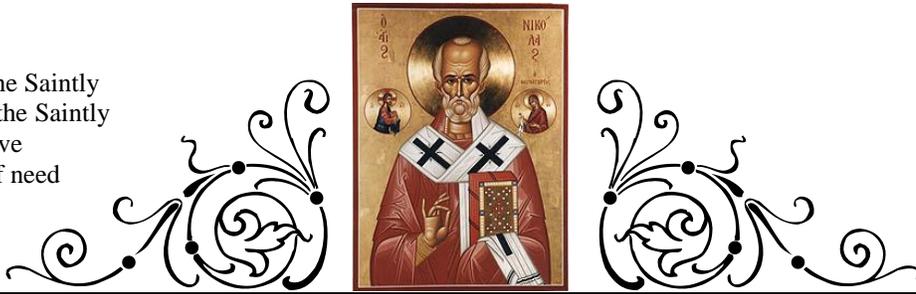


O who loves Nicholas the Saintly  
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly  
Him will Nicholas receive  
And give help in time of need  
Holy Father Nicholas



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, March 23, 2014**

**Veneration of the Cross**

**Epistle Reading:** Heb 4:14-16; 5:1-6 **Gospel Reading:** Mark 8:34-9:1 **Tone:** 6 **Troparion & Kontakion:** pg 46

### *Welcome!*

*If you are visiting today, we are delighted that you are here and we hope that you will find a spiritual home among us. We also want to acknowledge the clergy who are here today*

*– Fathers Alexandre Ioukliaevskikh, John Cmur, John P. Fencik, Joseph Fester –*

*for the Lenten Mission Service and Confession. Thank you for traveling to*

*St. Nicholas of Myra Church today to share this special service.*

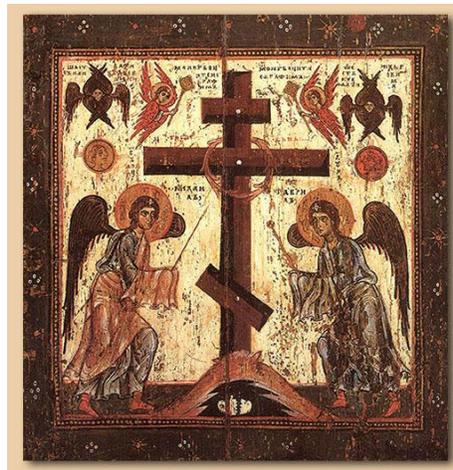
The Third Sunday in Lent on which we celebrate The Adoration of the Precious and Life Giving Cross  
(The Midpoint of the Great Fast)

*“Before Thy Cross, we bow down, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection, we glorify”.*

*“O Invincible and incomprehensible and divine power of the precious and life-giving Cross, forsake not us sinners”*

The Cross is the mighty and profound symbol of Christianity, a symbol whose meaning is inexhaustible. The Cross demands that we concentrate our attention upon the depths of the soul. The Cross instructs us in great patience and humility, love and forgiveness of all, death of our flesh and hope in eternal salvation. Christians wear the Cross on their breast. To wear such a Cross is considered to be

1. A confession that you are a Christian and
2. A defense against evil.



Even today, one often sees written on Crosses-to be worn on the breast, the words "O Lord, Save and Protect". The Cross is the most powerful, almighty source of comfort and strength in times of sorrow, despondency and despair. It never puts to shame those who have hope. It teaches us humility and patience, purity of heart, faith and love. It is easy to understand why a Christian's entire life, from the day of his birth to his final breath on earth, and even after his death, is accompanied by the Cross. Glory to thy Precious Cross, O Lord!  
-Professor I.M. Andreyev

### **A Prayer for Lent**

Traditionally, the Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian is said throughout each day during Great Lent, in addition to our daily prayers.

*O Lord and Master of my life, a spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition and idle-talking give me not. (+)  
But rather a spirit of chastity, Humble-mindedness, patience and love do Thou grant unto me Thy servant (+)  
Yea O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed Art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen. (+)*

**COMMUNION REQUEST:** Please state your name as you approach the Chalice for communion. Since we understand "Communion" to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, the reception of the Holy Eucharist is RESERVED only to those who are baptized and chrismated members of the Orthodox Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, a recent confession, fasted from all food/ drink from midnight and arrived on time for Liturgy. Those who are not fully prepared to receive the Holy Gifts, or those who are non-Orthodox, may approach the chalice to receive a blessing only. Please advise the priest or deacon of your intention.

