemente for tickets. (Cost - \$25 adults, \$10 for children 6-13)

Join us Sunday, November 23, 2014

FOR OUR ANNUAL Kermeš

Luncheon prepared by George Chobor

Music & Dancing by Vox Ethnika

TICKETS

Adult \$25

Children Age 6-13 \$10

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WHAT IS KERMEŠ? A WORD FROM MANY CULTURES!

The custom of kermeš in the history of the Carpatho-Rusyn people began as a celebration of the patronal feast of the village church. It was a festival held in villages throughout the region. In 1974, +Fr. Smisko established the Annual Kermeš, as a yearly harvest festival celebrated in true "krajovi" style music, food & fellowship here at 10th Street.

Interestingly, other cultures also celebrate Kermeš in their own way. The word is said to have originated in the Dutch language as Kermesse(kermis) denoting the mass said on the anniversary of the founding of a church in honor of the patron. In the Ibero-American culture (Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile) "kermeses" are held by churches and schools to raise funds. In Lithuanian language "kermošius" (kermoshius) means a fair after the mass in the church. In Romanian, "chermeză" means party or banquet. In Italian "kermesse" means party.

IT'S TIME TO TALK COOKIES – COOKIE WALK DECEMBER 13-14th

The Cookie Walk team has been working behind the scenes for many months (too many if you ask our families), but now, with just a month to the big event, it is time to talk COOKIES. Here are some highlights.

- 1) Please visit the Cookie Walk website at www.stnicholascookiewalk.com. It has been spruced up for 2014.
- 2) On the website, you will see a new feature – the Little Elves Bakery & Workshop. Last week, many of the Junior Cookie Walk team met to discuss how they can help design an area in the Cookie Walk just for kids. We will continue to work as a team to create an awesome family friendly space with food craft projects to do and take home.
- 3) Santa is coming to town...OK - there are literally 1000's of Santas that attend the SantaCon event that looks to be scheduled again on the same day as the Cookie Walk. Our Santa is special and will be available to take pictures in our yet-to-be-designed photo booth. Our resident photographer, Stephanie Salony, will take pictures to immediately print and take home.
- 4) On the bulletin board is the **Baker's Needed** sign – completely full! **Thank you to all signed up last week.** However, we can always use more bakers, so there is a continuation form below (you know me, I am always looking for more volunteers). You can make your own favorite cookies and we'll supply the ingredients or we can give you premade dough that just needs baking (slice and bake variety). This will be a huge help as we go into the final week of baking right before the event.
- 5) **ANNOUNCING A NEW CONTEST** – We are learning that having orders helps us plan in many ways. Attached to this bulletin is the 2014 Cookie Walk Form. Consider asking your neighbors, colleagues, friends, extended family, and we will fill the box as they request. This year we are going to have a contest for top “order getters” – the top three will each receive a ticket to the 2015 New Year's Eve Dance (\$100) purchased by the Altar Society. You can also order cookies online at: www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org/order-cookies.html and these orders will also count towards the total.
- 6) Check out the Volunteer Board for all of the needed help over the weeks ahead. There are many opportunities! We kick-off the dough and cookie baking next Saturday at Merka and Robert Stack's home (that they so graciously open to us despite the rivers of chocolate on the floor and dough stuck to the ceiling – yes, literally). Please consider taking a day off with us on Wednesday – Friday (December 10-12th) for baking. We have a great time and it is something to see thousands of cookies...everywhere.

That's about it for now. As always – thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to making the Cookie Walk so much fun and a wonderful event for our East Village neighbors. We are already getting emails, phone calls and “on the street” inquiries about “when that Cookie Thing” is this year. It will be here before you know it.

COUNTDOWN: 26 DAYS



TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT –

Here are some cookie jokes:

Q: Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

A: It was feeling crummy!

Q: What kind of keys do kids like to carry?

A: Cookies!

Q: Why do short basketball players like cookies?

A: Because they can dunk them.

Q: What did the hungry computer eat?

A: (Chocolate) Chips, one byte at a time.

Q: Why was the cookie sad?

A: Because he was a wafer too long

God Is Watching

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a parochial elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples with a note posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



November - December 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16 5 th Anniversary Parastas for Andrey Benc CW Dough Preparation Day Team Kitchen Cousins	17	18	19	20	21	22 CW Baking – Stack home
23 Annual Kermeš	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 Dough Making/Rolling The A Team	DEC 1 Nativity Fast Begins	2	3	4 Entrance of the Theotokos	5	6
7 Hall Preparation, Dough Rolling & Cookie Baking Team Tristate	8	9	10 Baking at Church	11 Baking at Church	12 Baking at Church	13 6th Annual Cookie Walk
14 40-Day Parastas for +Fr. Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich with komašna 6th Annual Cookie Walk	15	16	17	18	19 Wonderworker St. Nicholas	20
21 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 DIY Coffee Hour	29	30	31	JAN 1	2	3

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