

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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October 4, 2015

Apostle Quadratus

Epistle: 2 Cor 9:6-11 **Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11 **Tone:** 1 **Troparion & Kontakion:** pg 41

Special Note: From Oct 6-8th (Tues. through Thurs.), Fr. William will be out of town. please contact Fr Alexandre - 646-436-7618 if there is an emergency.

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Nikita Albert, John Beskid, Debbie Blue, Walter Bubniak, Ernie Canovas, Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Mary Fackovec, Ann Gaydos, Justine Gidicsin, Magdalena Ilanovska, Neil Ingenito, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Anna Mamrillova, Holly Marchak, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Deacon Michael Pirich, John Salony, Toni Sikoryak, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira, Victoria Vislocky and Mary Zizik. Contact Fr. William to add or remove names:
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Martha Ceselka, Veronica Ceselka, Michael Korchak, Marin Petricha, Leo Rael and Albert Vira, Jr many happy and blessed years!

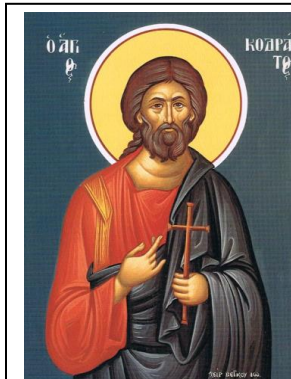
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish John & Tanya McAusland; Fr Deacon Gregory & Tammy Benc; and John & Kim Busel many happy and blessed years!

LOTS OF LUCK CALENDARS have arrived! They are \$25.00 each. Please see Dawn Krzyzanowski if you are interested in one. Checks should be made out to "Lots-O-Luck Calendar Fund".

PLEASE NOTE: The phone "dial-in" service will resume on October 18th.

COFFEE HOUR: There is not a team assigned today due to the MS Bike Tour. There will be coffee and a few desserts. Regular coffee hour returns next week.



Apostle Quadratus

St Quadratus is one of the Seventy, a disciple of the Great Apostles. He preached the Gospel in Athens and was at first Bishop of Athens and afterward Bishop of Magnesia. He was highly educated in secular wisdom, and rich in the grace of the Holy Spirit and converted many pagans to the True faith in Christ. His preaching aroused the hatred of the pagans. Once, an angry mob pelted the saint with stones. Preserved by God, St Quadratus remained alive, and they threw him into prison, where he died of starvation. His holy body was buried in Magnesia.

In the year 126, St Quadratus wrote an Apologia in defense of Christianity. Presented to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), the Apologia affected the persecution of Christians, since the emperor issued a decree saying that no one should be convicted without just cause. At the present time, only part of this Apologia survives, quoted by Eusebiu, a historian of the 4th Century: "*The deeds of our Savior were always witnessed, because they were true. His healings and raising people from the dead were visible not only when they were healed and raised, but always. They lived not only during the existence of the Savior upon the earth, but they also remained alive long after His departure. Some, indeed, have survived to our own time.*"

FULL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Sunday, October 4th – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
- Monday, October 5th – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
- Friday, October 9th – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
- Sunday, October 11th – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
- Monday, October 12th – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
- Wednesday, October 14th – Pokrov, Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
- Friday, October 16th – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
- Sunday, October 18th – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM, A Blessing of the New Renovations

Note from Fr. William: While St. Nicholas Church is generally and understandably an active weekend parish, I will be having weekday services open to all who wish to attend. If you would like anyone remembered during the course of these Divine Liturgies or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or email him at fr.william.bennett@gmail.com.

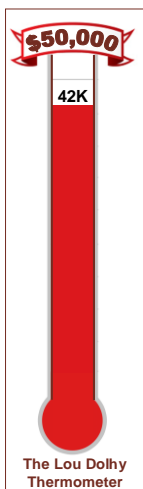
Fr. Alexandre was elevated to the rank of Protopresbyter by Bishop Michael of the Orthodox Church of America

AXIOS!



THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL UPDATE

The end of the renovation is in sight. Work crews have continued weekday evenings, making final preparations before the carpet is installed this week. This past Tuesday, investigation into the Sacristy (the room left of the Altar) showed that there were major floor issues. Within minutes, the entire room was cleared, flooring and cabinets removed and plans are drawn up now to install a new cabinet system for vestments and the proper storage of our icons (with the guidance of Fr. William who took on that same challenge at Christ the Savior Seminary). Another key milestone accomplished this week was re-affixing the icon of Christ back on the repaired wall. Beholding this beautiful icon again is one of the most poignant signs that this inspirational journey is nearing its completion.



As you can see, we are just a little shy of our \$50,000 goal. Please consider making a donation to the President's Appeal as our work scope increased again this week. Floor damage has forced us to renovate the Sacristy and the Altar Boy Room. Thank you for your continued support!

Deanery Lock-In!

