

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 svjatyj Nikolaj
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday June 21, 2015

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF GREAT MARTYR THEODORE STRATELATES

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33 Tone: 2 Troparian & Kontakian: p.42

If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you are here and we hope that you will find a spiritual home among us.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

TODAY: There will be a service for all of the men of St. Nicholas Church and a panachida for all deceased fathers.

JUNE 28th: There will be a parastas in memory of parents Paul & Mary Strenk and cousin John Strenk of Canton Ohio who passed away in March 2015 given by Olga Gubinski & Eileen Pezzulich, There will also be Blessing of Children for Camp/Vacations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Richard Bulko, Julia Clemente, Jenna Gerstein, Olga Horbal, Gabriela Kovalcik, Nicolette Mammoliti and Katelyn Rusinak many happy and blessed years!

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: JoAnn Attanasio, John Beskid, Debbie Blue, Kim Busel, Walter Bubniak, Ernie Canovas, Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Fr. Kenneth Ellis, 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, Toni Sikoryak, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira, Victoria Vislocky and Mary Zizik. Contact Kim to add or remove names: k.busel@att.net.

DONATION: The two, 3-bar cross candle stands were meticulously restored by Paul Sikoryak. He is donating the candles, glass holders and the restored stands in honor of all of the fathers, past and present, of St. Nicholas Church.

WELCOME: Please welcome Alexander Horbal as our newest altar boy.



Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates came from the city of Euchaita in Asia Minor. He was endowed with many talents and enlightened with the knowledge of Christian truth. For his bravery, he was appointed military commander in the city of Heraclea. He combined his military service with preaching the Gospel among the pagans. His gift of persuasion, reinforced by his personal example of Christian life, converted many. Nearly all of Heraclea accepted Christianity.

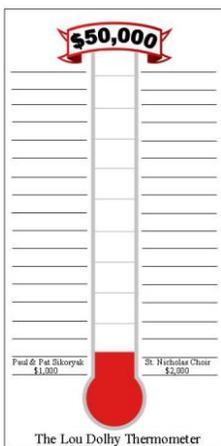
During this time, the emperor Licinius (311-324) began a fierce persecution against Christians. St Theodore was arrested and subjected to unimaginable torture and was eventually crucified. It is said that St. Theodore was healed by an angel overnight but allowed himself to be beheaded the next day. Before his martyrdom, Saint Theodore left the following instructions in his will to Varus his servant: 'Bury my body in Euchaita on the estate of my ancestors.'

This week, we commemorate the translation (transfer) of St. Theodore's relics from Heraklion to Euchaita as the Saint had requested.

START OF A NEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We have so much to be grateful for here at St. Nicholas of Myra Church. Can you imagine the number of times you celebrated one of the sacred Sacraments with your church family right here in our beautiful sanctuary? How many times have you sat in a pew and experienced joy from seeing our youth take their first steps in the Orthodox faith, celebrated with those who professed their love in lifetime commitment, and offered and were comforted in times of grief while mourning a loved one? We have been truly blessed in Faith and Communion. 10th Street has been a gathering place of prayer and community for ninety years, and this milestone year, we are celebrating this long, rich heritage.

Today is Father's Day and it seems a fitting day to announce a new St. Nicholas Church appeal. Ongoing maintenance for anyone who owns property is a way of life. Our beloved building is over 130 years old, built in 1883, and her age is beginning to show. In the coming months, St. Nicholas will be undertaking renovations in the main worship area including: installing new flooring in the Altar, nave and choir loft, repairing and painting the walls of the church, and preparing the church for our 90th Anniversary celebration on October 25th.



It is now time for us to move forward as a parish community and meet these needs. For this reason, with the approval of our Board of Trustees, we will conduct a special capital fund drive to raise \$50,000 in donations for the beautification of our Sanctuary. We will honor the memory of Lou Dolhy by using an old-fashioned thermometer to track our progress. It will be located in the hall, outside the office.

