

St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – July & August 2015

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Announcements

Verse: Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. – *Malachias [Malachi] 3:10.*

С҃ТІХЪ: ЛѢТО СКОУЧАСА, И ВНЕОУТЕ ВЕЛ ПЛОДѢ ВЪ СЮКРѢВНЦА, И ВЪДЕТЪ РАХИЩЕНІЕ С҃Г҃О: ѠБРАТИТЕСА ѠУКО Ѡ ГЕМЪ, ГЛАГОЛЕТЪ ГОСПОДЬ ВЕДЕРЖИТЕЛЕ: АЩЕ НЕ ѠТВЕРЗУ ВАМЪ ХЛАБѢИ НЕБЕСНЫХЪ И НЪЗЛЮ ВАМЪ БЛАГОСЛОВЕНІЕ МОЕ, ДОНДЕЖЕ ѠДОВЛАНТЕСА. – *Малахія гл҃а ѣ с҃тї ѣ.*

Стихъ: Принесите всѣ десятины въ домъ хранилища, чтобы въ домъ Моёмъ была пища, и хотя въ этомъ испытайте Меня, говоритъ Господь Саваофъ: не открою ли Я для васъ отверстія небесныхъ и не изолью ли на васъ благословенія до избытка? – *Малахія 3:10.*

This Bulletin

Going Electronic: In order to save expenses, *beginning with the next issue, September 2015,* the St Nicholas Parish Bulletin will be distributed electronically. Most of our parishioners have email accounts, and half of our subscriptions are already by email. Additionally, our Bulletin is also available for download from our website, StNicholasStratford.org.

We will continue to print a limited number of copies for parishioners who are members in good standing and do not have email. Anyone else who wishes to receive a hard copy may take out a subscription at the rate of \$20 per year.

Please make out your check and send to:

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Attn: **Bulletin.**

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We are on Facebook: We wish to invite our readers to visit our Parish's Facebook page. It can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Nicholas-Russian-Orthodox-Church/207173962814628>

We thank Reader Peter Romanovsky who took the initiative and created the page last year.

We Need You

Low Attendance, Low Funds: In the summer many of our parishioners are away on vacation. Some remain in town but take a vacation from services. When you are not in church our collections diminish and do not cover our expenses, which remain whether our people are present or not. Please consider making a special summer donation or an extra effort to attend the services when you are not away.

Perhaps you might wish to make a donation to cover any one of our needs for a month. All donations gladly accepted. Please contact our Treasurer, Anastasia Milligan, or our Starosta, Dexter Peavy at dexpeavy@gmail.com.

Tithing

How Much Should I Give?: As Christians, we all have an obligation to support the Church, for without this support, we would have no church building, no priesthood, no services, no Sacraments, and ultimately, no salvation. As members of the parish we pay our dues, which are a nominal amount, \$150 per year for individual membership and \$300 per year for family membership. This amounts to a mere \$12.50 a month per person.

The Church should be more important to us than anything we have: *Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life* (Mark 10:29-30). It is a measure of how careless we are about the Kingdom of God and our salvation, that we almost always put the Church, the Faith and prayer last in our lives, after houses, careers, education, and even recreation. According to our faith shall it be given to us.

People ask, How much should I give to the Church? The Scriptural answer is a tithe, one-tenth of our increase. This was the standard in the Old Testament Church, and remains a standard in our New Testament Church. Actually, we owe God far more than a mere one-tenth of our income – we owe Him everything we have. But a tithe, one-tenth of our income is the standard we aim for.

While the times now are hard, our Lord tells us that if we have faith, and give even just a little more to God and His holy Church, He will bless us abundantly. He promises us a good return on our investment.

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Some may think that tithing is a Protestant idea. Actually it is not. It is Scriptural; in the Apostolic Church, their members gave far more – everything was in common (Acts 4:32-35). In the past Orthodox governments have undertaken to support the Church in lieu of tithes by taxing the people. But we do not live under an Orthodox government and do not pay taxes to support the Church through the State, and so therefore we have the obligation to tithe.

For more information go to the websites

<http://www.antiochian.org/node/16719>

<http://www.pravmir.com/on-tithing-2/>

We ought to give more than just the membership dues, more than a dollar or two in the collection plate; we should aim and pledge to commit a definite portion of our income to the Church. The answer to the question, How much should I give?, is: Give until it hurts.

Services

Note: The times and dates of the scheduled services are subject to change, especially weekdays around the end of August due to Fr George's teaching duties, which are not yet assigned. All changes will be announced in the Weekly Announcements from the Ambo at the end of the Liturgy or by email, and posted on the church door.

Summer Hours: Starting the Sunday of Pentecost, 31 May, and ending on Sunday 30 August, Divine Liturgy will begin half an hour earlier than the usual time. The hours will begin at 9 am, and the Liturgy at 9:30 am.

Apostles' Fast: This fast began on the day after the Sunday of All Saints, that is to say Monday 8 June and ends on the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Sunday 12 July. The beginning of this fast depends on the date of Pascha, and so this year this fast is about four weeks long. During this time we abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products, and on Wednesdays and Fridays also from fish, wine and oil. If you have not kept the fast before, now is a good time to begin, for this is an easy fast. Try at least to keep away from meat, and then if possible, eggs and dairy. The important thing is to make improvements, and to do better every time.

St John Maximovitch: At 3 pm Saturday 4 July we will serve a Moleben to St John Maximovitch, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco.

Nativity of St John the Baptist: This year this feast falls on Tuesday. *Vespers with Litya* begins at **6:30 pm Monday 6 July**. There will be no service on the day of the Feast.

Ss Peter and Paul: This ends the Apostles' Fast. *Vigil with Litya* will be at **5 pm Saturday 11 July**, and *Divine Liturgy* at **9:30 am Sunday 12 July**.