On October 9th – 10th (Fri-Sat), there will be an overnight “Lock-In” taking place in Perth Amboy at St. John’s Orthodox Church for youth from 7th grade and up, hosted by the local Jr. ACRY. Prepare for a wonderful evening of fellowship, discussion, prayer, and a project! Chaperones are welcome to attend as well. We ask that everyone involved offer \$10 to help cover expenses. If you are at all interested or if expense is any issue, please see Fr. William directly, call, or email him at fr.william.bennett@gmail.com.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE –

Please read

St. Nicholas Church collects food year round but Thanksgiving and Christmas collections are so very important to our local food bank. The food pantry can easily get depleted by the increased demand during this time.

This year, the food bank is doing something a little different. The goal of the pantry is to give 140-150 families a complete Thanksgiving dinner experience. They are trying to provide appetizers, a main meal and desserts. They are dividing up the food collection and asking if their church and private sponsors will concentrate on certain items so that the basket to each family can contain all the ingredients to a special Thanksgiving meal. The food pantry and its grocery partners provide all of the perishable items like butter, eggs, milk, and cheese. They have asked St. Nicholas Church members to collect the following:

- Appetizers:** Boxed crackers, like Ritz, Triscuit, etc.
Main Meal: Instant Mashed potatoes and gravy in a can (please, no glass – it is so easy to break)
Dessert: Cake mixes and ready-made frosting (also, a small container of vegetable oil would help if your mix requires oil – there are however, a few mixes that call for butter – check the back instructions)

Of course, any and all food donations are greatly appreciated. If we can concentrate on the above requests, it will be very beneficial to completing the meals for the individual families.

Also, as usual, the food pantry is seeking donations of turkeys...if anyone wishes to donate money towards the purchase of turkeys or any other food donations, please give your donations to Bob Zizik. He will be more than happy to do the shopping!

Let today's Epistle be your inspiration!

The Cheerful Giver –

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Cor 9:6-11

Gospel Lesson: A Fisher of Men

The Holy Bible is filled with images of great fishing stories – from Jonah in the whale to Peter finding a coin in the mouth of a fish to pay a temple tax. The Gospel today is one of the most well known with many lessons to learn.

Simon Peter, an experienced fisherman, had returned to shore from a night of fishing, tired and frustrated, with no fish. Christ enters his boat and asks Peter to use his boat as a pulpit in order to speak to the crowd that has gathered there. After Christ is finished, He tells Peter to row out into the deep water. “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” Respectfully, but with doubts, Peter listens to the fishing advice of a carpenter, despite the fact that “he knows” that this is not the right time to catch fish. His nets are only used closer to shore and at night because at that hour of the day, the larger fish will see the nets and swim away. To his amazement, the nets were breaking not by the size of fish, but number of fish that were caught. It is at that point that Peter knew that only God could bring that many fish to one place and he dropped to his knees. “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” In a loving way, Christ responds, comforting his fears and that Peter will become a fisher of men.

What can we learn from the miracle of that day and from Peter, the worn out, but experienced fisherman who listened to the words of Christ when they didn't make sense and he thought he knew more. How many times do we do this in our own lives? How many times have you thought or spoken “We've already tried that. We've done that before and it got us nowhere. I worked for years at trying to get such-and-such to work.” We think we know more about how to live our lives than God. God—don't tell us how to fish—we already know how! Through this example, God asks us to push the boat out another time. He asks us to go out in deep waters, away from the safety of the shore and drop our nets. He does this when He asks us to walk in faith, rejoice in His love and salvation, celebrate the forgiveness of sins, and be faithful to all that He has given us.

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OCTOBER – DECEMBER, 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
4 Traffic Alert: MS Bike Tour DIY Coffee Hour	5 Divine Liturgy 9AM	6	7	8	9 Divine Liturgy 9AM	10
11 Children Choir Rehearsal Team Koneval	12 Divine Liturgy 9AM	13	14 Protection of Mother of God Prokov Service 10AM	15	16 Divine Liturgy 9AM	17
18 Altar Society Mtg Slovakia & Poland	19	20	21	22	23	24 Kids Mtg with His Grace, Bishop Gregory
25 90th Anniversary Celebration Banquet	26	27	28	29	30	31
NOV 1 Traffic Alert: NYC Marathon	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Jr. ACRY Event A Team	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Cookie Walk KICK-OFF Event Team Black & White	16	17	18	19	20	21 CW Baking Day at the Stacks
22 CW Dough Day Team TriState	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28 Nativity Fast Begins
29 CW Dough Day Jr ACRY Rehearsal for Caroling	30	DEC 1	2	3	4	5 CW Dough Day
6 Hall Decoration Dough Preparation Slovakia & Poland	7	8 Baking - Evening	9 Baking – All Day	10 Baking – All Day	11 Baking – am Plating - pm	12 Cookie Walk 11 - 5
13 COOKIE WALK Noon – 3 DIY Coffee Hour	14	15	16	17	18	19 Christmas Caroling, JR ACRY
20 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 DIY Coffee Hour	28	29	30	31	JAN 1	2

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