Watch your mail for a brochure that will outline our summer and early fall plans. Your donation will be used wisely. Much of the work will be done by parishioners if at all possible. For instance, when Paul Sikoryak received a quote for \$2,000 to polish the two, 3-bar cross candle stands, he undertook the job

himself. You can see the hundreds of hours of painstaking labor he completed today. The very difficult job of scraping, preparing and painting the walls is also being done by a group of determined St. Nicholas parishioners. Together, great things can be accomplished.

In order to meet our objective, we need each family to prayerfully consider a substantial gift to St. Nicholas Church in the spirit of love. We realize that not every family is able to choose the same gift amount. What Christ asks is not equal pledges but equal sacrifice. Please think about what you can manage without undue burden to your family.

All gifts are appreciated. Donations over \$300 will be recognized by a special commemorative leaf on the Tree of Life located in Hall #2. The color of the leaf will be based on the pledge amount:



Copper:
Above \$300



Silver:
\$1,000



Gold:
\$2,500

A pledge form will be available in the church office shortly and included with the mailing you will soon receive.

Our church, much like a tree, has strong roots but needs our life-giving care and support. Thank you for your past and present support of St. Nicholas.

Building of a Church –Christ is our Cornerstone

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being build together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22

The building improvements honor our founders and are our gift to future generations of St. Nicholas families.

Together, great things can be accomplished.

2015 GRADUATE SUNDAY

Last week, St. Nicholas Church celebrated the many accomplishments of our 2015 graduates. The graduates



received a blessing from Fr Alexandre during Liturgy, the *Key to Heaven* prayer book and a generous sprinkling of Holy water.

(Left to Right:) 1st row: Andrew Timko, Audrey Rael, Tiffany Canjura. Back Row: Maros Derevanjanik, Chris McCormick, Matt Busel

Not pictured:
Olga Ioukliaevskikh; Lanie, Rina and Adriana Kumta; Alex Marchak

The parents of the graduates hosted a special coffee to honor the students. The highlight of the afternoon was the announcement of the recipient of the Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund Scholarship by Diane and Gary Heidenfelder. The \$1,000 scholarship is based on academic achievement, participation in school and St. Nicholas activities. We are so grateful to Beautifully Reckless for providing this scholarship opportunity for our college-bound graduates.



The 2015 scholarship recipient is Olga Ioukliaevskikh (who was not able to be present due to a bout with strep throat). Olga will be attending Hunter College in their pre-Nursing program.

The Heidenfelders surprised everyone by awarding a second scholarship to Tiffany Canjura, who will be heading to the University of Delaware.

Congratulations Olga and Tiffany. We couldn't be more proud of you both!



COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for a **Father's Day Luncheon** hosted by the kids of **St. Nicholas**.

BEAUTIFULLY RECKLESS

On July 19th, Sharon Jung will be running the New York City Triathlon in memory of Tracy Heidenfelder . *Exactly 5 years ago, on July 19, 2010, I ran the same race for Tracy when she was still battling cancer. That day was one of the best days of my life. The moment I crossed the finish line and saw how happy Tracy was, at a time she was fighting to live, is a moment I will remember forever.* **Please donate to this worthy cause by visiting:** www.youcaring.com/beautifully-reckless-the-tracy-heidenfelder-memorial-fund-357928 Thank you.

90TH ANNIVERSARY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW -

Included in the bulletin this week is the official St. Nicholas Church 90th Anniversary flyer. Tickets may be purchased now for the event. Please see the flyer for details. Keep in mind that there is limited seating in the Main Hall so you may want to consider purchasing your tickets early to guarantee your place at this historical event. His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, will be presiding.

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION

What child doesn't count the days until summer vacation? Yet, for food insecure families, the reality of adding breakfast and lunch to their already tight budgets can lead to summer hunger for many school-age children who received one or two nutritious meals at school. Food banks become depleted of food, often before the middle of July.



For this reason, we will be collecting food through the summer in #2 Hall. All non-perishable food is welcome except items packed in glass. If you can't get to the grocery store, please consider making a monetary donation to Bob Zizik. We will make the purchases for the food pantry.

