

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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**Divine Liturgy: 10am**

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**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

**Elevation of the Cross & Great Martyr Nicetas**

**Epistle:** 2 Cor 6:1-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Tone:** 7

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### ELEVATION OF THE CROSS



This feast commemorates two events in the history of the Holy Cross:

1. The finding of the Cross by St. Helena in Golgotha, the place where Christ was crucified
2. The recovery of the Cross on which Christ was crucified, from the Persians.

Emperor Hadrian (117-138AD) gave orders to cover over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulchre of the Lord, and to build a temple to the pagan gods. Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols there for many centuries. In 323AD, St. Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire. Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which Christ was crucified, St. Constantine sent his mother, St. Helena, to Jerusalem. The pagan temple built by Emperor Hadrian was destroyed and soon the Tomb of Christ was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross was in 326AD.

The Persians captured the True Cross as a prize of war when they sacked Jerusalem in 614 AD. It was recovered by the forces of the Byzantine Empire (Eastern Roman Empire) in 627 AD, when Emperor Heraclius decisively defeated the Sassanid Persians at The Battle of Nineveh. The Elevation of the Cross took place on March 21, 630AD at the Church of the Resurrection.

### GREAT MARTYR NICETAS



St Nicetas was a Goth warrior and lived on the eastern side of the Danube River, present-day Romania. Bishop Theophilus, the well-known enlightener of the Goths and a participant in the First Ecumenical Council in 325AD, converted him to Christianity and baptized him.

At that time, warfare arose among the Goths. Prince Athanarichus was a vehement pagan and a hater of Christians. Frigentus was the leader of the Christians. In the bloody clash of the armies, Athanarichus was victorious, and Frigentus was forced to flee to Byzantium. Soon, Frigentus returned to his homeland. **Frigentus commanded that the image of the Holy Cross be made on the standards of his army, as once did St. Constantine.** A second bloody battle took place, and this time Frigentus was victorious.

Christianity blossomed. Hierarch Urphilus (311-383), created the Gothic alphabet and translated many spiritual books from Greek into Gothic. St Nicetas, by his preaching and his pious life, greatly assisted the confirmation of the Christian faith among the Goths.

Prince Athanarichus returned and won again against the Christians. St Nicetas was seized and subjected cruel tortures. St. Nicetas was thrown into a fire, in the year 372AD.

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

**SERVICES TODAY:** Our deepest sympathies are extended to Charlie Gaydos and Mary Fackovec on the passing of nephew Steven this past week. Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat - May his memory be eternal. There will be a Panachida today for the newly departed servant of God, Steven Gaydos, after Liturgy.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Angela Kindya, Maria Korchak, Michael Korchak, Barbara Muhlenberg, Nicole Sikoryak and Justine Timko many happy and blessed years!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita**

Let us all wish Dennis & Mary Krupp, Michael & Barbara Macaluso, Alex & Elaine Sirak, and Robert & Merka Stack many happy and blessed years!

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Mary

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

**FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS** Flowers surrounding the cross in celebration of the Elevation of the Cross are in Memory of Michael and Anna Salony donated by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

**COOKIE WALK MEETING HAS BEEN**

**CHANGED** – October 19<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy

**We need your input.** So as not to miss out on all of the important feedback of the many who will be attending the Slovak Festival today, we changed the date of the meeting to October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you were a part of the Cookie Walk last year, please mark your calendar.

**FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS!**



to everyone who contributed to the food collection over the summer. We will be

making a delivery this week. **Did you know that St. Nicholas Church collects and delivers food all year round?** We could use the following items for our food insecure neighbors:

- Canned fruit, vegetables, soup and tomato sauce
- Canned tuna, ham, chicken, turkey or beef
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Cereal, Rice, Pasta
- Beans – dried or canned
- Mac 'n cheese, Ramen Noodles and other boxed meals

**No glass items, please.**



Michal, Mikulas, Jan, and Vasil Derevjanik with families would like to thank you for all of your deepest condolences and for the wreath for the tomb for *Mrs. Anna Derevjanikova (Firerka)*.

We would also like to thank George & Justina Chobor for buying a wreath for the tomb and including the parish into it also. We would also like to thank them for cooking the delicious food at the komašna.

