

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 svajatjy Nikolaj
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

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Sunday, November 23, 2014

KERMEŠ Edition

St Olympas, Apostles of the 70

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Mikulas Derevjanik, Anne Gaydos (TX), Chelsea Gerstein, Mary Koneval Krupp, Irma Poyda, Michael Ryan and Florence Walcyk many happy and blessed years!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Jan & Renata Hubka and William & Ann Korchak 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, Mary Rebovich, 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

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

St. Nicholas Church will be having its 90th Anniversary celebration on October 25, 2015.

LOTS OF LUCK CALENDARS - ONLY 5 Left!

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

THANK YOU! A special thank you to our 2014 bulletin printers: Magda Matlak (and welcome back), Bob Zizik, Deb Derevjanik, Stephanie Salony and our newest printer, George Sikorjak. The bulletin you are reading would not be here without them!

70 HOLY APOSTLES



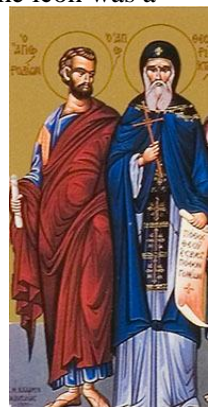
Besides the 12 Greater Apostles, Christ chose Seventy Lesser Apostles and sent them to preach the Gospel, "After these things the Lord appointed another 70 also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place He intended to visit, He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.' Luke 10:1-5).

ST OLYMPAS

The Orthodox Church celebrates the memory of each of 70 Apostles during the course of the year. The holy Disciple Olympas celebrated today, was a companion of the Apostle Peter. St. Herodian, also pictured in the icon was a kinsman of Apostle Paul and left the bishop's cathedral

(chair) at Patras to go to Rome with the Apostle Peter.

Both of these Disciples from the 70 were beheaded on the very day and hour, when the Apostle Peter was crucified by the Emperor Nero in the first century AD.





Dear Faithful,

Today, as we celebrate our annual fall Kermeš festival, we wish to welcome all of our parishioners, family, friends and visitors to St. Nicholas Church on this joyous occasion. Our beloved departed +Metropolitan Nicholas would be proud that we continue the tradition that he began here at St. Nicholas many years ago and there is no better way to honor his memory.

And, in four days, we celebrate one of the most important holidays in our nation's blessed history, Thanksgiving. This is a day for family gatherings, turkey dinners, football games, etc. but it is also a day for reflection and giving thanks to the good Lord for all of the blessings that He has bestowed on us. We live in a very complex, difficult, turbulent and dangerous world and we are consumed by it all. It is easy to become complacent in our lives and lose sight of what is truly important. It is my hope that sometime over this week, we can all put aside our personal burdens and give thought to those less fortunate or in distress. I also ask that we pray for our military personnel who sacrifice so much for us and cannot be home with their own families on this Thanksgiving Day.

This leads me to a topic that you will be hearing more about in the coming weeks and months and that is stewardship. Most people have a misconception that stewardship is another word for monetary donations but stewardship goes well beyond that. Stewardship means how we utilize our time and talents for the better good of our church and our community. Stewardship is how we interact with each other in doing the Lord's work. Do we argue for the sake of argument, do we listen to and appreciate each other's ideas, do we forgive and forget each other's debts and transgressions? Stewardship also includes how we reach out to the community and spread the good word by opening our doors and warmly welcoming visitors of all walks of life. Cookie Walks, food drives and support of those in need are examples of this type of stewardship.

Finally, stewardship also means saying thanks to each other. To this end, the Officers and Trustees wish to offer our sincere thanks to all of our beloved parishioners. We thank you for your contributions, we thank you for your time and talents and we thank you for your patience. We continue to work with the Deanery and Diocese on the assignment of a permanent priest and pray that will come soon. I am confident that this will be resolved in due time and we will soon see God's blessing of a resident priest bestowed to our parish once more. In the interim, because we have stayed together as a family, the church has carried on and functioned well. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank Father Alex for his service to St. Nicholas Church each Sunday and his visitations of the sick. This has been a blessing to us all and we should all thank him for his love and devotion.

Enjoy today's Kermeš and we wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

With love in Christ,

Bob Zizik
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Thanksgiving Blessing

Lord, today I am so truly thankful for so many things. You have Blessed me in so many ways.

I thank You for the country
I live in that allows me to worship You
without fear...and for all its many heroes
that have and still guarantee that freedom.

I thank You Lord for my wonderful family
and friends. They are my greatest earthly
blessing.

Thank You Lord for the creatures you have
put on earth for us all. They teach us
unconditional love, loyalty, and
understanding.

Thank You Lord for all who have tables
filled with food and someone to share it.

And for those that have no family or food,
Lord, I ask that You comfort and protect
them and show me the way that I may find
them to offer them the same.

I ask You also Lord that all who suffer with
illness to have this day free from pain.

I thank You Lord for the time I had with my
loved ones that have gone on to be with
You. They shall always be loved and
greatly missed.

Thank You Lord for allowing me to have
love and understanding in my heart.

It is these many blessings that make my
humble life happy and fulfilled.

Thank You Lord.....Amen

THANKSMAS

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

A few weeks ago, we announced that we were having a food drive to fight hunger during the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas (to give a happy “Thanksmas to other families in need).