Molebens: To mark lesser holy days in July, we will serve the following molebens: the *Tikhvin Icon* of the Mother of God, Thursday 9 July; the *Royal Martyrs*, Friday 17 July; *St Sergius of Radonezh*, Saturday 18 July; the *Kazan Icon* of the Mother of God, Tuesday 21 July; and *St Olga*, Friday 24 July. All these

molebens begin at 6:30 pm, except the service to *St Sergius of Radonezh*, which begins at 3 pm.

Lesser Blessing of Waters: There will be a moleben to the *Procession of the Cross* and the *Lesser Blessing of Waters* on the eve of the Dormition Fast, at 6:30 pm Thursday 13 August.

Dormition Fast: This begins on Friday 14 August and ends on Friday 28 August with the Feast of the Dormition. During this time we abstain from meat, eggs, dairy products and fish. On Saturdays and Sundays we may have fish, wine and oil. On Transfiguration Day, Wednesday 19 August. This is a short fast, and so it is fairly easy. If you have not kept this fast before, now is a good time to begin. Keep away from meat at least, and then if possible, dairy, eggs and fish. The important thing is to make improvements, and to do better every time.

Paraclesis: The Supplicatory Canon (*Molebnyj Kanon* or Paraclesis) will be served at 6:30 pm on the following evenings of the Dormition Fast: Friday the 14th, Monday the 17th, Friday the 21st, Monday the 24th and Wednesday the 26th of August.

Transfiguration: This Feast falls on Wednesday this year. Vigil for the Feast begins at 6:30 pm Tuesday 18 August and includes the blessing of grapes and fruit. Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 am Wednesday 19 August, followed by a second blessing of fruit. On this day we may have fish, wine and oil.

Dormition: Vigil is at 6:30 pm Thursday 27 August, and Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Friday 28 August. At the end of the Liturgy there will be a blessing of flowers.

Molebens: We will serve molebens for lesser holy days in August – *Ss Boris and Gleb* at 6:30 pm Thursday 6 August; the *Icon Not-Made-by-Hand*, 3 pm Saturday 29 August.

Moleben for the New School Year: A prayer service for the beginning of the school year and for the good success in studies of all our children and young people in all schools will be held at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 6 September. Please write the names of all students (yourself and your children!) on the School Year Commemoration List at the Candle Desk before the service.

Summertime

Ten Important Things to Do While on Vacation: Summer-time can be a time of refreshment or restoration. In an article published on the Pravmir.com website, Fr Alexander Iliashenko recommends ten things to do while we are on vacation:

1. Improve our health through rest, fresh air and exercise.
2. Expand our usual prayer rule.
3. Read a book about our Faith.
4. Visit a monastery or holy place; do not miss church.
5. Take a break from electronic media.
6. Spend quality time with your family talking about life, joys, hopes and plans.
7. Share a good book or film with your family; read aloud, expand horizons.

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8. Do something your family has been asking you to do for a long time (a repair or a trip)
9. Perform an act of charity.
10. Visit godparents, godchildren, or old friends whom we have not seen in a long time.

You can read this article, and others on similar themes at:

<http://www.pravmir.com/ten-important-things-to-do-while-on-vacation-2/>

<http://www.pravmir.com/a-vacation-from-orthodoxy/>

<http://www.pravmir.com/where-is-our-faith-in-everyday-life/>

Are Our Children Away at Camp? Often when our children are away at camp or other summer activities we parents stop coming to church until they return. Let us remember that prayer is not an activity just for children, but for all of us, and we need to come together and pray as a community. When our children are away, let us go to church without them. Perhaps we might find that we can pay closer attention to the words of the service and grow in our spiritual life.

We Still Need Altar Boys During the Summer: We remind our parishioners that “Once an Altar Boy, always an Altar Boy.” If you have ever served in the Altar, even if it was long ago, and you see that there is no one to help the Priest in the Altar, do not be too shy to ask if you can serve, even if it is late in the service. We also need older men or boys in the Altar to assist and direct the younger Altar Boys.

Summer Attire: We remind our parishioners, that although it may be warm in the summer, we should continue to observe modesty and dignity in church. Women should still have their heads covered, and should have sleeves (even if short) and not straps over their shoulders. Women should not wear pants but skirts or dresses, and the skirts should be at least at knee length. Men should wear long pants and not shorts. It is not proper to attend church services in casual attire such as tee shirts and sneakers. This is a matter of respect for the House of God, and for the clear directives of the Bible and of Church teaching. Fashion and personal preference should be subordinate to these.

To summarize:

- Wear good clothing (Sunday best)
- Cover knees and shoulders (both sexes)
- Women should cover their heads
- Women should wear skirts or dresses, not pants

Our Children Belong in Church (Fall Activities): Let us remember that attendance and participation in the Divine Services on the Lord’s Day is a duty and not optional.

If extracurricular activities prevent your children from regular attendance in church, know that you are harming their souls and yours. Occasionally, an event might be inescapable and excusable, but if it becomes a general rule, it is wrong. Please keep this in mind when planning children’s school-year activities. No activity is more important than our duty to God. There is enough time in our week for everything: *Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work*

(Exodus 20:9, 10).

Our children belong in church. There is no better place for them to be. If we do not bring them to church regularly, they will never become attached to the services, and will fidget and be bored. By coming to church every Sunday they will become accustomed to receiving Communion, and come to know that the church is the House of the Lord, and that it is their home too.

When we do not go to church, we weaken our attachment to the Body of Christ, which is the Church. We are not Christians individually, but we are all part of a living community. We deprive ourselves of the grace of the Holy Spirit, which is in the prayers of our common worship and in the Sacraments, and we deprive ourselves of the opportunity to work for God as a community, as a body.

If we bring our children regularly they will meet and know other Orthodox Christians, and they will know that they are not alone in the world. They will not grow up thinking that church is something odd that parents do rarely.

