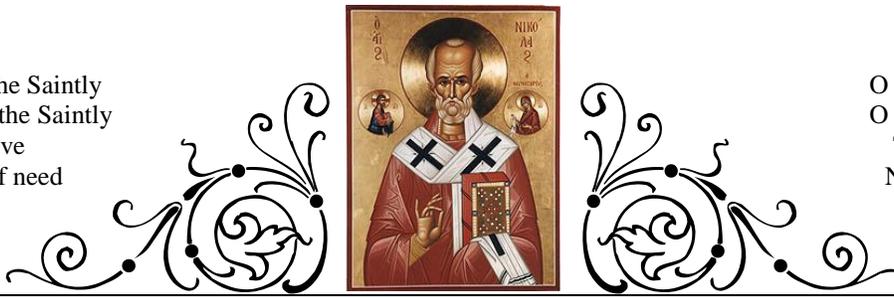


O who loves Nicholas the Saintly  
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly  
Him will Nicholas receive  
And give help in time of need  
Holy Father Nicholas



O kto kto Nikolaja l'ubit  
O kto kto Nikolaja služit  
Tomu svajatyj Nikolaj  
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj  
Nicolaj, Nicolaj

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**Sunday, November 30, 2014**  
**St. Gregory the Wonderworker**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

**Tone:** 8

**Troparian & Kontakian:** pg 48

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

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

Let us all wish Marcela Derevjanik, Paul Federico and Peter Vanatko many happy and blessed years!

**MEMORY ETERNAL! Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!**

A longtime and the oldest parishioner of our parish, Mary Strenk (Ovadicha) fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, November 23 at the age of 103. Arrangements are as follows:

**Monday, December 1** - 2-9PM with the Parastas between 7 and 8PM at the Trzaska Funeral Home - 1275 65th Street, Brooklyn, NY

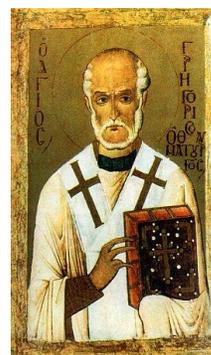
**Tuesday, December 2** - 9:00 AM Funeral Liturgy at our parish (St. Nicholas - 10th Street) with the burial at Mt. Olivet. May her memory be eternal!

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** JoAnn

Attanasio, Debbie Blue, Mary Fackovec, Mary Gaydos, Ann Gaydos, Dan Halama, Marge Hildebrant, Neil Ingenito, Helen Karpiak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Mary Lichvarik, Magda Matlak, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Mary Rebovich, Joyce Rusinak, Toni Sikoryak, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira, and Mary Zizik. Please contact Kim Busel to add and/or remove names: [k.busel@att.net](mailto:k.busel@att.net)

**LOTS OF LUCK CALENDARS - ONLY 3 Left!**

ACRY Lots-Of-Luck Calendars are \$25.00 each. Please see Dawn Krzyzanowski if you are interested in purchasing one. Checks should be made out to "National ACRY".



**St. Gregory the Wonderworker**

Saint Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea, was born in (northern Asia Minor) into a pagan family around the year 213AD.

About 233AD, St. Gregory and his brother, Athenodorus, traveled to Caesarea, Palestine and met a celebrated scholar by the name of Origen, the head of the Catechetical School of Alexandria. Instead of going to Beirut to study law, St. Gregory entered his school at Caesarea, studied theology, and converted to Christianity. St. Gregory returned to Neocaesarea about 238, intending to practice law, but was elected bishop by the seventeen Christians of the city. It soon became apparent that he was gifted with remarkable powers. He preached eloquently, made so many converts he was able to build a church, and soon was so renowned for his miracles that he was surnamed Thaumaturgus (the wonderworker).

The Mystery of the Symbol of the Faith, written down by St Gregory of Neocaesarea, is a great divine revelation in the history of the Church. The teaching about the Holy Trinity in Orthodox Theology is based on it. Subsequently it was used by the holy Fathers of the Church: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and Gregory of Nyssa. The Symbol of St Gregory of Neocaesarea was later examined and affirmed in the year 325 by the First Ecumenical Council, showing his enduring significance for Orthodoxy.

By his saintly life, his effective preaching, and working of miracles, St. Gregory steadily increased the number of converts to Christ. At his death, around 270 AD only seventeen pagans remained in the city.

## NATIVITY FAST

The Nativity Fast begins on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. It is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. As we enter into the Christmas season and the many distractions that can come with it, this is a great opportunity to set our minds and our hearts on the real message of Christmas: the Birth of our Savior and our relationship with Him. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ, the miracle of God becoming man. The Nativity Fast can:

- Keep our focus on the true spirit of Christmas
- Cultivate gratitude and generosity of heart
- Heighten our awareness of God's love and presence in the world
- Make it easier to forgive and seek forgiveness
- Encourage us to help those in need, and
- Increase our sense of compassion and empathy

## FOOD DRIVE MIDPOINT RESULTS

We are pleased to report that with your kind and generous donations, we were able to deliver approximately 130 pounds of canned and boxed foods as well as several turkeys to the North Rockland Food Pantry. This organization is run by the parishioners of the United Methodist Church in Stony Point, N.Y. Their goal is to feed 150 disadvantaged families this Thanksgiving and your donations are helping make that possible. This is a prime example of stewardship, reaching out and partnering with another denomination committed to doing the Lord's work. To date, we have donated about 550 pounds of food since the beginning of the year to those less fortunate and they are truly appreciative of our support.