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

Let us all wish Andrew Bankovic, Tyler James Federico, John Gidicsin Sr, John Kania, Dawn Salony, Helena Vilacky many happy and blessed years!

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Justine Gidicsin, Mike Kormanik, Mary Fackovec, Peter Tymus, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Lorraine Vira, Mary Strenk, Steven Gaydos, Ann Gaydos, Mary Lichvarik, Seman Kovalcik, Olga Petrick, Deacon Joseph Hotrovich, Joyce Rusinak, Victoria Vislocky, Marge Hildebrant and Neil Ingenito. Please contact Kim Busel to add and/or remove names: [k.busel@att.net](mailto:k.busel@att.net)

**Regarding the reading of the names of our departed loved ones on the Soul Saturdays during Lent:**

"We can do nothing better or greater for the dead than to pray for them, offering commemoration for them at the Liturgy. Of this they are always in need...the body feels nothing then, but the soul senses the prayers offered for it and it grateful to those who make them and is spiritually close to them." - St. Mark of Ephesus

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**After Liturgy** –The Altar Society will host its annual Lenten Communion Breakfast. Confessions will start about 12:15. Four priests will be available to hear confessions both in English and Ponašomu. Please be patient as there will be many people that need to go to confession. The priests will be traveling from their own churches so it is unknown when everyone will arrive. Some confessions may have to be held after the Lenten Mission Service.

**1:00 pm** – New York Deanery Lenten Mission Service

After the Lenten Mission Service and Confessions, there will be a luncheon for clergy and visitors in the Main Hall. This is a strict fast meal.

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST TODAY**

All are invited to a Lenten breakfast after Liturgy today, sponsored by the Altar Society. The cost is \$15 per person with children and teenagers, 18 and under, free

Although it may not seem this way, the menu this year has been carefully planned to include foods listed in scripture including fish, fruits, vegetables, nuts, herbs, spices, ancient grains and edible seeds re-imagined in modern-day food preparation. There are both meat-free and Strict Fast options. Each item is simply prepared using fresh ingredients. We hope you will join us for a delicious and nutritious meal.

**WHAT IS A "COMMUNION BREAKFAST"?**

This annual meal, prepared during the middle of Lent, was the idea of +Met. Nicholas while he was pastor at St. Nicholas. His goal was to have a Sunday set aside during Lent to focus on confession and communion during the final weeks leading up to Holy Week. He wanted us to break bread together, encourage each other and to make sure that each of us was planning to go to confession in order to partake of the Sacrament of Communion (thus the name) during Holy Week. He started a beautiful St. Nicholas Church tradition that has continued for many years.



**Communion Breakfast Menu**

- Potato & Egg Strata
- Mediterranean Quiche
- French Toast Casserole
- Lox on Pumpnickel Points
- Caprese or Spinach Salad in phyllo tarts
- Orange & Pomegranate Quinoa salad
- Yogurt & Berry Mini Trifles
- Fruit & Vegetable platters
- Fresh bagels, lemon blueberry muffins, raisin apple cake, banana nut bread and raspberry bars

## **PILGRIMAGE/OTPUST TO TAYLOR, PA – JUST A FEW MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE ON THE BUS**

On Saturday, April 5, we will be going on a spiritual pilgrimage to visit the miraculous icon of the Blessed Mother, known as the Mother of God - Kardiotissa or The Tender Heart at St. George's Orthodox Church in Taylor, PA. The icon has not only been weeping, but it has been gushing fragrant oil for almost two years. This is not from only one area of the icon but from its entirety. During this period of the Great Fast, we have the opportunity to visit and pray before this miracle-working icon; to venerate before Her image and see how our Christian life can be changed and renewed in all of its fullness as we struggle to live in prayer for “the Kingdom of God is within”.