Children learn by example. If we put sports, or ballet, or Russian lessons ahead of church, they will know that we do not value the Church – it is merely secondary and unimportant to us. We will then become agents of the destruction of our children’s souls, and be answerable to God for this.

What better way to spend time as a family than praying together and preparing and receiving the Sacraments together? We should come to church as a family, pray as a family, and break bread with our fellow parishioners as a family. We will become no longer strangers, but rather brothers. *By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another* (John 13:35).

Let all parents know that **they commit a sin** when they put their children in activities that take them away from the Church. There are times when an occasional event might be inescapable, but when it becomes the general rule, it is wrong. Absence from church on Sundays and holy days is a sin that must be confessed and repented of.

Prosporas

Calling for Prospora Bakers: We have a continuing need for prosporas. We use about 30 to 35 each Sunday, so we need approximately 150 a month (or 450 quarterly). While we do have one person who bakes prosporas, we are looking for more volunteers. Without prosporas we cannot serve the Divine Liturgy. On a few occasions we have had to ration the prosporas that we give out at the end of the Liturgy.

A Reminder – No More Subscriptions for Prosporas: As announced in our February Bulletin, we are no longer taking subscriptions for prosporas. Until we have a steady, reliable source of prosporas we will follow these rules:

- No new subscriptions for prosporas will be accepted.
- The current subscriptions will be allowed to lapse.
- We will limit the number of prosporas to be returned to two prosporas for each person unless that person brings his own prosporas to the service (i.e. we will not give out four or seven prosporas to those who ask).

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- All submitted commemoration lists will be read over the loaves for the living and for the departed even when we do not give out a separate prosthron.
- Because all the names are read together, and all the prosthronas are cut together, we will return the commemoration books separately from the prosthronas when there are not enough Altar Boys in the Altar to handle the prosthronas.
- If there are not enough prosthronas to be returned for all the lists submitted, we will cut what we have and the Candle Desk will give them out on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- If there are only five prosthronas available, the bare minimum to serve Liturgy, those will be used for the Proskomedia, and none will be given out that day.

– Fr. George Lardas, Rector

Our Parish

Fr George at Camp: Fr George may join his family at St Seraphim's Camp for a few days during the week of 3-8 August. He will have his cell phone with him in case anything comes up, but if there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr Peter Paproski (203 260-0423) or Fr Patrick Burns (203 734-3988).

Lampada Sponsorship: Offerings may be made to sponsor the lighting of the lampadas at the Divine Liturgy, either in memory of loved ones, or in gratitude for blessings received, or for any other good intention. The sponsorship of the lampadas is \$25 for all the lampadas in the church. Register at the Candle Desk if you wish to sponsor the lampadas, in whole or in part, on a Sunday of your choice.

Utilities: Please remember that on the *first Sunday* of each month there is a special collection for *utilities*.

Consider the Church in Your Will: Please consider including St Nicholas Church in your will. There are many advantages in making the Church one of your beneficiaries. It is possible to structure the bequest so that there is little loss to the estate. Please contact our Starosta, Dexter Peavy, for more information.

Become a Member: If you attend services but are not a member, would you please consider joining? The cost is not great – \$150 per adult, or \$300 for families with two adults and any number of children. This amounts to about \$12.50 a month per person. We also have an introductory rate for students.

Our Children

Church School Teachers: We thank those who conducted the Church School this past year: Maria Peavy and Mary Coroneos. We also thank Elena Curran for supervising the Children's Choir.

Altar Boys' Workshop: This will take place on Sunday 6 September after the Coffee Hour. We ask all Altar Boys to attend. Any young man in the parish who wishes to serve in the Altar, even if he is not able to attend every Sunday, is welcome to join and to participate in the Workshop.

Church School Begins: The first day of classes will be on Sunday 13 September. This year's curriculum will be a continuation of those of the previous years, with new material. Class begins immediately after Holy Communion, when the teachers lead their pupils downstairs to the church hall. Lessons will continue until after the kissing of the Cross, when Fr George comes downstairs to bless the food. Please enroll your children. Many parents have their children engaged in sports, music and foreign languages; but spiritual education is far more important.

Three Saints Vacation Church School: Those of our parish who wish to have their children participate in a church event this summer may consider this possibility: The Three Saints Parish in Ansonia is hosting their annual Vacation Bible School at Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Rd, Bethany CT 06524, from the 6th through the 10th of July. It is a day camp, beginning at 9 am and ending at 4 pm, with a Family Night which includes Vespers sung by the children and a lenten potluck cookout on Friday 10 July starting at 5 pm. The cost is a modest \$40 per child (no child turned away for lack of financial means).

Come join us for our week long Vacation Church School for youth ages 5 to 15. Your child will experience fun, faith, friendship, swimming, games, Bible Study, religious education, worship and song. This year's theme will be "Saints of North America"

Questions? Call Mary Pagliaro at 203 513-2049 (email jilipena23@gmail.com) or Fr Patrick Burns at 203 734-3988 (email pnevmaticmotives@gmail.com). All children are welcome. Please register before June 20. This program has grown each year and volunteers are welcome; please contact Fr Patrick before Wednesday 1 July – no applications for volunteers will be considered after that date.

St Seraphim's Orthodox Summer Camp: The twentieth year of St Seraphim Russian Orthodox Youth Camp has been announced. The camp is open to all children of the Russian Orthodox Church and will take place August 2-9, which includes the feast of St Seraphim of Sarov. The cost remains at \$275 per child, but will increase to \$300 after July 1, so register early. You may register on line (see below).

Each year, over 200 participate, making the camp the largest youth activity of the Russian Church Abroad. Each day begins with morning prayer and is filled with wonderful activities such as the Law of God, hiking, tube rafting, sports, arts and crafts, and bonfires. Evening prayers end the day. Each campsite is supervised by adult counselors as well as college-aged junior counselors. Several priests spend the entire week at camp, offering counseling, prayers, and instruction. All instruction is in English and services are in both English and Church Slavonic. Vigil and Liturgy are served the final weekend and all children receive the Holy Mysteries.

