

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

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Sunday, May 11, 2014

Sunday of the Paralytic

Epistle Reading: Acts 9:32-42 **Gospel Reading:** John 5:1-15 **Tone:** 3 **Troparian & Kontakian:** pp. 55-56

*****No Kneeling between Pascha and Pentecost in honor of the Resurrection!*****

As Christ has Risen, we also rise in prayer

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTOS VOSKRES! VOISTINU VOSKRES!

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. 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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

There will be prayers for the reposed soul of the Proto-presbyter Michael Rosco on the first anniversary of falling asleep today. Also, a Panachida will be held for all of our deceased mothers before dismissal today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Erica Derevjanik, John Michael Gajdos, Anna Matolakova, Veronica Pancik, Paul Sikoryak, Jr, Andrew Timko and Madelina Vira many happy and blessed years!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish John and Stacey Petricha many happy and blessed years as they celebrate their Anniversary.



The Gospel today is about the paralytic who waited at the edge of Sheep's pool for 38 years to be healed. It was said that the first person who stepped into the water after an angel came down to stir it was instantly cured. The paralytic never lost faith. Christ instructed the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

The fresco on the right is one of three ancient Christian icons, found in the Dura-Europos Church in Syria. The estimated date of the fresco is between 233-256AD and is considered the earliest depiction of Christ.

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

TODAYS COFFEE HOUR is being sponsored by the Altar Society for all women of St. Nicholas Church. Please join us for a dessert buffet filled with delicious confections.

2014 FLEA MARKET CHANGE

The Annual Flea Market is being rescheduled from June 21st due to a hall rental that weekend. We will be announcing the new date shortly! Please keep collecting your items. 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. We are storing them in the Choir Room.

NO ENVELOPES TO REMEMBER! Have your donation charged to your credit card once a month and you will never have to worry about writing a check or remembering an envelope. Sign-up in the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 7- 8th – First Confession/Communion

Practice & First Holy Confession on June 7th

First Holy Communion on June 8th

June 15th – Fathers' Day Celebration All fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers and all of the men of St. Nicholas Church are invited to a very special, kids-served luncheon honoring YOU!

SECOND PILGRIMAGE/OTPUST TO TAYLOR, PA

We are discussing organizing a second trip because of the interest by those who went to see the icon and want to witness the miracle again (and take other people) and those who were not able to attend the first pilgrimage. Several dates are being discussed during the summer. If you are interested in going on the second pilgrimage, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Main Hall. Please indicate if you would want to travel to Taylor, PA by a mini-bus so we potentially know if we need to rent one and its size. For those who are interested from other locations and can't use the sign-up sheet, please contact Stephanie Salony at stephanie.salony@comcast.net, so we can include you on the list.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families
and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war,
poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of
our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us
with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and godmothers who are no
longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

More glorious is the Theotokos, the first "mother" of the Orthodox Church. Her intercession is heard in countless hymns and prayers as we appeal to her maternal love for help and protection. To commemorate Mother's Day, we will look at other mothers who played key roles in the Bible. Last year, we focused on the most known mothers of the Bible including Eve, Sarah (wife of Abraham), Rebekah (mother of Jacob), Jochebed (Mother of Moses), Hannah (Mother of Samuel), Bathsheba (Wife of King David) and Elizabeth (Mother of St. John the Baptist). Here is Part Two.

Salome was the mother of the disciples James and John. We think of her as an ambitious person. She was so desirous for her sons to enjoy extra prestige during Jesus' ministry that she made a special public request to him. (Matthew 20:21 *Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.*) Jesus rebuked her gently, (Matthew 20:23 *To sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.*) We should not be too severe on her, for she remained one of the most faithful followers of Jesus to the end and evidently she handed down a rich spiritual legacy to her sons. It was to her son John that Jesus entrusted His own mother at the end.

Naomi and Ruth Naomi's husband and two sons die and she is left with just her daughters-in-law, both pagans in a foreign land. She encourages them to return to their home countries. One gladly obliges, but the other, Ruth, refuses to leave her side with a beautiful response, "*Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.*" The two traveled to Bethlehem and Naomi encouraged Ruth to marry Boaz, a close relative of Naomi's dead husband. She wanted Ruth to marry again and have a family. As a reward for her selfless acts, God brought Naomi great joy and restoration through the marriage of Ruth and Boaz. When Ruth conceived and had a son named Obed, Naomi became his nurse and took him as her own. Not only was Naomi cared for in her old age, but she had a direct hand in the upbringing of Obed, who became the grandfather of King David.