### **GENERAL DETAILS**

**BY BUS:** We have rented a mini-bus. It will pick up passengers in: Staten Island, Brooklyn, and NYC- St. Nicholas Church. The exact cost, pick-up times and locations will be communicated a week prior to the trip. We still have room for a few more passengers. Please see Stephanie Salony after Liturgy if you are interested in joining us, or contact her on 908-284-0561.

**BY CAR:** The address of St. George Orthodox Church is: 743 S. Keyser Avenue, Taylor, PA 18517

### **A Moleben to the Mother of God services will start promptly at 11:30AM.**

Very Rev. Mark Leasure is the pastor at St. George's and has welcomed our group with enthusiasm. Miracles occur every day to those who have believing eyes. If our heart is blind we will not see. Make this Lent special for yourself. Consider taking this trip and see for yourself, won't you? Seeing is believing! We hope you will join us.

### **PUSSY WILLOW ALERT**

We need pussy willows for Palm Sunday. If you have them in your yard, upon bloom, bring them to the church. Please let Helenka or Kim know if you think you will be bringing them in so we can make sure we have enough. Thank you!

### **CAMP NAZARETH RAFFLE TICKETS**

Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets have arrived! This is still the only diocesan-wide fundraiser for Camp Nazareth and a significant source of income for the Camp Program. The raffle takes place at the camp on Family Day, Sunday June 1st. Please consider purchasing a \$20 ticket. If you're interested see Debbie Derevjanik any Sunday or email [info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org](mailto:info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org) for more information.

**ST NICHOLAS LENTEN MEMORIAL WALL:** During the Lenten season, we would like to again remember our St. Nicholas family and friends who have departed with a Memorial picture wall. If you have a photo that you would like for us to include, please give to Debbie Derevjanik any Sunday.

### **PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR PASKA & KOLAČ**

An order form is on the back page of the bulletin and located outside of the office. Please see Magda if you have any questions. **You must place your order by Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.** If you do not place an order ahead of time, there will be a very limited amount available to purchase. **SORRY – PIROHY ALL SOLD OUT!**

**EVENT OVERSEERS NEEDED:** With our successful outreach to the community, the Main Hall is being used with great frequency during the week and on the weekends. We are looking to see if any parishioners are willing to help be an event overseer. Days and times for these activities vary. A stipend will be paid to those who sign up for an event. Please see Iveta Canjura for details, [ivetahc@hotmail.com](mailto:ivetahc@hotmail.com).



On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Julia and Miro Strenk went to visit long-time parishioner and U.S. Army veteran Sam Kovalcik. They said that they had a great visit with him and he looked well. We miss you Sam!



## DIOCESE NEWS



### Remember all of the fun we had bowling??

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Elizabeth NJ and ACRY Chapter #34 will be the host for the 2014 66th Metropolitan Orestes Memorial Bowling Tournament, May 23-26<sup>th</sup>. If you are potentially interested in bowling, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next week. Registration is by April 30<sup>th</sup> so we have some time to figure out if there is enough interest and the details.

The tournament is open to all members of the Diocese and their friends; membership in the ACRY is not required.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP:** His Grace, Bishop Gregory has issued a cordial invitation to all Diocesan Youth and their families to join him at Camp Nazareth for the second annual Family Camp which will take place during Camp Nazareth's upcoming Family Day Weekend. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families “camping” together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another. Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, May 30 – Sunday, June 1, 2014.

If you are interested, more information may be found on the Diocese website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org). Space is limited to the first 10 families, so please send in your registration forms soon. They are due by Friday, May 16, 2014.



Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, was pirohy-making day at 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The ladies made over 2,500 delicious potato/cheddar and farmer cheese pirohy. \$800 was donated to the church.

The pirohy have sold out already. See you again next year.



## “CHORE DAY” – Number 1



Last Sunday was a productive and busy day after coffee hour. First, thank you to all who stayed and “Lent” a hand. This was a great first step in organizing areas that had gotten a little overrun and neglected. We divided into teams to tackle seven separate areas.