The Derevjanik family would like to thank the people who came and remembered Anna for the person she was. In addition to that we would like to thank Father Alexandre for the parastas on Sunday.

**Running the Marathon to benefit  
The Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund -**  
*In May of 2012, I lost my best friend to cancer. There is just no easy way to phrase that, no euphemism, quite frankly nothing, to make that statement sound a little less heartbreaking. Tracy would be turning 27 this November 13th, and to celebrate her life, I will be running the New York City Marathon on November 2nd. I have two goals: (1) to cross the finish line after 26.2 miles, whether running, walking, or crawling; and (2) to raise \$4,000 for Tracy's memorial fund, Beautifully Reckless. Any donation amount will be so greatly appreciated.*  
**Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Sharon**  
To donate, visit Sharon's website at:  
[www.gofundme.com/racefortrace2014](http://www.gofundme.com/racefortrace2014)





### TRAFFIC ALERT FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Bike MS New York City offers a traffic-free 30 mile route circling Manhattan, or a traffic-free ride through the Holland Tunnel, to experience the 55 or 100 mile routes that wind through New Jersey, and Rockland County. There are ways to get around the bikers, but it is important to check your route first. Go to <http://bikenyn.nationalmssociety.org/> and click on “Event

Details” on the left side of the page. The Event Details page contains links to the three routes including specific road, bridge and tunnel closures.

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH & THE DIOCESE

**Sunday, OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>, Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD) of New York and New Jersey** – Please join Bishop Gregory of Nyssa and the Clergy and Faithful of NY and NJ at the Pantagis Renaissance (250 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ) for a DDD fellowship hour and dinner reception starting at 4pm. If you have not made your DDD donation yet, please make your donation payable to ACROD-DDD in your Church Office today.

### PERTH AMBOY: Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Dance

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**A Ground Blessing ceremony for the Saint Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center here has been set for**

**Saturday, October 18, 2014 at noon.** The ceremony will include a combined prayer service of blessing of the site, a Doxology and a Memorial Service for the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America will preside at the historic event with the participation of the hierarchs of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

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The small Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas, which was established in 1916, was completely destroyed when the South Tower fell. The new Saint Nicholas National Shrine will be rebuilt only a short distance away at 130 Liberty Street, overlooking the 9/11 Memorial.

Additional event details are at the Greek Archdiocese website: <http://www.goarch.org/news/releases>



### **NOVEMBER 7-9 – St. Nicholas Church Women’s Woodloch Weekend -**

Leave the kids, the job, the laundry ... and come to Woodloch Resort for the weekend, Fri, Nov. 7th - 9th, to spend time with some of the fabulous women of 10th Street! There is a beautiful, award winning spa on the Woodloch grounds, walking paths, and other fantastic things to see and do. Or, as we did last year, just relax with friends, and laugh. There is a sign-up sheet in the Main Hall. See Justine Timko if you are interested.

### **“RECOMMENDED BY YOU” – Links of interest suggested by other St. Nicholas bulletin readers:**

**www.myocn.net** The Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) is an American broadcasting network which presents Orthodox Christian themed programming to the United States and to over 190 countries world-wide. It was founded as an agency of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA).

For a very interesting video from a first-time visitor to an Orthodox Church, please see:

<http://myocn.net/visiting-greek-orthodox-church-for-the-first-time/>

The first-time visitor raises many questions we all can be asked about Orthodoxy. The answers are extraordinary.

**INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT:** *This is said to be a true story, reprinted from Reader's Digest, 1950, but who is to know? Whether true or not, it certainly has deep meaning for what can be accomplished when one looks deep within oneself and is motivated by a greater power, a characteristic many call "heart" or "faith". It starts as a story about Lou Little, a famous football coach at Columbia University from 1930 to 1956.*

Little also coached at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., from 1924 to 1929. There, he coached a defensive tackle who loved the game of football but was third string, at best. Coach Little liked the player's enthusiasm and worked with the young man every day, but he just did not get any better. The young man was persistent, worked hard, and had a great attitude. He was an inspiration to the entire team. Days before the young man's final game at Georgetown, Coach Little received a telegram that informed him the player's father had died. Little had seen the young man often walking arm and arm with his father. "Son, I am sorry," But your father passed away. Go home and take care of your family. We'll try to win this one for your father."

