

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, November 17, 2013**

**Joannicius the Great**

**Epistle Reading:** Gal 2:16-20 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:41-56 **Tone:** 4 **Troparion & Kontakion:** pg 44

**CONFESSION REQUEST** Father Michael is available to hear confessions up to fifteen minutes before every Liturgy, and always by appointment.

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

Let us all wish Marcella Ceselka, Deana Kania, Michael Kania, Jr, Michael Kelcho, Christina Nevader, Fr. Michael Rustick and Julia Grace Timko many happy and blessed years!

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

Let us all wish Alex & Holly Marchak and William & Ann Korchak many happy and blessed years!

### **PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Mary Fackovec, Peter

Tymus, Christine Whitaker, Mike Kelcho, Magda Matlak, Helen Karpiak, Rich Vislocky, Paul Sikoryak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Lorraine Vira, Mary Strenk, Steven Gaydos, Ann Gaydos, Mary Lichvarik, Anna Lichvarik, Seman Kovalcik, Olga Petrick, Deacon Joseph Hotrovich, Joyce Rusinak, and Neil Ingenito. Please notify Fr. Michael to add and/or remove names:

[frmichael@stnicholaschurchnyc.org](mailto:frmichael@stnicholaschurchnyc.org)

### **HELP WANTED**

We are looking to fill the position of Caretaker for our church with an anticipated start date in early December. If you know of anyone who is interested in the position, please contact Paul Sikoryak - 908-534-2685. Please pass the word around. The Compensation for the Caretaker Position would include the apartment in the church, all utilities paid (except phone), and a small monthly salary.

### **ENVELOPES**

The envelopes for this calendar year are in Hall #2. Be sure to pick them up today! Thank you. Or, if you are tired of writing checks, please stop by the office to sign up for monthly auto-payments on your credit card.

### **VENERABLE JOANNICIUS THE GREAT (IOANNIKIOS)**



St. Joannicius was born in Bithynia about the year 740 and lived for 94 years. He was a shepherd in his youth and was responsible for the herd – the only source of income for his destitute family. It was said that he would “bless” the sheep from predators and thieves to spend the day in quiet contemplation.

St. Joannicius was drafted into the army. His physical size (he was considered a “giant”) and superior skills made him worthy of royal honors for his bravery. He had been brought up an iconoclast (someone who participated in the destruction of icons and other religious symbols) and did participate in the destruction of Christian relics. He was converted to Orthodoxy by a certain holy elder while still a soldier.

He later forsook all things and departed for Mount Olympus. St. Joannicius lived as an ascetic for over fifty years, traveling to many places during which he received from God the gift of wonderworking. He healed sicknesses, drove out demons, and tamed wild beasts. He was distinguished by overwhelming humility and meekness despite his size.

He reposed peacefully in the year 864.

## NEW IDEA FOR COFFEE HOURS – A COFFEE HOUR NETWORK

You still have one more week to volunteer for the new Coffee Hour Teams. We have six full teams (eight would be ideal). Please talk to Stephanie Salony today if you want to join her team (Team #7). We will be announcing the teams next week and setting up a schedule. Each team will be assigned to three Sundays between the beginning of December through the end of June. Thanks to the many volunteers!!

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

COOKIE WALK	ST. NICHOLAS DAY LUNCHEON	NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
December 14 & 15 Sat: 11-6 Sun: 12-3 Volunteers are needed for both days! Please see the Volunteer Board to sign up	Date: December 22 Cost: Adults: \$12, Children over 12: \$6 Free for children 12 and under Luncheon prepared by Chef George Chobor and his assistant, Justina	January 11, 2014 Save the Date! Gourmet dinner prepared by Chef George Chobor & Justina More details to follow in the coming weeks.

## NYC MARATHON UPDATE

As you have been reading in the bulletin, Anthony Dalli ran in the NYC Marathon in behalf of Beautifully Reckless, The Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund. He completed the marathon in 4 hours and 38 minutes. In total over the past two years, Anthony raised \$10,537 for Sloan Kettering and \$4,883 for Beautifully Reckless through his marathon fundraising.