This is an opportunity for our children to experience summer activities with other Orthodox children from other parishes and leads to life-long friendships. Our Albany and Wilkes-Barre parishes are especially active in the camp. The deadline for camp applications is 1 July but it often fills up fast. If you are interested, please contact Fr George or email Fr Alexis Duncan at info@stseraphimcamp.com, or call 518 925-9165 or 518 577-5432, or visit the website at <http://www.stseraphimcamp.com/>.

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Last year some of our own parishioners participated and had a wonderful time. We hope more will attend this year!

Brotherhood

Please come and help out!

Church Garage Clean Up and Barbecue: The Brotherhood is planning a work party **Saturday, July 18th** to clean up the garage on Lake Street. Many hands and a big dumpster will make the job go quickly. We could use your help anytime between 9 am and noon. The cleanup will be followed by a barbecue under the shade of the oak trees on the Church grounds. Everyone is welcome to join the fun! All types of refreshments (Dexter is supplying) and exceptional food will be served.

Please contact Alex Romanovsky, ajromanovsk@snet.net, or Dexter Peavy, dexpeavy@gmail.com, if you would like to participate in the fun and comradery to benefit the infrastructure of our church.

Volunteer to Mow: The Tractor is back and running like a Charm – Pick a week to Ride ‘n Mow. We save a lot of money by mowing the lawn ourselves. You don’t need to slave over a push mower any more. We have fixed the ride-on-tractor. What could be better than having the wind blow on your face as you cruise down Honeyspot road? Nothing until you see the fruits of your mowing expertise.

Please contact Alex Romanovsky, ajromanovsk@snet.net, or Dexter Peavy dexpeavy@gmail.com, if you would like to participate. We have some open weeks were we need someone to take wheel and ride away.

– Thank you! – The Brotherhood

Sisterhood

Volunteer to Host the Coffee Hour: The sisterhood is continues to need volunteers to sponsor the coffee hour each week. We are looking for volunteers through July/August. The summer months tend to be lighter with church attendance this is a great time to volunteer to host a meal as what is typically served is on the lighter side. We have also created an online signup sheet through signupgenius.com. Please contact Kelley Kendall at [203 218-5767](tel:2032185767) or at kellykndll@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

Choir

Come, Join the Choir: We always appreciate having new people in the choir. Don’t be shy – come join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Matushka Will Be Away: Matushka Ann will be away at school from Friday 17 July through Saturday 25 July. She will also be away at Saint Seraphim Camp from Monday 3 August through Sunday 9 August. Therefore, Walter (Wolodymyr) Nalysnyk will substitute as Choir Director on Saturday 18 July, Sunday 19 July, Saturday 25 July, Saturday 8 August and Sunday 9 August. We thank Walter for undertaking this task!

Thank You

Prosporas: We thank Tatiana Stettinin for baking many bags of prosporas.

Liturgical Notes

We include this section so that Fr George may have help changing the altar cloths and vestments at the appropriate times. This is a lot of work, but goes much more easily with a few helping hands.

Red: Before Vigil on the eve of All Saints, Saturday 6 June, all the altar cloths are changed to red and the red vestments are set out. The red remains until the eve of Ss Peter and Paul, Saturday afternoon, 11 July.

Red Lamp Glasses: The clear Paschal lamp glasses should be replaced with the usual red lamp glasses before the Vigil on the eve of All Saints, Saturday 6 June. They remain until the next Holy Saturday afternoon, 29 April 2016.

Gold: Before Vigil on the eve of Ss Peter and Paul, Saturday 11 July, all the altar cloths are changed to gold and the gold vestments are set out. The gold remains until the eve of the Dormition Fast, Thursday 13 August.

Blue: Before the moleben for the Procession of the Cross on Thursday 13 August, the altar cloths and vestments are changed to blue. The blue cloths are placed over the gold to save the labor of changing back to the gold after the Dormition. The blue remains until the Vigil of Transfiguration.

White: Before the Vigil for Transfiguration, Monday 18 August, the altar cloths and vestments are changed to **white** (or light gold). The gold will remain underneath for the duration. The white cloths remain until the apodosis (leave-taking) of Transfiguration, Thursday 27 August, when the cloths are changed back to **blue**.

Blue: On the eve of the Forefeast of the Dormition, Thursday 27 August, the altar cloths and vestments are changed back to blue. The blue remains until the apodosis or leave-taking of the Feast of Dormition, Saturday 5 September.

Gold: On Saturday 5 September, the altar cloths and vestments are changed to Gold (when the blue is removed, the gold will show beneath).

On the Christian Life

Our Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Part 2 – Tattoos and Piercings

I was asked whether Orthodox Christians should get tattoos. Our bodies are not our own to mark up, nor are we a canvas to decorate. As our Lord made us, so should we be. Since our bod-

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ies are temples of the Holy Spirit, we would no more disfigure it with tattoos than vandalize a church with spray paint.

In the history of the Christian Church, there has never been an acceptance of tattooing. A tattoo has historically been the mark of a slave, or of a devotee of non-Christian, pagan cults. This practice was also not unknown in the Old Testament times, where it is written in the Law of Moses, *Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD* (Leviticus 19:28). Some may argue that that was the Old Law, but the Christian Church has observed since antiquity. Our bodies are holy, and as the Scripture says, *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy* (1 Peter 1:16, see also Leviticus 11:44-45).

We might ask why anyone would get a tattoo or a piercing. The usual reasons are to stand out, to shock, or to decorate. None of these reasons are compatible with the Christian life, and do not work towards our salvation.