**Hanging Curtains:** Magda, Kathy, Dawn, Annie, Danuta & Olga

**Closet:** Helenka, Merka, Lorraine, Anka, Paul, Richie & Nick

**Under the stairs:** Stephanie & Joanne

**Kitchen:** Justine, Debbie, Mike & Olga

**Altar area:** Deacon Gregory, John, Paul Jr., altar boy Alex

**Choir Room:** Robert, John, Tanya & Kim

**Communion Breakfast prep:** Pani Ann Marie and Lillian

## CHORE DAY #2 – April 12th



**SENDING A MESSAGE TO EVERYONE!! We are looking for volunteers!**

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** (Lazarus Saturday) Lazarus Divine Liturgy will start at 10:00 am. After service, we need plenty of hands to help do some spring cleaning in preparation for Holy Week.

These are tasks that require ladders and some high reaching places, like chandeliers and the tile walls. If you are able to come down that day, please see Dawn Krzyzanowski. Also, kids will be dyeing eggs, while others will be tying pussy willows and baking Paska and Kolačy in the kitchen.

### IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING

As we were “sweeping out the cobwebs” from one corner this past Sunday, it was apparent that there are many more cobwebs around. If you see something that needs to be done, just jump right in. Here are a few examples. Deacon Gregory noticed that the Processional Fan used during the Saturday procession was looking a little worse for wear, especially the white flowers. He is bringing it home and he and Tammy are going to change the flowers and clean the brass. Speaking of cleaning brass, Paul Sikoryak saw John Busel trying to clean the altar boy candlesticks with some brass cleaner. Instead, Paul took them and here is what they look like now using tools Paul has at home. We are a parish filled with people with so many talents. Come on April 12<sup>th</sup> and lend your talents and abilities to help clean and polish our beloved 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Your “pay” comes from God – it feeds your soul.



## ALMSGIVING AND THE TREE OF LIFE

Christ teaches us that giving of alms means making the needs of others our own. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and next-door neighbors and people in lands faraway.

And what shall we give? Some time to visit the sick or people who are shut-ins, some of our talent to our schools, communities or churches, and financial resources, perhaps. Almsgiving is not just for the rich. Poor or rich, we all have something to give. The best way to give is to give of ourselves. As Orthodox Christians, we believe in the inherent value of persons. The pages of this bulletin are filled with ways you can help here at St. Nicholas Church along with what you do in your communities. And when we're giving alms, we are not only changing our world, we are changing ourselves, one action at a time.

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, the Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross. It is the half-way point of Lent, a time to refresh ourselves spiritually. The Cross stands in the middle of the church today as a sign of victory and joy. The Church Fathers equate the life-giving cross with the Tree of Life and plant it in the middle of the Lenten pilgrimage just as the Tree of Life was planted in the middle of paradise, or the tree which sweetened the bitter waters of Marah, or the tree with the canopy of leaves under whose shade tired travelers seeking the eternal promised land may find coolness and rest, and in the final book of the Bible, the leaves of the tree that were for the healing of the nations.

It is from these words that we decided to launch the St. Nicholas Tree of Life program in Spring 2012 and selected a tree sculpture as its center. Our hope is that the tree sculpture will be a fitting way in which to honor the St. Nicholas Church founders who planted the seeds from which the church grew. It will also permit us to commemorate all the meaningful occasions in our lives, like births, baptisms, birthdays and to memorialize the passing of loved ones. Each stone and leaf can be engraved with a lasting message. By continually adding stones and leaves, the Tree of Life becomes a perpetual fundraising program and a living legacy of our church history and its people. Our hope is that the proceeds from the Tree of Life will give our children a great gift for the future – freedom from the monthly expenses of a large mortgage.

**UPDATE: To date, we have commitments for over \$76,500 which is being used towards the reduction of our outstanding loans and capital and church expenses.**



St. Nicholas of Myra  
Tree of Life Appeal  
Orthodox Church

### HOW CAN I DONATE A STONE OR LEAF?

There are informational packets located in back of the Church and in the Church office with detailed information on the tree sculpture and how to donate. You will be asked to create a personal message to be engraved on the stone or leaf. If you have any questions, please contact: Dawn Krzyzanowski - dawn@krzyzanowski.org or Kim Busel - k.busel@att.net



## LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

While many Orthodox and other Christians choose to adopt Lent as a time of fasting and abstinence, for some of our food-insecure neighbors, going without food is not a choice.

The goal is to set aside one can (or other non-perishable food item) per day during Lent and bring your food donation with your basket on Pascha. "40 Cans for Lent" is an opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others.