FATHER'S DAY QUOTES

How to diaper a baby in 1968 (the cloth way):

Spread the diaper in the position of the diamond with you at bat. Then fold second base down to home and set the baby on the pitcher's mound. Put first base and third together, bring up home plate and pin the three together. Of course, in case of rain, you gotta call the game and start all over again. *Jimmy Piersal, MLB centerfielder*

Some people don't believe in heroes, but they haven't met my Dad.



He always dreamed of being a hero.
She always dreamed of being a princess.
Fairytale dreams do come true with Dads and their daughters.

One night a father overheard his son pray:
Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is.

Later that night, the Father prayed,
Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.

Dear Diane & Gary and Michele,
Mrs. Anka Ludwig and
Beautifully Reckless Advisors:

I am humbled and honored to have received the Tracy Heidenfelder 2015 Memorial Scholarship.

I will work hard to honor Tracy's Memory through my academic studies and my career goals.

Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Alexandre, Mr. Paul Sikoryak, Altar Society and St. Nicholas Parishioners,

Also, I am grateful to my Parents, my family and my St. Nicholas Church family for your guidance, love, prayers and support. Thank You.

Love,

Olga Ioukliaevskikh

I would like to give a big thank you to the "Tracy Heidenfelder 2015 Memorial Scholarship" for their support in allowing me to pursue my aspirations. It is truly a tremendous honor to be a recipient of such a wonderful and sentimental scholarship. I look forward to the upcoming school year at the University of Delaware and plan to reach past the stars in Tracy's honor. I am eternally grateful for my parents, family, friends and of course, Beautifully Reckless' for their encouragement, generosity, and guidance.

"In our hearts, love lives on and nothing beautiful is ever forgotten."

Tiffany Canjura

Only in New York:

When Charles first saw our child Mary, he said all the proper things for a new father. He looked upon the poor little red thing and blurted, "She's more beautiful than the Brooklyn Bridge." *Helen Hayes*



DAD – I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE LOVED ME AS LONG AS I HAVE LIVED BUT I HAVE LOVED YOU MY ENTIRE LIFE!

Let Us Praise ...

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Kirk Loadman

God, Our Father – in Your wisdom and love, you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Last Pew in Back

Sarah was seven when she met Charlie for the first time, who easily had a 75 year head start on life. Sarah, the oldest of three, was given the "big job" of watching her younger brother and sister as together they occupied the last pew of the church while their dad helped with the service, collected money and did his favorite assignment, greeted new people to church. Her Dad loved his "job" and especially meeting new people.

Sarah thought Charlie looked lonely sitting all by himself in the pew so at the end of worship she leaned over and offered him one of the pictures she had drawn, along with a smile and a short seven-year old introduction, causing Charlie to smile too, a first for him that day. The following Sunday, Charlie showed up in the pew next to Sarah again and the picture exchange was repeated, this time before worship started, along with a few more back and forth exchanges. The next several weeks turned into months and the months into five years as Sarah, then twelve, and Charlie exchanged many more stories than pictures on Sundays. Charlie wanted to know how Sarah was doing in school? Did she make the play? Where did she go on vacation? Did she work out the problem with her neighbor friend? Their weekly reunions in the last pew in the back had become a highlight for both.

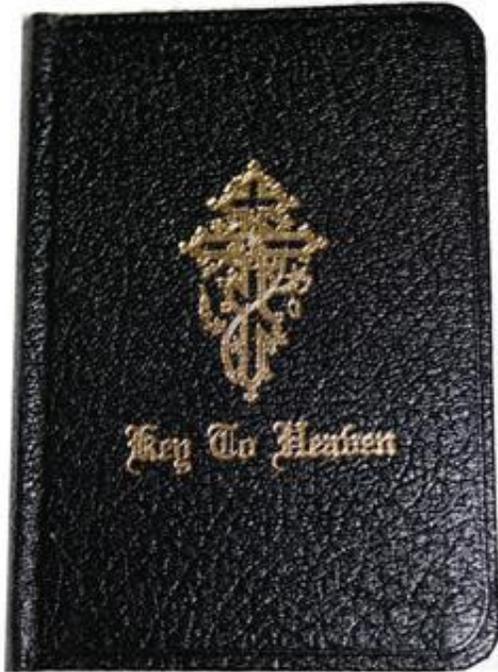
Later that year, Charlie began missing worship, and after the third week in a row, Sarah grew worried. In the bulletin, Sarah saw Charlie's name. *Memory Eternal* it said. She turned to her parents, tears already on her cheeks and cried, "I have to go to his funeral!" She had to say goodbye to her friend.