If an Orthodox Christian willfully insists on a tattoo or piercing, he should know that this may subject him to penances or suspension from Communion. This includes even tattoos of the Cross or of other Christian symbols.

But what about those who already have a tattoo or piercing, and obtained them in ignorance or in youthful foolishness? This is mostly a pastoral matter; we certainly do not reject these people, but embrace them as brothers and sisters once they choose to lead a Christian life. A piercing usually disappears after some time when it is not used, leaving only a small scar. A tattoo can be removed, but this is usually difficult. If this is at all possible, it should be undone.

In short: No Orthodox Christian should get a tattoo, or decorative piercings.

For more information consult the following websites:

Protocol 11-12, Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver (Greek Archdiocese), <http://www.denver.goarch.org/protocols/2011-Protocols/protocol-11-12.pdf>

To be continued.

Prayer Requests

Reminder: If you need a hospital visit or wish Fr George to visit a sick relative, please call and let us know. Hospitals no longer give out information to non-relatives without express permission, so if you want the priest to know yours or your loved one's condition you must inform the hospital or nursing home in writing.

Pray for our Soldiers: Although we do not have any parishioners of St Nicholas Church on active duty now, our parishioner, Vera Peebles asks prayers for her granddaughter's husband, John. There are also many Orthodox Christians in the Armed Forces and serving in the War. Please keep them and all our soldiers in your prayers.

Asking Prayers: Please remember the following names in your prayers:

Ailing Clergy: Archbishop Paul (Pavlos) of Astoria (Greek Old-Calendar), Archbishop Nikon (OCA), Mitered Archpriest Andrei Semyanko, Mitered Archpriest Theodore Shevzov, Mitered Archpriest Stavros Rousos, Protodeacon Nicholas Triantafillidis (cancer), Reader Vladimir.

Ailing Parishioners: Mildred Harko, Emilia Hramov, Kiril (Charles) Nettle, Vera Peebles and her daughter Janet, Galina Penchuk, Elena and Ludmila Skorik, Valentina and Denis Zimbalkin.

Ailing Orthodox: Uliana Drobot, Nadezhda Jakovenko, Helen Raduk, Yvette (Eve) Girard, Andrea Picard, Sophia, Peter Nelson, Desislava Dimitrova, Margaret, Theophan, and also the servants of God Velitchka and for Sophia Drobot, and for the servant of God Natalia (cancer). Prayers are also asked for child Taras.

Ailing Non-Orthodox: Veronica Wlodarski, the daughter of Elizabeth Wlodarski, and Sophia Salinger, the daughter of Tatiana Sergievsky.

Other Requests, Clergy: Archpriest Alexander Fedorowsky at Novo-Diveevo Convent (facing a frivolous, but expensive lawsuit).

Other Requests, Orthodox: Anatole, David, Ambrose, Matthew, and Nicholas, Andrés, Benjamin.

Other Requests, Non-Orthodox: Ken, Jane, and Daniel.

Soldiers, Orthodox: Nicolas, Jesse, Andrei, Michael, Timothy, James, and Sarah.

Soldiers, Non-Orthodox: John and Geoffrey.

Is Anyone Sick? "Let him call the presbyters," as it says in the Epistle of St James. If you know anyone who needs attention please let Fr George know. Call 203 209-9374 and leave a message.

Is Anyone Better? If you have submitted any names for the list of prayers for the sick and that person has recovered, please let us know so we can keep the list a manageable length.

Administrative

Deadline for Submissions: Notices from parishioners or parish organizations must be submitted to Fr George by the 18th of the month for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

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In view of the new decision of the United States Supreme Court on same-sex marriages, and to answer questions that naturally arise, we have included the following statement of our sister diocese in Chicago:

**Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**

**Statement from the Diocesan Chancery on the Contemporary Question of Homosexual
Marriage to the Clergy and Flock of the Diocese**

March 16/29, 2013 Martyrs Sabinus and Papas

Updated November 8/21, 2014 Archangel Michael and All the Bodiless Powers

Updated June 13/26, 2015 Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria

Today the United States Supreme Court ruled that homosexual marriage is a constitutional right in the United States of America. Given the ubiquitous coverage the news media is providing on this issue it is important that our clergymen and parishioners fully understand the position of the Church in this regard.

Living in a free society as we do, we should first be thankful that we have the opportunity to practice our Orthodox Faith without inordinate interference from the government. In recent history this was not the case in Russia, and is still not the case in many countries throughout the world. In a free society all views can be shared in the public arena – both views we agree with as Orthodox Christians and those we disagree with. We call upon our flock to be guided first and foremost by the Holy Tradition of the Church in discerning whether any contemporary question is something that is compatible to the Orthodox faith. If an Orthodox Christian chooses to engage in public political discourse this should be done with moderation and with a firm intention and watchfulness not to fall into extremism. Extremism is not conducive to softening hearts or bringing others to the faith. **Laymen who choose to engage in political speech should not state that they speak on behalf of the Church.** Strictly speaking such an authoritative statement can be made only by a bishop or with a bishop's specific blessing.

It should also be made clear that living a homosexual or any other sinful lifestyle is not compatible with Christianity and this has always been the teaching of the Church. That being stated, it is also crucial to state that the Church is a Spiritual Hospital and all those wishing to receive the healing freely offered by God through their repentance and God's Grace are fully welcome. This includes those who have participated in immoral or unnatural acts of any kind as well as those who are tempted by such sins. The Church is empathetic to those who suffer in such a way and offers them support, healing, and Christian love. Those actively engaging in any immoral or unnatural pursuits cannot live a full sacramental life within the Church. However, this does not mean that we seek to drive away or ostracize those who have transgressed in such a way. Rather, we must make all efforts to draw those in such an unfortunate situation back to chastity and the opportunity to again partake in the Life-Giving Mysteries of the Church and to engage the struggle for their salvation within the parish community.