Deborah was incredibly wise. She was a prophetess who encouraged people to follow God's Law and reminded them of His faithfulness. She was the only female judge in Israel. Because of her wisdom, people would come to her to help them sort through disputes. She was essentially responsible for leading the Israelites in battle against the Canaanites, yet she took no personal credit in the victory. But she was humble, the wife of Lappidoth, and even after a great military victory, described herself as simply, "a mother in Israel" (Judges 5:7).

Abigail Abigail described in the Bible as beautiful and intelligent was married to a harsh and evil man named Nabal, a wealthy rancher. Despite Nabal's shortcomings, Abigail is an ideal wife, always protecting her husband's interests and apologizing for his rude behavior. David, the future King of Israel, had a heated confrontation with Nabal and David was set to kill him and his family. Abigail heard what transpired and bravely went to plead for their lives. She loaded up a feast for David and his 400 men. She had hoped that her humble actions would calm David so that he would spare her family from death, which he did. When hearing of what Abigail did to protect him, the Bible says Nabal's heart died within him and he became as stone. When David heard the news that Nabal was dead he sent for Abigail to become his wife and bear his second son, Daniel.

Eunice and Lois These two women, Timothy's mother and grandmother, raised him, not only in the faith and to love Christ selflessly, but also in the study of the Sacred Writings. It was this early study of Sacred Letters that grounded the soul of young Timothy and prepared him to become, in due course, an apostle of the Church and the Bishop of Ephesus. At the age of 15, Timothy left his home to accompany the Apostle Paul. Several of Paul's epistles start with an endearing comment about Timothy contending for the faith as zealously as Paul. It is in Paul's second epistle to Timothy that he reminds Timothy of whom his faith has been so established: "When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also" (2 Tim 1:5).



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Christ is Risen!

Dear Diocesan Parents and Children,

This summer, our Diocese is pleased to offer a new event specifically for our young women. The First Annual Young Women's Retreat will provide an opportunity for the young women of our Diocese to spend time in each other's company, have fun, pray together, and learn about how God calls each woman to serve His church with her talents and abilities.

This Retreat will take place concurrently with the Diocesan Altar Boy's Retreat. In many ways, these separate experiences are meant to parallel each other, with each focusing on the experience, vocations, and unique gifts bestowed upon the young men and women of our Church. Over the years, both the clergy and laity have expressed a great interest in creating an event tailored to our girls and young women. This year, this hope will come to fruition.

The first annual Young Women's Retreat will take place from June 29-July 2, 2014.

The Retreat will be hosted by the Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Windber, Pennsylvania. Young women in our Diocese ages 12-18 are invited to attend.

Please do not miss this opportunity for the girls of our Church and Diocese to gather with one another and grow in their faith. We ask for your prayers and support as we plan for this inaugural event. With God's help, we hope this event will continue for many years to come.

Space is limited to the first thirty respondents, so please register as soon as possible. Registration deadline is June 2, 2014.

All parishes of the Diocese are urged to underwrite the \$90.00 participation fee for their young women in recognition of all the ways that these young women serve their parishes.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer at our youth events, with blessings I remain

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

FIRST ANNUAL YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please read the letter from Bishop Gregory. It provides the details for the retreat. There are registration forms posted on the bulletin board in the Main Hall if you are interested. To read more, go to:

www.acrod.org/news/releases/archpastoral-2014-young-womens-retreat

WIN A WEEK AT CAMP - Enter JR ACRY Essay Contest!

If you've ever been to Camp Nazareth, chances are you can't wait to go back. Wouldn't it be great if you were able to go for free?!

Each year, the National Jr. ACRY holds a Camp Essay Contest. If your essay is chosen as the winner, the National Jr. ACRY will pay for one full Diocesan week of camp if you are a National Jr. ACRY member or half of your camping week if you are not a member of the National Jr. ACRY.

Who can enter? - ANYONE, whether a Jr. ACRY member or not.

What is the topic? - Write about/reflect on last year's camp theme: Galatians 5:25- "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."

How long? - 200 words or less.

