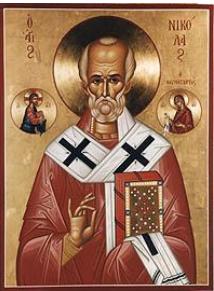


O who loves Nicholas the Saintly
 O who serves Nicholas the Saintly
 Him will Nicholas receive
 And give help in time of need
 Holy Father Nicholas



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

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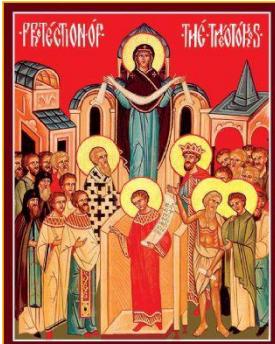
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SUNDAY, October 13, 2013

Protection of the Theotokos & St. Gregory of Armenia

Epistle Reading: 2 Cor 6:1-10 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:31-36 **Tone: 7 Troparion & Kontakion:** pg 47

Feast of the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary –



On October 14th, many old calendar churches triumphantly and joyously celebrate the feast Protection of the Holy Virgin. It is one of the most beloved feasts among Slavic people (although not an official Feast Day of the Orthodox Church).

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at the famous church of Vlakherna in Constantinople, in 910 AD. At that time, the city was

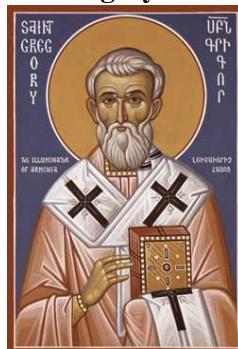
being besieged by enemies, who threatened it with complete destruction. Weak in military power, but strong in their faith and hope in God, the Greeks – together with their emperor, Leo the Wise, - gathered for an all-night vigil in the church of Vlakherna, where the veil of the Mother of God was kept. They prayed to the Queen of Heaven and earth for their deliverance.

In the early hours of the morning one of the faithful, the blessed fool-for-Christ Andrew, a native of Eastern Europe, prayerfully raised his eyes and according to written accounts, saw the Most-holy Virgin Mary, surrounded by a host of angels and saints, shining with a brilliant light and covering the people with Her lightning-like veil. Amazed at such a wondrous vision, St. Andrew said to his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius: "Do you see, brother, the Queen and Mistress of all, praying for the whole world." News of this vision spread throughout the entire city. The Greek soldiers, greatly outnumbered and without sufficient armament, successfully repelled their enemy's multitude of soldiers.

May all of this serve as a lesson and instruction to us, to encourage coming to church, where our prayers are fortified by the aid and the intercession of the Saints and the Most-Immaculate Virgin Mary above all.

O, Most-holy Theotokos, save us! Amen.

St. Gregory of Armenia



is the patron saint and first official head of the Armenian Apostolic Church. He was a religious leader who is credited with converting Armenia from paganism to Christianity in the early 4th century. Armenia became the first nation to adopt Christianity as its official religion.

St. Gregory came from a royal family, his father a prince. His father took part in the assassination of the King. As typical of that time, his family was executed by the ruling party but St. Gregory was saved by his caretakers and taken from Armenia. He was raised in a Christian household and became a devout Christian. St. Gregory returned to Armenia and was imprisoned for over twelve years by King Tiridates III, the son of the ruler assassinated by St. Gregory's father. When St. Gregory was asked to renounce his faith and did not, he suffered unimaginable torture. The King became ill with a terrible, disfiguring disease and called for St. Gregory. The kindly saint prayed for the King and the King was healed. St. Gregory was released from prison and allowed to preach to the people, urging them to follow Christ. Soon, King Tiridates, repented his crimes and, with most of the people of Armenia, answered St. Gregory's call and converted to Christianity. King Tiridates was baptized by Gregory in 301 and adopted Christianity as the religion of his country. In 302, Gregory was consecrated bishop of all the Armenians. He was known as St. Gregory the Illuminator.

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

AVAILABILITY Father Michael will be in New Jersey from Tuesday - Thursday for the next two weeks to sort, clean and prepare his Mom's apartment. He will have limited access to email but is available using the emergency number above.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita

Let us all wish Lillian Benc, Kathi Kumta, Vasil Rusinak and Mikolaj Salon many happy and blessed years!

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Mary Fackovec, Peter Tymus, Paul Sikoryak, Deacon Michael Kozar, Lorraine Vira, Mary Strenk, Steven Gaydos, Ann Gaydos, Anna Viktoria Derevjanikova, Mary Lichvarik, Anna Lichvarik, Seman Kovalcik, Olga Petrick, Victoria Vislocky, Deacon Joseph Hotrovich, Joyce Rusinak, and Neil Ingenito. Please notify Fr. Michael to add and/or remove names: frmichael@stnicholaschurchnyc.org

HELP WANTED

We are looking to fill the position of Caretaker for our church with an anticipated start date in early November. 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.

COFFEE HOUR You are in for a treat as we will be showing an original Stephanie Salony Production of the trip to Cowboy Country during coffee hour today. Come watch the adventurous group as they trekked through Montana and South Dakota.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 20th – Altar Society Meeting

October 27th – Costume Parade and party

November 3rd - NYC MARATHON

Traffic Alert- Tight security protocol for the race has limited access to a list of road closures/times at this time. However, you can look at the marathon route at:

www.ingnymarathon.org/entrantinfo/course.htm and click on “download the course map”.