Today's Supreme Court ruling makes homosexual marriage legal in the United States. It should be made clear that under no circumstances will the Church recognize homosexual marriage, accord it the status of traditional marriage, or bless such unions. However, this is not to state that those who have entered into such a union have stepped beyond a line from which they cannot return. The Church has always strongly condemned heresies (such as Novatianism, Montanism, and Donatism) which deny the possibility of repentance for those having committed certain sins. It is crucial that our clergymen not shy away from the position of the Church as regards the sinfulness of homosexuality and other unnatural expressions of the God-given gift of human sexuality – but it is also crucial that such statements be made with love and with a corresponding invitation to repentance and reconciliation with the Church.

We call upon all to pray for our land – that the Lord will forgive us our collective societal sins as well as our personal sins and provide us a safe haven which allows us to work out our salvation in peace.



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V. Rev. George Lardas, Rector

St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Calendar – July 2015

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28 Jun (15 Jul) 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 3 Liturgy 9:30 am Fast day	29 (16) Fast day	30 (17) Fast day	1 Jul (18 Jun) Fast day	2 (19) Fast day	3 (20) Fast day	4 (21) Independence Day Moleben and Bell Ringing 1:30 pm St John Maximovitch Moleben 3 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day
5 (22) 5 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 4 Liturgy 9:30 am Fast day	6 (23) Vespers for St John the Baptist 6:30 pm Fast day	7 (24) Nativity of St John the Baptist No services Fast day	8 (25) Fast day	9 (26) Tikhvin Icon of the Theotokos Moleben 6:30 pm Fast day	10 (27) Fast day	11 (28) Vigil with Litya 5 pm Fast day
12 (29) 6 th Sunday after Pentecost Ss Peter & Paul Tone 5 Liturgy 9:30 am	13 (30)	14 (1 Jul)	15 (2) Fast day	16 (3)	17 (4) Royal Martyrs Moleben 6:30 pm	18 (5) St Sergius of Radonezh Moleben 3 pm Vigil 5 pm
19 (6) 7 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 6 Liturgy 9:30 am	20 (7)	21 (8) Kazan Icon of the Theotokos Moleben 6:30 pm	22 (9) Fast day	23 (10)	24 (11) St Olga Moleben 6:30 pm Fast day	25 (12) Vigil 5 pm
26 (13) 8 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 7 Holy Fathers of the 6 Ec Councils Liturgy 9:30 am	27 (14)	28 (15) St Vladimir Moleben 6:30 pm	29 (16) Fast day	30 (17)	31 (18) Fast day	1 Aug (19 Jul) Vigil 5 pm

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St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Calendar – August 2015

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26 Jul (13 Jul) 8 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 7 Holy Fathers of the 6 Ec Councils Liturgy 9:30 am	27 (14)	28 (15) St Vladimir Moleben 6:30 pm	29 (16) Fast day	30 (17)	31 (18) Fast day	1 Aug (19 Jul) St Seraphim Vigil 5 pm
2 (20) 9 th Sunday after Pentecost, Prophet Elias Tone 8 Liturgy 9:30 am	3 (21)	4 (22)	5 (23) Fast day	6 (24) Ss Boris & Gleb Moleben 6:30 pm	7 (25) Fast day	8 (26) Vigil 5 pm
9 (27) 10 th Sunday after Pentecost St Panteleimon Tone 1 Liturgy 9:30 am	10 (28)	11 (29)	12 (30) Fast day	13 (31) Moleben to the Cross and Small Blessing of Waters 6:30 pm	14 (1 Aug) Dormition Fast begins, Procession of the Precious Cross Paraclesis 6:30 p Fast day	15 (2) Vigil 5 pm Fast day
16 (3) 11 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 2 Liturgy 9:30 am Fast day	17 (4) Paraclesis 6:30 p Fast day	18 (5) Vigil with Litya and Blessing of Grapes 6:30 pm Fast day	19 (6) TRANSFIGURATION of our Lord Liturgy 9:30 am Fast day	20 (7) Fast day	21 (8) Paraclesis 6:30 p Fast day	22 (9) Vigil 5 pm Fast day
23 (10) 12 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 3 Liturgy 9:30 am Fast day	24 (11) Paraclesis 6:30 p Fast day	25 (12) Fast day	26 (13) Paraclesis 6:30 p Fast day	27 (14) Vigil with Litya 6:30 pm Fast day	28 (15) DORMITION of the Most Holy Theotokos Liturgy 9:30 am Fast day	29 (16) Icon Not-Made-by-Hand Moleben 3 pm Vigil 5 pm
30 (17) 13 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 4 Liturgy 9:30 am	31 (18)	1 Sep (19 Aug)	Dormition Fast, Friday 14 August – Friday 28 August: During this period we abstain from meat, eggs, dairy products and fish. On Saturdays and Sundays we may have wine and oil. On Transfiguration Day, Wednesday 19 August, we may have fish, wine and oil.		4 (22) Fast day	5 (23) Vigil 5 pm

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Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Календарь – Июль 2015 г.