We will continue to collect through St. Nicholas Day Luncheon on December 21<sup>st</sup>. All non-perishable food is welcome, but there is a need for holiday foods like: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, corn muffin mix, canned vegetables and fruit, cranberry sauce, creamed soup, canned pie filling, pie crust mix, jello and pudding mixes, canned evaporated milk and dried milk, canned gravy or gravy packets, canned fruit juices.

**Thank you to all who brought food already and hope everyone will consider donating to this worthy cause in December.**

## IT'S TIME TO TALK COOKIES – COOKIE WALK DECEMBER 13-14th



**CAN YOU STAY AWHILE TODAY?** We will be making dough during coffee hour today and could use some help! If you can roll or measure – we need you! We will also be putting up the two banners outside and unpacking the closet and getting ready for decorating the hall next week.

1. If you signed up to “slice and bake” cookies, we have your dough completed. Please see Kim Busel for the dough and other directions.
2. **HOW CAN I HELP THE COOKIE WALK IF I DON'T LIKE TO BAKE?** On December 7th, we will be decorating the Main Hall, a favorite day for young and young at heart. There will be a ton of non-baking work to be done.
3. The best thing that all of us can do is to talk to our neighbors, colleagues and friends and see if they would be interested in buying a box (or two!) of cookies.

**ANNOUNCING A NEW CONTEST** –This year we are going to have a contest for top three “order getters” – each will receive a 2015 New Year's Eve Dance (\$100) ticket purchased by the Altar Society. Cookies ordered online at: [www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org/order-cookies.html](http://www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org/order-cookies.html) will also count towards the total.



On Saturday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 30 St. Nicholas parishioners and friends met at Merka & Robert Stack's home to prepare and bake cookies. Over 6,000 cookies were readied for baking, decorating or freezing.

## SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

St. Nicholas Church will be having its:

- St. Nicholas Day Luncheon on December 21<sup>st</sup>
- New Year's Eve Dance on January 10, 2015
- 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on October 25, 2015.

## KERMEŠ THANK YOU

1. First and foremost, let us all thank George and Justina Chobor. Without them, Kermeš would not be the wonderful event it is and we are grateful for their generosity of time and talent. There are many people that look forward to the pumpkin soup all year long. The food was spectacular!
2. A big thank you to our organizers, Doreen Clemente and Helen Gajdos for all their work to create flyers, sell tickets (and Debbie Derevjanik), and accomplishing the difficult task of seat placement. There were over 170 people at Kermeš this year so you know what a great job they did!
3. Speaking of wonderful jobs, let's give another round of applause for all of the St. Nicholas Church youth who sang so beautifully and brought tears to many eyes. Thanks also to Helen Gajdos and Hanka Kormanik for all of their efforts to work with the kids and young adults and Stephanie Salony who accompanied them on her accordion.
4. The Altar Society would like to recognize and thank Johnny Gidicsin, Mike and Veronica who set up the hall on Saturday evening. Thank you also to the early morning set-up crew of Michal & Irena Derevjanik, Kathy Matlak, Stephanie Salony, Justine Timko, Veronica Vidrak, John & Kim Busel, and Helenka Tymus who coordinated the desserts.
5. Everyone loves good bartenders so a big thank you goes out to Lubos Matlak, Michal Derevjanik, Bharat Kumta and Paul Tymus. Thanks also to Lubos and Magda Matlak for coordinating and getting the supplies.
6. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to Magda & Kathy Matlak, and Lauren & Mike Tymus for selling drink tickets.

The Annual Kermeš was a huge success this year thanks to so many people. In 2015, St. Nicholas Church will be hosting a 90th Anniversary Celebration on October 25th so our next Kermeš will be in 2016.





*People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.*

Mark 10:13-16

# December 2014 – January 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30 Dough Making/Rolling, putting up banners The A Team	<b>DEC1</b>  <b>Nativity Fast Begins</b>	2	3	4  Entrance of the Theotokos	5	6
7 Hall Preparation, Dough Rolling & Cookie Baking  Board of Trustees Meeting Team Tristate	8	9	10  <b>Baking at Church 9-9</b>	11  <b>Baking at Church 9-9</b>	12  <b>Baking at Church 9-9</b>	13  <b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk 11-6</b>
14 40-Day Parastas for +Fr. Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich with komašna  <b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk 12-3</b>	15	16	17	18	19  Wonderworker St. Nicholas	20
21 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>DIY Coffee Hour</b>	29	30	31	<b>JAN1</b>	2	3
4 <b>DIY Coffee Hour</b>	5	6 <b>Nativity Vigil</b>	7 <b>Nativity of Christ</b>	8	9	10 <b>New Year's Eve Dance</b>
11 <b>DIY Coffee Hour</b>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <b>Altar Society Meeting</b> Team Black & White	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Team Koneval	26	27	28	29	30	31

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New York City

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm - 2 am

*Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Raffles*

Ticket Prices:

\$100 per person prior to January 3rd

\$125 per person after January 3rd

\*Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Tickets include:

Open bar, Hors d'oeuvres, Gourmet meal prepared by Chef George Chobor,  
Dancing to the music of Vox Ethnika

Please see one of the committee members below to buy your tickets!

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# 2014 Cookie Order Form

## Dec. 13-14th



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



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



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**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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A sampling of cookies & confections



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