The bin in #2 Hall is overflowing and there were monetary donations as well. Bob Zizik will be transporting the food this Kermeš Sunday to help stock for Thanksgiving week. For those on the eBulletin list and coming to Kermeš this Sunday, you are invited to add to the donation.

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.

The final Sunday of the food drive is our annual St. Nicholas Day Luncheon, December 21st.

THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

This is a story told since the mid-1950s. A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: “I am blind, please

help.” There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. “Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?”

The man said, “I said what you said but in a different way.” I wrote: “Today is a beautiful day and even though I cannot see it, enjoy its splendor.” Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign reminded people of their blessings.

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show others that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Be confident in today and prepare ahead without fear for in all things, your strength is your Faith in God.

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



- 1) If you signed up to “slice and bake” cookies, we have your dough completed. Please see Kim Busel for the dough and other directions. If you would also be willing to bake some cookies, please see Kim or Helenka.
- 2) Thanks to all the people who viewed the Cookie Walk website at www.stnicholascookiewalk.com. The number of visitors has increased and will go up even more as our advertising campaign goes into full gear over the next week. As far as website statistics go, New York is the top state to view the website. Not surprising, but Michigan is the second highest visitor state. And, the country with the most visitors to the site (after USA) is Brazil!
- 3) **ANNOUNCING A NEW CONTEST** –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 three “order getters” – each will 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. We just received our first online order!

EDDIE Lopat was a baseball pitcher for the New York Yankees in the 1950s. According to the late Red Barber, a former major league sports announcer, Eddie often lost his temper. He knew he had to master his weakness, so he went to a doctor to find out what he could do to control himself. The doctor told him that instead of getting upset, he should pause and count his blessings. He should not try to repress or hide his anger, rather, he should replace those angry feelings with thanksgiving. That advice echoes what the Apostle Paul said in Colossians 3:15. After telling us to put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness, meekness, long suffering, and love, Paul added, "and be thankful". Thinking about our blessings directs our thoughts to God, the source of all good, and makes us grateful.

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Melody Beattie



HARVEST

I love word games. My favorite game is to figure out how many words you can make out of a word. For today, let's pick an autumn word – HARVEST. Can you see some words? Let me help. There are easy ones like 'tea' and 'hat' and 'vest'. There are over 200 possible words. Wow!

There are three that hold special meaning to me. The first one is the word 'starve'. Can you believe that a word that means the gathering of crops could have the word for being hungry? We learned in school that when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the first winter was called the Starving Time. Many people died because they didn't have food, but the colonists still thanked God for all of their blessings, every day.

The second word that comes from the letters is the word 'share'. Native Americans developed a system for growing corn, beans, and squash together with almost no weeding. The corn is a trellis for the bean stalks, beans provide nitrogen for the soil, and the squash's leaves cover the ground and protect from pests. They called this growing relationship the Three Sisters. Early settlers would certainly never have survived if the Native Americans hadn't shared their farming knowledge.



As we sit down to our Thanksgiving meal this week, we often thank God for His many blessings and the harvest of the food on our table. Let us thank Him also for the gift of life itself, our heart, the third word. Life is so precious and wonderful that we should celebrate it every day.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8

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| Beans | Cornucopia | Grateful | Prayer |
| Blessing | Family | Harvest | Squash |
| Celebration | Friends | Kermes | Thankful |
| Corn | Gather | November | Tradition |

A few Thanksgiving Laughs...

Knock Knock.
 Who's there? Norma Lee.
 Norma Lee who?
 Norma Lee I don't eat this much food for Thanksgiving!

Knock Knock.
 Who's there? General Lee
 General Lee who?
 General Lee I don't either

Knock Knock.
 Who's there? Phillip.
 Phillip who?
 Phillip your plate and enjoy!

Knock Knock.
 Who's there? Arthur
 Arthur who?
 Arthur any leftovers?

Thanksgiving-Themed Movies

- To Kill A Walking Bird
- My Best Friend's Dressing
- Silence of the Yams
- For Love of The Game Hen
- All the President's Menu
- White Meat Can't Jump
- When Harry Met Salad
- The Wing and I
- And the best, after Thanksgiving movie: Casserolablanca

If Thanksgiving dinner were made by Kindergarteners (true story):

Turkey: You put some salt on it to make it taste good. Then you put it in the oven. Then you cook it for an hour at 15 degrees.

Applesauce: Go to the store and buy some apples, and then you squish them up. Then you put them in a jar that says, "Applesauce".

Mashed Potatoes: Cook the potatoes to mushy. Stomp on them with your shoes. Tell people the black stuff is pepper.

Pumpkin Pie: First you smash the pumpkin. Put it in a pan and bake it at 5 degrees for 6 minutes. Then take it out and eat it.

With this menu by 5-year olds, we are ever so grateful to Chef George Chobor and his assistant Justina for their superb culinary skills!

November - December 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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 Board of Trustees Meeting Team Tristate	8	9	10 Baking at Church 9-9	11 Baking at Church 9-9	12 Baking at Church 9-9	13 6th Annual Cookie Walk 11-6
14 40-Day Parastas for +Fr. Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich with komašna 6th Annual Cookie Walk 12-3	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
4	5	6 Nativity Vigil	7 Nativity of Christ	8	9	10 New Year's Eve Dance
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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Dec. 13-14th



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St. Nicholas Contact: _____

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- Less Chocolate
- Love Nuts!
- Less Nuts
- Sweeter the better
- Prefer less sweet
- Mix 'em up – I like them all!



A sampling of cookies & confections



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