*I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have no idea how much your support has meant to me. Every time I got an email notification of a new donation, it only motivated me to train harder, run faster and longer than the days before. I am beyond humbled with the amount of love and support Beautifully Reckless has received over the years, it only goes to show you how many lives Tracy has touched and continues to touch. Thank you, Anthony*

## INTERWAR SUB-CARPATHIAN RUS': NEWLY DISCOVERED VISUAL SOURCES

**THIS WEEK: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 12:00pm**  
Columbia/Harriman Institute, Marshall D. Shulman Seminar Room (1219 IAB), International Affairs Building, 420 West 118th St, NYC

Please join the Ukrainian Studies Program at the Harriman Institute for a lecture by Edward Kasinec. Kasinec's heavily illustrated presentation will focus on and 'situate' those color and hand-colored photographic images that depict Sub-Carpathian Rus' in the Twenties of the last century. Hulka's images represent a marvelous visual evocation of the land and varied peoples, material and sacred culture of Sub-Carpathian Rus. **This event is free and open to the public.**

## NEXT TRIP - Set Sail on January 23, 2015 on the newest Royal Caribbean ship - Quantum of the Seas.

Come join us as will set sail from Bayonne, NJ for a 10-night Eastern Caribbean cruise on the newest Royal Caribbean ship. A full deposit of \$900/cabin is due by December 14, 2013, which would also be FULLY refundable up until November 9, 2014 when the Final Payment is due. All rooms are Oceanview Balconies. You have nothing to lose! There is limited space available, so you if think you would be interested, contact Stephanie Salony at stephanie.salony@comcast.net or at 908-284-0561 right away.

Want to see more: Video: <http://bcove.me/jtja97hl>

**OVER 60 PEOPLE ARE ALREADY GOING! HOW ABOUT YOU?**

## QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

Have you ever wondered why...?  
This is your place to find the answers to questions you may have about Orthodoxy.

Q: Do I have to pray using a prayer book?

A. That is a good question. The prayers that you find in a prayer book were written by the Saints in the Orthodox Church – those men and women who passed through all the stages of the spiritual life on their way to union with God. These prayers show us the narrow path which the Saints themselves took which leads from earth to heaven.

Can you pray using your own words? The answer is yes, but we should understand how to pray and what to pray for, as did the disciples when they asked Christ to teach them how to pray.

St. Basil the Great writes that there are four types of prayers:

- 1) praise – to glorify God,
- 2) confession – to repent and confess our sins
- 3) petition – to ask for those things necessary for salvation, and
- 4) thanksgiving – to offer to God our gratitude for all He has done for us. When we start to become accustomed to praying in the manner of the Saints using the four types of prayers, our prayer can take on its own words in spirit and truth.

Lesson from today's Epistle

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

**Gal 2:20**

Does this ever happen to you? When I think back to the Sunday Liturgy, I can recall the Gospel, but it often seems that the Epistle isn't as easily remembered. Today's Epistle has a powerful message and is worth remembering. The Epistle is a portion of a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians, specifically those Christians converted during his first missionary journey. Misguided "Christians" known as the Pharisees, had convinced many of Paul's converts that in order to be saved, they needed to not only believe in Christ, but also do the works of Moses' law (such as, being circumcised, eating kosher foods and practicing certain ritual washings). Paul argued in his letter that Christians must trust in Christ alone for salvation. No one can please God by simply obeying the law. Salvation is found through faith. Many early "Christians" were confused by the Pharisees. The Pharisees felt that the path to salvation was only achieved by strict adherence and observance of rites and ceremonies of the written law. They were the most bitter, and deadly, opponents of Christ, full of self-righteousness and condemnation of others. Interestingly, the Apostle Paul was a Pharisee prior to meeting Christ, so his letter is written in both knowledge and personal testament of the destructive force of this way of thinking.