That Saturday, Little walked into his team's locker room and was surprised to see the young man standing there. "Coach, you have to start me," the player said. "Son, you have never been a starter," Coach Little told him. "This is the championship game. I cannot take that kind of risk today." "Coach, I have to do this for my father", he pleaded. "Just put me in for the first play and then you can take me out of the game." Little was overcome with sympathy. How could he not grant the player his wish? So Coach Little put the young man in the starting lineup, and he ran down the field to cover the game's opening kickoff. The young man tackled the player returning the kick so hard he nearly knocked him into the first row of seats. The young man jumped up and ran to the sideline just like he promised his coach he would do, but Coach Little motioned to him to stay in the game.

During the rest of the afternoon, the young man played like he was a champion. He led Georgetown's team in tackles and delivered big hit after big hit. Georgetown won the game and claimed a conference championship. Coach Little pulled his defense tackle aside during the team's celebration in its locker room. "Son, what in the world got into you today?" Coach Little asked him. "You've never played like that before. You've never shown that much power in four years." "Coach, you know my father died," the young man said. "What you may not have known is that my father was totally blind. Today was the first time he could see me play."

## Sept. - Dec 2014

| SUN  | MON | TUES  | WED          | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|--|-----|---|--------------|------|-----|-----|
| 28<br>Panachida after<br>Liturgy: Steven<br>Gaydos<br>Team 2       | 29  | 30  | <b>OCT 1</b> | 2    | 3   | 4   |
| 5<br>Traffic Alert:<br>MS Bike Race<br><b>DIY Coffee Hour</b>      | 6   | 7   | 8            | 9    | 10  | 11  |
| 12<br>Team Black &<br>White  | 13  | 14<br><b>Protection<br/>Mother of<br/>God</b> | 15           | 16   | 17  | 18  |
| 19<br>Cookie Walk<br>Planning Meeting<br>Team Slovakia &<br>Poland | 20  | 21  | 22           | 23   | 24  | 25  |

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| 26<br>Halloween<br>Costume Party<br><br>DDD Dinner with<br>Bishop Gregory<br><br>Team Koneval | 27   | 28 | 29                                    | 30                                    | 31   | <b>NOV1</b>  |
| 2<br>Parastas after<br>Liturgy: Steven<br>Gaydos<br><br>Traffic Alert<br>NYC Marathon         | 3  | 4  | 5                                     | 6                                     | 7<br><br>Women's<br>Woodloch<br>Weekend<br>(tentative) | 8<br><br>Women's<br>Woodloch<br>Weekend<br>(tentative) |
| 9<br>Woodloch<br>Weekend<br>(tentative)   | 10   | 11 | 12                                    | 13                                    | 14   | 15   |
| 16<br><br>CW Dough<br>Preparation Day   | 17   | 18 | 19                                    | 20                                    | 21   | 22<br>Cookie Walk<br>Baking – Stack<br>home            |
| 23<br><br><b>Annual Kermeš</b>  | 24   | 25 | 26                                    | 27<br><br><b>Thanksgiving</b>         | 28   | 29   |
| 30<br>Dough<br>Making/Rolling   | <b>DEC1</b><br><b>Nativity Fast</b><br><b>Begins</b> | 2  | 3                                     | 4<br>Entrance of the<br>Theotokos     | 5  | 6  |
| 7<br>Hall Preparation,<br>Dough Rolling &<br>Cookie Baking                                    | 8  | 9  | 10<br><br><b>Baking at<br/>Church</b> | 11<br><br><b>Baking at<br/>Church</b> | 12<br><br><b>Baking at<br/>Church</b>                  | 13<br><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual<br/>Cookie Walk</b> |
| 14<br><b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual<br/>Cookie Walk</b>  | 15   | 16 | 17                                    | 18                                    | 19<br>Wonderworker<br>St. Nicholas                     | 20   |
| 21<br>St. Nicholas Day<br>Luncheon  | 22   | 23 | 24                                    | 25                                    | 26   | 27   |
| 28<br><b>DIY Coffee Hour</b>  | 29   | 30 | 31                                    | <b>JAN1</b>                           | 2  | 3  |

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