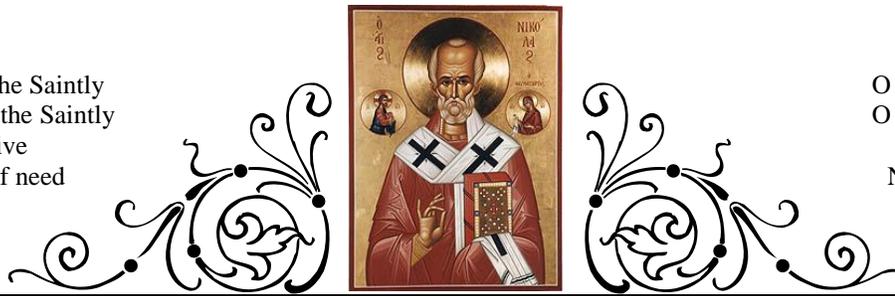


O who loves Nicholas the Saintly  
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly  
Him will Nicholas receive  
And give help in time of need  
Holy Father Nicholas



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

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**SUNDAY, October 20, 2013**

**The Holy Martyrs Sergius & Bacchus**

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 7:11-16 **Tone:** 8 **Troparion & Kontakion:** pg 48

**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 going back and forth to New Jersey over the next few weeks. If you need to contact him, please call the church number or email him at: [frmichael@stnicholaschurchnyc.org](mailto:frmichael@stnicholaschurchnyc.org).

**SERVICE NEXT WEEK** There will be a parastas after Liturgy next week in memory of Justina Kormanik on the one year anniversary of her repose, offered by Jan & Betty Kormanik. There will be a Komašna after Divine Liturgy.

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

Let us all wish Nicole Hubka, John Kormanik and Michael Lichvar many happy and blessed years!

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

Let us all wish Matthew & Nicole Stack and Lubos & Magda Matlak 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, 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](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 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.

### THE HOLY MARTYRS SERGIUS & BACCHUS



Most icons of Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus have two features – a cross and a sword. Both were appointed to high positions in the Syrian army by the Emperor Maximian (284-305).

They were held in great esteem because of their courage, wisdom and fidelity. But when the emperor heard that his two noblemen were Christians, his love for them turned into rage. He demanded that Sergius and Bacchus offer sacrifices, but they replied that they honored the One God and they worshiped only Him. This was considered to be a crime against the state. Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings) and led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, so the people could mock them.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to be tried by the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." Sts Sergius and Bacchus were martyred in the year of 303.

## ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING TODAY

Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and meet us in #2 Hall. We have plenty to talk about but will keep it short! We will be discussing a new idea for coffee hours (that involves the entire church) and of course, the Cookie Walk. Hope to see you at the meeting.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Costume Parade and party

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 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.ingnycmarathon.org/entrantinfo/course.htm](http://www.ingnycmarathon.org/entrantinfo/course.htm)

and click on “download the course map”.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Kermeš

**December 14-15<sup>th</sup>** – Cookie Walk

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – St. Nicholas Day Luncheon



### 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!**

While you are at the grocery store, why not pick up a few things for our Autumn Food Drive. There are even some excellent coupons you can use for soups, Nissan noodles, pasta, and other non-

perishable items. Thank you for your efforts to help fight hunger!

## NEWS OF INTEREST

### Diocesan News:

The XXII Diocesan Sobor starts today in Johnstown, PA. Father Michael will be representing St. Nicholas Church. The theme for this year's Sobor is “Diocesan Diamond Jubilee – Counting Our Gifts of the Spirit”

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:22-25)*

You can watch the video broadcast of the opening Divine Liturgy on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Go to [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org) and under Diocesan Life, click on Diocesan Council/Sobor for the link.

### Local News:

## INTERWAR SUB-CARPATHIAN 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). 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.**

### 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/anthonynycmarathon](http://www.gofundme.com/anthonynycmarathon)

To date, Anthony has raised \$3,155 of his \$3500 goal! Thanks to all St. Nicholas members who have contributed to this worthwhile endeavor.

We want to thank Olga Gubinski for all of her efforts in providing coupons for the past several years. She collects them each week from various sources and literally lugs a big bag to church. Up until now, we have been using the coupons to primarily purchase ingredients for the Cookie Walk and Altar Society events (and saving hundreds of dollars). We are now clipping all of the coupons and will bring them and others in each week so hopefully you can extend your family food budget as well. Happy Shopping!

### QUESTION #3 (of a series of questions and answers about Orthodoxy)

Have you ever wondered why...? This is your place to find the answers to questions about Orthodoxy, the Liturgy, Bible, Church, etc. You are welcome to ask questions too! Send your question to k.busel@att.net. Father Michael and I will try to answer it.

**Question:** Each week, at the top of the bulletin, the Epistle and Gospel readings are listed for that Sunday. It got me thinking, **when was the Bible divided into Chapters and Verses?**

**Answer:** The system of dividing the Bible into chapters and verses is manmade and of comparatively recent origin. The Bible, as inspired by God, had no such divisions. The first modern system of dividing the New Testament into sections was devised by Catholic Cardinal Hugo in the mid-thirteenth century. These sections basically became the chapters we are acquainted with today. As yet, there were no divisions into verses. In 1445, Mordecai Nathan divided the Hebrew Old Testament into chapters. He and a later scholar by the name of Athias are credited with the further breakdown of the Old Testament into verses. In 1551, the New Testament was similarly subdivided into verses. This work was accomplished by the famous English printer, Robert Stephens. Since that time, the Bible has followed his chapter-and-verse system.



### A DECK OF CARDS

A young soldier was in his tent all alone one Sunday morning. It was quiet that day; the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't made a noise. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then, an Army Sergeant came in and asked, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?" The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord."

The sergeant looked down and said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards."

The soldier said, "No sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards."

The Ace reminds me that there is only one God.

The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.

The Three represents the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided.

The Four stands for the Four Apostles: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Five is for the five Books of Psalms

The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The Seven is for the day God rested after working the six days.

The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, in which God saved the eight people from the flood that destroyed the earth for the first time.

The Nine is for the 9th hour when Christ cried out and gave up His Spirit.

The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The Jack is a reminder of Satan. One of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the Joker of eternal hell.

The Queen stands for the Theotokos.

The King stands for Christ, for he is the King of all kings.

You see, sir, each deck has four suits - Clubs, Spades, Hearts and Diamonds - that represent the four seasons. Each suit has thirteen cards - and there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter. There are 52 cards in a deck and 52 weeks in a year. And, if you count each symbol on each of the cards, there are 365 of them, one for each day of the year.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards—my Bible, my calendar and my almanac. And with the deck spread out in front me, I can see all of the things that I am thankful for."



# Oct. - Dec 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
20 <b>XXII Diocesan Sobor</b> Altar Society Meeting	21 <b>Sobor</b>	22 <b>Sobor</b>	23 <b>Sobor</b>	24	25	26
27 Komašna for Justina Kormanik Halloween Costume Party	28	29	30	31	<b>NOV1</b>	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 <b>Annual Kermeš</b>	25	26	27	28 <b>Nativity Fast Begins</b> Thanksgiving	29	30
<b>DEC1</b> CW Preparation & Dough Making	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>
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22 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	23	24	25	26	27	28

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