О. Георгий Лардас, Настоятель – Телефон 203 / 209-9374

Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
28 Июл (15 Июн) N ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч День постный	29 (16) День постный	30 (17) День постный	1 Июл (18 Июн) День постный	2 (19) День постный	3 (20) День постный	4 (21) День <i>Независимости</i> Молебен 1:30 ч Св Иоанна Максимовича Молебен 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
5 (22) N ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	6 (23) Вечерня Св Иоанна Предтечи 6:30 ч веч День постный	7 (24) Рождество Св Иоанна Предтечи Литургии нет День постный	8 (25) День постный	9 (26) День постный	10 (27) День постный	11 (28) Всенощная с литией 5 ч веч
12 (29) N ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Свв Перво- верховных Апп Петра и Павла Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	13 (30) День постный	14 (1 Июл) День постный	15 (2) День постный	16 (3) День постный	17 (4) Свв Царственных Мучеников Молебен 6:30 ч веч День постный	18 (5) Преп Сергия Радонежского Молебен 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч
19 (6) N ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	20 (7) День постный	21 (8) Казанской Божией Матери Молебен 6:30 ч веч	22 (9) День постный	23 (10) День постный	24 (11) Св Равноап Ольги Молебен 6:30 ч веч День постный	25 (12) Всенощная 5 ч веч
26 (13) N ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Свв Отцев бн Вселенских Соборов Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	27 (14) Вечерня Св Владимиру 6:30 ч веч	28 (15) Св Владимира	29 (16) День постный	30 (17) День постный	31 (18) День постный	1 Авг (20 Июл) Всенощная 5 ч веч

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Понедельник 21 Сентября – Рождество Пресв Богородицы
Воскресенье 27 Сентября – Воздвижение Чест Креста (день постный)

Воскресенье 1 Ноября – Конец летнего времени
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Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Календарь – Август 2015 г.

О. Георгий Лардас, Настоятель – Телефон 203 / 209-9374

Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
26 Июл (13 Июл) № ^{ав} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Свв Отцев би Вселенских Соборов Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	27 (14) Вечерня Св Владимиру 6:30 ч веч	28 (15) Св Владимира	29 (16) День постный	30 (17)	31 (18) День постный	1 Авг (19 Июл) Преп Серафима Саровского Всенощная 5 ч веч
2 (20) № ^{ав} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Св Пророка Илии Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	3 (21)	4 (22)	5 (23) День постный	6 (24) Свв Бориса и Глеба Молебен 6:30 ч веч	7 (25) День постный	8 (26) Всенощная 5 ч веч
9 (27) № ^{ав} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Св Безреб Пантелеимона Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	10 (28)	11 (29)	12 (30) День постный	13 (31) Молебен Кресту и Малое Водоосвящение 6:30 ч веч	14 (1 Авг) Начало Успен- ского поста, Происхождение Честного Креста Молебный Канон Пресв Богородице	15 (2) Всенощная 5 ч веч
16 (3) № ^{ав} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	17 (4) Молебный Канон Пресв Богородице 6:30 ч веч День постный	18 (5) Всенощная с литией и освящение винограда 6:30 ч веч День постный	19 (6) ПРЕОБРА- ЖЕНИЕ ГОСПОДНЕ Литургия 9:30 ч утра День постный	20 (7)	21 (8) Молебный Канон Пресв Богородице 6:30 ч веч День постный	22 (9) Всенощная 5 ч веч
23 (10) № ^{ав} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	24 (11) Молебный Канон Пресв Богородице 6:30 ч веч День постный	25 (12)	26 (13) Молебный Канон Пресв Богородице 6:30 ч веч День постный	27 (14) Всенощная с литией 6:30 ч веч День постный	28 (15) УСПЕНИЕ Пресвятая Богородицы Литургия 9:30 ч утра День постный	29 (16) Нерукотворен- ного Образа Молебен 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч
30 (17) № ^{ав} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас N Литургия 9:30 ч	31 (18)	1 Сен (19 Авг)	Успенский Пост, Пят 14 (1) Авг – Пят 28 (15) Авг: В это время воздерживаемся от мяса, яиц и молочных продуктов и рыба. По Субботам разрешаются вино и елей (масло). На Преображение, Среда 19 Августа, и на Успение, Пятница 28 Августа, разрешается вино, едей и рыба.	4 (22) День постный	5(23) Всенощная 5 ч веч	

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St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Schedule of Services – July and August 2015

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Apostles' Fast, Monday 8 June (26 May) – Sunday 12 July (29 June): Abstinence from meat, eggs and dairy products. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we also abstain from fish, wine and oil.				
Independence Day				
Sat	4 Jul	21 Jun	1:30 pm 2:00 pm	Moleben Bell Ringing
St John Maximovitch				
Sat	4 Jul	22 Jun	3:00 pm	Moleben
5th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 4				
Sat	4 Jul	21 Jun	5:00 pm	Vigil with Litya
Sun	5 Jul	22 Jun	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy
Nativity of St John the Baptist				
Mon	6 Jul	23 Jun	6:30 pm	Vespers
Tikhvin Icon				
Thu	9 Jul	26 Jun	6:30 pm	Moleben
6th Sunday after Pentecost, Ss Peter & Paul, Tone 5				
Sat	11 Jul	28 Jun	5:00 pm	Vigil with Litya
Sun	12 Jul	29 Jun	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy
Royal Martyrs				
Fri	17 Jul	4 Jul	6:30 pm	Moleben
St Sergius of Radonezh				
Sat	18 Jul	5 Jul	3:00 pm	Moleben
7th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6				
Sat	18 Jul	5 Jul	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	19 Jul	6 Jul	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy
Kazan Icon of the Mother of God				
Tue	21 Jul	8 Jul	6:30 pm	Moleben
St Olga				
Fri	24 Jul	11 Jul	6:30 pm	Moleben
8th Sun after Pent, Fathers of the 6 Ec Councils, Tone 7				
Sat	25 Jul	12 Jul	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	26 Jul	13 Jul	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy
St Vladimir				
Tue	28 Jul	15 Jul	5:00 pm	Vigil with Litya
9th Sunday of Pentecost, Tone 8				
Sat	1 Aug	21 Jul	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	2 Aug	20 Jul	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy