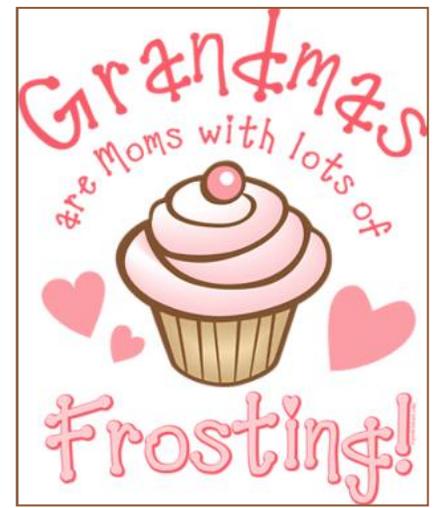
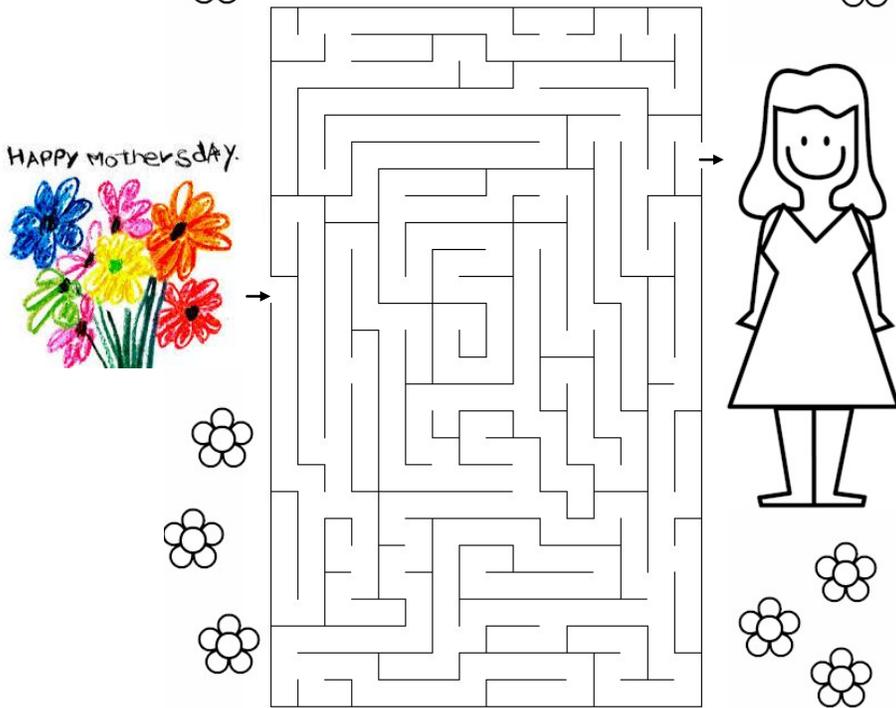
When is it due? - By Friday, May 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Who do I mail it to?

Tim Paproski
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1194 Broadbridge Ave., Stratford, CT 06615
jracry.president@gmail.com

Please write your name, address, telephone number, and chapter number or home parish on the BACK of the essay so the board can judge fairly. A decision about the essay contest will be made at the National ACRY Bowling Tournament. The winner will be notified at the Bowling Tournament, or shortly after if they are not present. We look forward to receiving your essays, seeing you at the Bowling Tournament, AND seeing you at that beautiful place in among the mountains this summer!

BRING THE BOUQUET TO MOM



BABAS THROUGH LITTLE EYES

1. A baba was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: 'We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods. The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, 'I sure wish I'd got to know you sooner!'
2. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, 'But Baba, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!'
3. One morning, a grandmother was surprised to find that her 7-year-old grandson had made her coffee! Smiling, she choked down the worst cup of her life. When she finished, she found three little green Army men at the bottom. Puzzled, she asked, "Honey, what are these Army men doing in my coffee?" Her grandson answered, "Like it says on TV, Grandma. 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup'..."
4. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, 'Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these, yourself!'

Our Mom, the Watcher

She always leaned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.
And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more safe
Because she waited there.

And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet.

Waiting till we come home to her,
Anxious if we are late—
Watching from heaven's window,
Leaning from heaven's gate.

—Margaret Widdemer

OH SO TRUE...

The quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.

Children: You spend the first 3 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 15 years telling them to sit down and be quiet.

You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you Can't Fool Mom

ONLY A TETA...

can give hugs like a mother, can keep secrets like a sister, and share love like a friend.

MAY - JUNE 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
11 Mothers' Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Team Black & White	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Team Kitchen Cousins	26	27	28	29 Ascension of our Lord	30	31
JUNE 1 Team 8 Days a Week	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost First Holy Confession/ Communion	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Fathers' Day	16 Apostles Fast Begins	17	18	19	20	21
22 Team 2	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Last Coffee Hour Team BQE	30					

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