November 24th – Annual Kermeš

December 14-15th – Cookie Walk

December 22nd – St. Nicholas Day Luncheon

Running the Marathon to benefit The Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Fund

- All funds raised by Anthony Dalli go to Beautifully Reckless. To donate, visit

www.gofundme.com/anthonynymarathon

To date, Anthony has raised \$2,855 of \$3500 goal! Thanks to all St. Nicholas members who have contributed to this worthwhile endeavor.



GET A LITTLE, GIVE A LITTLE MORE

The coupons have arrived in #2 Hall! Come look through them and take as many as you need. There are some Halloween Candy coupons which expire soon. Have fun!

I admit it – I love coupons and yes, to the extreme. I get coupons from many sources and find that lately, too many are being thrown away that other people could be using (things like baby items for example). It got me thinking that somehow we could combine using coupons with a Harvest Food Drive. So here is the thought.

For the next two weeks, I will bring in hundreds of coupons for non-perishable foods (and other things too) for anyone to use. They will be in Hall #2, next to the large container of donated food. The coupons will be grouped by type and there are some good ones. There are also those pesky – must buy two or three to get the savings. Instead of throwing those away, why not buy two of that item and give one to the food drive. Or pick a few of the coupons there and use them to buy things for the food drive and save a dollar or two. For instance, I just brought in 10 boxes of a Chinese noodle dish that we do not eat at home. Total cost: \$0. I waited until it was on sale, doubled the coupon and yes, it was all for free.

I know that most of us are on pretty strict budgets and it may be hard to give to a food drive on top of putting food on our tables. The coupons are there for you to use to help your budget and maybe give you a little extra to “get a little and give a little more”. Every little bit helps in the fight against hunger. Thank you!

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH ON THE WEB

St. Nicholas Church has three websites and one Facebook page. Have you been on them lately?

www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org – Church Website. The site is written for both members and friends of St. Nicholas Church as well as to the many visitors to the site that are just interested in Orthodoxy, our James Renwick, Jr. Landmark church buildin or are looking for an Orthodox church in Manhattan.

www.stnicholascookiewalk.com – The Cookie Walk has its own site and it was just updated. I think it will make you want to eat cookies. The photo gallery is a fun page to view although my favorite is the Cookie List page. We have also expanded our gift section this year and given it a name – Tinseltown.

www.villageparknyc.com – The main hall has a name – Village Park – and it has its own website. This site will be under going through a facelift (adding many new and wonderful pictures) over the next few weeks.

www.facebook.com/StNicholas10street – Facebook page – Thanks to Paul and Meagan Sikoryak for keeping this page continuously updated. If you want to know the latest information about St. Nicholas Church, check here first. You must have a Facebook account to see the page.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

If you are an AS member, please try to be here for the meeting on October 20th. We will be discussing a new idea for coffee hours (that involves the entire church) and of course, the Cookie Walk. A lot of behind the scenes work is being done now but the Cookie Walk will soon become front and center. All of it is exciting. Hope to see you there. We will meet in #2 Hall immediately after Liturgy. Get some snacks and a cup of coffee and join us. As always – thanks for your support.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Local News:

INTERWAR SUB-CARPATIAN RUS': NEWLY DISCOVERED VISUAL SOURCES

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. In his presentation, Edward Kasinec, curator, historian of Slavic and East European cultures, and son of interwar Carpatho-Rusyn immigrants, considers the legacy of the Czech official, editor, translator and artist, Rudolf Hulka (d. 1961). While Hulka's expansive and recently uncovered legacy covers several parts of Europe and North Africa, Kasinec's heavily illustrated presentation will focus on and 'situate' those color and hand-colorized 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.

World News:

Do you love lighthouses? Here is a unique one in Russia. Not only is it a lighthouse, it also serves as a holy beacon. As you can see, it resembles a small Russian church with its cupola, and all



around there are sacred icons that illuminate at night. The blessing for the operation of this new lighthouse was done by Patriarch Kirill himself, who approached it by yacht on 19 September 2013. And as expected, this lighthouse is dedicated to the patron saint of sailors - Saint Nicholas.



Oct. - Dec 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
13 Cowboy Country Video	14 Protection of the Mother of God	15	16	17	18	19
20 XXII Diocesan Sobor	21 Sobor	22 Sobor	23 Sobor	24	25	26
27 Kormanik Komanša Halloween Costume Party	28	29	30	31	NOV1	2
3 Traffic Alert NYC Marathon	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 CW Dough Making	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 CW Baking – Stack home
24 Annual Kermes	25	26	27	28 Nativity Fast Begins Thanksgiving	29	30
DEC1 CW Preparation & Dough Making	2	3	4 Entrance of Theotokos	5	6	7
8 Hall Preparation, Dough Rolling & Cookie Baking	9	10	11 Baking at Church	12 Baking at Church	13 Baking at Church	14 5th Annual Cookie Walk
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22 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	23	24	25	26	27	28

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