The Apostle Paul considered himself to have suffered and been crucified with Christ, symbolically. He was then raised to a new life, with Christ. Through the Apostle Paul, we see that by true and active faith in Him, by being filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christ will live in us. And the justification, as St. Paul says, will be in the Christ, Son of God, who loves us, and gave His life so that we might be saved.

## Cookie Walk Update

### **PRE-SALES – THE KEY TO SUCCESS**

Attached to this bulletin is a Cookie Walk Order Form/Flyer. Do you have a neighbors, co-workers and friends that would want to buy a box of cookies? Why not ask? We will have plenty of additional order forms in the Main Hall next week for Cookie Walk pre-sales. New this year is a Preference box to make sure we fill the order just as the person would like to receive. Don't want to bother with order forms - a person can also order online at: [www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org/order-cookies.html](http://www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org/order-cookies.html). Also, if we have the order before December 13<sup>th</sup>, their orders will be filled first – with the most variety of the best cookies. Each order will be boxed with bows and ready for you to deliver. Last year, pre-orders amounted to nearly \$2,500 in advance sales.

### **ROLLING, ROLLING, ROLLING**

It's back...next week starts our annual dough rolling extravaganza. We will be preparing dough throughout the weekend and could use a little elbow grease to get several thousand "cookies-to-be" rolled and frozen. No experience is necessary. Can you stay for a little while after Coffee Hour next week?

### **TINSELTOWN**

We have always had a small section devoted to new, very reasonably priced gifts that would be perfect for a teacher, neighbor or co-worker. This year, we have so many items, this area now has its own identity.



*'Twas one week before Christmas and lo and behold  
Tinseltown at St Nick's is about to explode.*

*Gifts galore at prices just right.  
Everyone is talking about this amazing sight.*

*Our market has gifts that shimmer and glisten.  
Many for you and others to be given.*

*Come for the cookies, then stay for the steals.  
Who needs reindeer around when there are so many great deals?*

# Nov. – Jan, 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 CW Baking – Stack home 
24 <b>Trustees Mtg.</b>  CW Preparation Dough Making 	25	26	27	28 <b>Nativity Fast Begins</b>  Thanksgiving	29	30
<b>DEC 1</b> CW Preparation & Dough Making Putting up Signs 	2	3	4 Entrance of Theotokos	5	6	7
8 Hall Preparation, Dough Rolling & Cookie Baking 	9	10	11 <b>Baking at Church</b> 	12 <b>Baking at Church</b> 	13 <b>Baking at Church</b> 	14 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk</b> 
15 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk</b> 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	JAN 1	2	3	4
5 Year Anniversary Parastas - Anna Salony	6 Nativity Vigil	7 Nativity of Christ	8	9	10	11  New Year's Dance
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Theophany
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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# COOKIE WALK

Take a walk through our Cookie Wonderland while you fill a box with your favorite holiday confections  
**50+ cookie varieties including GLUTEN FREE**

**Saturday, Dec. 14th 11am - 6pm**  
**Sunday, Dec. 15th 12pm - 3pm**

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10th Street & Avenue A, East Village

[www.stnicholascookiewalk.com](http://www.stnicholascookiewalk.com)



Can't come to the Cookie Walk? No problem...  
We'll pack our homemade cookies and deliver them to you!

# 2013 Cookie Walk Order Form

## December 14-15th

Three sizes are available:

### Holiday Take-out Box



\$15

### White Box - 6"x6"x4"



\$25

### Gluten Free



\$25

**Holiday Takeout Box** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**White Box w/ ribbon** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Gluten Free** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(cash or check accepted)

#### Preferences (check all that apply):

- Love Chocolate!
- Less Chocolate
- Love Nuts!
- Less Nuts
- Sweeter the better
- Prefer less sweet
- Mix 'em up – I like them all!

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

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Nicholas contact delivering the cookies: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU CAN ALSO ORDER ONLINE AT**  
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