There is a large container in #2 Hall that is nearly full but overflowing is even better! On the first Sunday after Pascha, we will weigh the food and get it ready for the food pantry.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

The children of  
St. Nicholas Church Sunday School

## St. Nicholas Flea Market Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

11:00 – 4:00

We are in need of the  
following items:

Housewares, home decorations,  
jewelry, handbags, books,  
toys and anything you no longer can  
use, but maybe someone else can.

**PLEASE, NO CLOTHING!  
NO COMPUTERS!**

We will be storing the items  
in the Choir Room

**Can you spare some time to  
help sell all of our  
"treasures"?**

**Please Save the Date**

*Like branches on a tree, we grow in different directions, yet our roots at St. Nicholas Church will always remain our common bond. We live in hope, we grow in faith, and we give in love*



## Marks the Spot

Have you ever dreamed of finding an old pirate's map and following it to a spot where a pirate had buried a chest full of glittering gold and jewels? You would follow the clues until you found an **X** that would mark the spot on the map. Today, I want to tell you about a treasure that is more valuable than a chest full of gold -- and I will even tell you how to find it. But first, a little story.

Even though I am a girl, when I was young, I didn't like hopscotch like my friends. I loved to play marbles against all of the boys. I was pretty good because I had good aim. To play marbles, first, you draw a big ring in the dirt. Then each player puts the same number of marbles into the ring. The players then take turns shooting marbles trying to knock the other marbles out of the ring. When a shooter knocks a marble out of the ring, the player wins the marble. If the shooting marble stays inside the ring, the player keeps shooting. If not, it is the next shooter's turn. When all the marbles have been knocked out of the ring, they are counted and the one with the most marbles is the winner.



The most important part of marbles is this: "Are we playing for fun, or are we playing for keeps?" If you just play for fun, when the game is over, the winner gives the marbles back. But if you play for keeps, the winner gets to keep all of the marbles he (or she in my case) has won.

My quest for the most marbles stopped as I got older. Some people live their life like they are always playing a game of marbles. They try to be the one with the most marbles. The person with the biggest house, the fanciest car, and the most money in the bank is the winner. They are always playing "for keeps." When they come to the end of their life, do you know how many of their marbles they get to take with them? None of course! Christ asked in the Gospel today "What good will it do them if they gain the whole world, but lose their soul?" Our Lord Jesus Christ said that nothing on earth is better than our soul.

To be real winners, we must be willing to give up everything and follow Him. That was what the Gospel was about today. It isn't always easy to carry a cross. Christ died on the cross so that you and I could enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven is the greatest treasure any one could ever want. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. That is why Christ tells us to pick up a cross and follow him.



So, when you find the  and truly believe in Him, the treasure will be yours.

### Take Up Your Cross

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

Based on Mark 8:34-37

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# MARCH/APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
23 Cross Veneration Lenten Breakfast Mission Service And Confessions	24	25	26	27	28	29  Soul Saturday
30 St. John of the Ladder (Climacus) Board Meeting Team Koneval	31	APR 1	2	3	4	5  Pilgrimage to Taylor, PA
6 St. Mary of Egypt Team Black & White	7 Annunciation of the Theotokos	8	9	10	11 Lenten Service & Confession 7:30pm	12 Lazarus Saturday Service 10:00am
13 Palm Sunday The A Team	14	15	16 Holy Unction	17 Holy Thursday	18 Holy & Great Friday	19 Resurrection Matins
20 The Resurrection of our Lord – PASCHA Divine Liturgy	21 Bright Monday	22 Bright Tuesday	23	24	25	26
27 Holy Baptism Luke Michael Stack Team BQE	28	29	30	MAY 1	2	3

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call in your order to Magda Matlak on: 718 373-2279

**Please make checks payable to: St. Nicholas Church**

Orders must be place by: **April 6, 2014**

Orders will be available for pick-up Sunday, April 13

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Price	Amount	Total
Kolač – Poppyseed (Whole)	\$10.00		
Kolač – Walnut (Whole)	\$15.00		
Kolač – Lekvar (Whole)	\$10.00		
Paska- (S)	\$ 7.00		
Paska- (L)	\$10.00		
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