The wake was held later that week at the church. As Sarah walked toward the casket, she was encircled by a group of strangers. "I bet you're Sarah," one of the women said with tears forming in her eyes. "Yes I am," Sarah replied with surprise, "how did you know?" "Oh, we know all about you!" you were Charlie's favorite reason to come to church." As she said this, his sister held up a stack of slightly wrinkled color drawings. "Up until yesterday these decorated Charlie's refrigerator for the past five years. Some weeks he wasn't really up to going to church, but he would insist saying, 'I have to see my friend Sarah!' You were a Godsend to him.

As a Dad, do you ever wonder if the choices you make have any impact upon your children? We may believe our efforts go unnoticed. The reality is that what we do matters ... a lot! May we never lose sight of the eyes that are always upon us and the hearts that are still being formed by what we do and how we do it. This story was about Sarah and Charlie, but it all started by the example set by Dad.

Gift Shop Item of the Summer – Key to Heaven/Ključ do Neba

We recently organized the stock of our Gift Shop and came across this wonderful prayer book, which was dedicated to our Carpatho-Russian Youth who served in the Armed Service of our beloved country.



This very small book is full of important information:

- Part I: Daily Prayers/Každodenny Zvyčany Molitvy (English and Slavonic)
- Part II: Various Prayers (Morning, Night, and for special intentions)
- Part III: The Sacrament of Penance, i.e., how to prepare yourself; what to do before Confession; Examination of Conscience; How to approach Confession
- Part IV: Devotions for Holy Communion
- Part V: The Liturgy (English and Slavonic)
- Part VI: Sunday Tropars & Kondaks/Nedil'ny Tropari, Kondaki i Prokimeni (English & Slavonic)
- Part VII: Paracletice to the Blessed Mother/Paraklis k Presvatoj Ďivi Mariji Bohorodici (Slavonic only)
- Part VIII: Acathist to Jesus/Akafist Sladčajšemu Spasitel'u Našemu Isusu Christu (Slavonic only)
- Part IX: Sacred Hymns/Pobožny Pisni (Slavonic only)
- Part X: Table of Movable Feasts
- Part XI: Table of Immovable Feasts

The publication of this prayer book was approved by the late Bishop Orestes Chornock on April 17, 1943.

It is a beautiful small prayer book, which can be kept at your bedside and/or taken with you when you travel. What is especially nice is that it reminds us how to prepare for confession, how to receive Holy Communion, and what to do after, e.g., “After you have received Holy Communion, close your mouth immediately and swallow the sacred Particle at once” and “Remain in church at least 15 minutes after receiving Holy Communion” - this is what many of us were taught by our parents and grandparents, and maybe have forgotten.

If you are interested in purchasing this prayer book, please see Stephanie Salony. The suggested donation for this wonderful book is \$10.

June, 2015

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St. Nicholas Church 90th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 25, 2015

288 East 10th Street, New York, NY

10am - Divine Liturgy

His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

Celebration to follow in the church hall.

\$90 per person (age 16+)

\$30 per child (age 6-15)

Free for children 5 and under

Tickets include:

Gourmet luncheon prepared by Chef George Chobor and entertainment.

Cash bar (soft drinks included)

Limited seating -- for tickets please contact:

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Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Church

Seating will be assigned. If there is someone you would like to sit with or would like your own table (maximum 10 people), please list the names below.

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