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Ss Boris and Gleb				
Thu	6 Aug	24 Jul	3:00 pm	
10th Sunday after Pentecost, St Panteleimon, Tone 1				
Sat	8 Aug	26 Jul	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	9 Aug	27 Jul	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confessions Divine Liturgy
Procession of the Precious Cross (1st Feast of our Saviour)				
Thu	13 Aug	31 Jul	6:30 pm	Moleben, Lesser Blessing of Waters
Dormition Fast, Fri 14 Aug – Fri 28 Aug: During this period we abstain from meat, eggs, dairy products and fish. On Saturdays and Sundays we may have wine and oil. On Transfiguration Day, Wednesday 19 August, we may have fish, wine and oil.				
Paracletis – Supplicatory Canon to the Most Holy Theotokos				
Fri	14 Aug	1 Aug	6:30 pm	Paracletis
Mon	17 Aug	4 Aug	6:30 pm	Paracletis
Fri	21 Aug	8 Aug	6:30 pm	Paracletis
Mon	24 Aug	11 Aug	6:30 pm	Paracletis
Wed	26 Aug	13 Aug	6:30 pm	Paracletis
11th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2				
Sat	15 Aug	2 Aug	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	16 Aug	3 Aug	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy
TRANSFIGURATION of our Lord (Second Feast of our Saviour in August), fish, wine and oil permitted				
Tue	18 Aug	5 Aug	5:00 pm	Vigil with Litya and blessing of grapes
Wed	19 Aug	6 Aug	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confessions Divine Liturgy, 2 nd blessing of grapes
12th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 3				
Sat	22 Aug	9 Aug	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	23 Aug	10 Aug	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy
DORMITION of the Theotokos; Fish, wine and oil permitted				
Thu	27 Aug	14 Aug	6:30 pm	Vigil with Litya
Fri	28 Aug	15 Aug	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confessions Divine Liturgy, Blessing of flowers
Icon Not-Made-by-Hand (3rd Feast of our Saviour)				
Sat	29 Aug	16 Aug	3:00 pm	Moleben
13th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 4				
Sat	29 Aug	16 Aug	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	30 Aug	17 Aug	9:00 am 9:30 am	Hours and Confession Divine Liturgy

Св-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Расписание Богослужений – Июль и Август 2015 г.

О. Георгий Лардас, Настоятель – Телефон 203 / 209-9374

<i>День</i>	<i>Новый</i>	<i>Старый</i>	<i>Время</i>	<i>Служба</i>
<i>Стиль</i>	<i>Стиль</i>			
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Гражданский праздник, День Независимости				
Суб	4 Июл	21 Июн	1:30 ч дня	Молебен
			2:00 ч дня	Трезвон
Свят Иоанна Максимовича				
Суб	4 Июл	21 Июн	3:00 ч дня	Молебен
5^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 4				
Суб	4 Июл	22 Июн	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная с Литией
Вос	5 Июл	23 Июн	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
Рождество Св Иоанна Крестителя				
Пон	6 Июл	23 Июн	6:30 ч веч	Вечерня
Тихвинской Иконы Божией Матери				
Чет	9 Июл	26 Июн	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
6^{ая} Нед по Пят, Свв Апп Петра и Павла, Глас 5				
Суб	12 Июл	29 Июн	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	13 Июл	30 Июн	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
Царственных Мучеников				
Пят	17 Июл	4 Июл	6:30 ч дня	Молебен
Преп Сергия Радонежского				
Суб	18 Июл	5 Июл	3:00 ч дня	Молебен
7^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 6				
Суб	18 Июл	6 Июл	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	19 Июл	7 Июл	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
Казанской Божией Матери				
Вто	21 Июл	8 Июл	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
Св Ольги				
Пят	24 Июл	11 Июл	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
8^{ая} Нед по Пят, Св Отцев бн Всел Соборов, Глас 7				
Суб	25 Июл	12 Июл	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	26 Июл	13 Июл	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
Св Равноап Владимира				
Вто	28 Июл	15 Июл	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
9^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 8				
Суб	1 Авг	19 Июл	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	2 Авг	20 Июл	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия

<i>День</i>	<i>Новый</i>	<i>Старый</i>	<i>Время</i>	<i>Служба</i>
<i>Стиль</i>	<i>Стиль</i>			
Свв Страстотерцев Бориса и Глеба				
Чет	6 Авг	24 Июл	6:30 ч дня	Молебен
10^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Св Пантелеимона, Глас 1				
Суб	8 Авг	26 Июл	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	9 Авг	27 Июл	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
Происхождение Честнаго Креста (Первый Спас)				
Чет	13 Авг	31 Июл	6:30 ч дня	Молебен, Малое Водоосвящение
Успенский Пост, Пят 14 (1) Авг – Пят 28 (15) Авг: В это время воздерживаемся от мяс, яиц и молочных продуктов и рыба. По Субботам разрешаются вино и елей (масло). На Преображение, Среда 19 Августа, и на Успение, Пятница 28 Августа, разрешается вино, елей и рыба.				
Молебный Канон Пресв Богородице (Параклитис)				
Пят	15 Авг	2 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Молебный Канон
Пон	17 Авг	4 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Молебный Канон
Пят	21 Авг	6 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Молебный Канон
Пон	24 Авг	11 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Молебный Канон
Пон	26 Авг	13 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Молебный Канон
11^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 2				
Суб	15 Авг	2 Авг	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	16 Авг	3 Авг	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
ПРЕОБРАЖЕНИЕ ГОСПОДНЕ (Второй Спас), разрешаются рыба, вино и елей				
Вто	18 Авг	5 Авг	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная с литией и освящ винограда
Сре	19 Авг	6 Авг	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия, и освящ винограда
12^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 3				
Суб	22 Авг	9 Авг	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	23 Авг	10 Авг	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
УСПЕНИЕ ПРЕСВ БОГОРОДИЦЫ, конец поста				
Чет	27 Авг	14 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Всенощная с литией
Пят	28 Авг	15 Авг	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия, освящение цветов
Нерукотворенного Образа (Третий Спас)				
Суб	29 Авг	16 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
13^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 4				
Суб	29 Авг	16 Авг	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	30 Авг	17 Авг	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия