

St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – June 2012

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Announcements

In Memoriam

This June bulletin is sponsored by Marty and Joan Hudobenko in remembrance of the Hudobenko and Mirasola Families. May their memory be eternal!

Verse: Never man spake like this man. – John 7:46.

СТІХЪ: НИКОЛИЖЕ ЧАКЪ ѢСТЬ ГЛАГОЛАХЪ ЧЕЛОВѢКЪ, ЯКО
ЕИИ ЧЕЛОВѢКЪ. – **ѦТЪ ІѦАΝΝΑ ΓΑ 3, ρΤ ΜΣ.**

Стихъ: Никогда человекъ не говорилъ такъ, какъ
Этотъ Человекъ. – Отъ Иоанна 7:46.

Commentary: This is from the Gospel reading for Pentecost, and is the reply of the men sent to arrest our Lord Who was teaching in the Temple when the authorities asked why they did not bring Him. The teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ is not equaled by anyone anywhere at any time, for it has the authority of God, and these are the words of life.

Pentecost

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast shown forth the Fishermen as supremely wise by sending down on them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion, Tone 8: When He descended and confounded the tongues, the Most High divided the nations, and when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men into unity; and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

Пятидесятница, Св Троица

Тропарь, гласъ ѱ: Благословенъ ѡи Христѣ Божѣ нашъ,
ѱже прелъзары ловцы ѡбави, низполовъ ѱмъ дъха свѣтаго,
и чкъми оуловави вселенню, Человѣколюбче слава тебѣ.

Кондакъ, гласъ ѱ: Ѣгда снизшедохъ азъики слѣ, раздалаше
ше азъики вѣшній: Ѣгда же ѡгненнымъ азъики раздалаше, въ
соединеніе всѣ призва, и согласно славному Реевѣтаго дъха.

This Bulletin

Sponsor the Bulletin: If you wish to sponsor any future issues in whole or in part, please contact our treasurer, Anastasia Milligan or ask at the Candle Desk. You may donate in memory of a departed relative, or for some milestone, a birthday, anniversary or other celebration. The cost of the Bulletin is approximately \$125.

The Bulletin by Email: It costs about \$1.25 each to produce copies of the Bulletin. Please consider receiving the Bulletin by email, which costs nothing. If you wish to change to email, please contact glardas@cs.com. We also invite our readers to support this Bulletin by donations. **Do you wish to be taken off our mailing list?** Please contact us and we will remove your

name from our monthly bulletin mailing.

Services

Soul Saturday: The final Memorial Saturday in the year is on the Eve of Pentecost. We will serve a General Pannychida at 3 pm Saturday 11 June. We will read all the Commemoration Lists at the Candle Desk. If you wish to add the names of any loved ones, please leave them at the Candle Desk by the end of the Liturgy on Sunday 27 May.

Pentecost: This is one of the 12 Great Feasts. Vigil with Litya will be at 5 pm Saturday 2 June, and the Divine Liturgy for the Feast at 10 am on Sunday 3 June. The Divine Liturgy will be immediately followed by Vespers for Pentecost with the Kneeling Prayers. The Vespers service is only about 45 minutes long and contains seven prayers read in three groups asking the Holy Spirit to descend on us and on the Church and to keep us under His protection.

Pentecost Week: Because of the joy of the Feast, the week following Pentecost is fast-free, and therefore we may eat meat, eggs and dairy products even on Wednesday and Friday 6 and 8 June.

Apostles' Fast: This fast begins on the day after the Sunday of All Saints, that is to say Monday 11 June and ends on the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, Thursday 12 July. The beginning of this fast depends on the date of Pascha, and so this year this fast is three 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.

Brenda Hall Memorial: At the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 24 June, we will serve a Pannychida in memory of our beloved Senior Sister, Brenda Hall. Her family and friends will sponsor the Coffee Hour in her memory.

Our Parish

Graduation Party: Fr George and Matushka Ann invite our parishioners to their house, 340 Woodstock Ave in Stratford after Coffee Hour on Sunday 10 June to celebrate the graduation of their sons, Reader James from the University of New Haven, and John from Stratford High School.

Candle Desk Duty: We need people to watch the Candle Desk, handle donations, light candles, and ring the bell during services – one person for Vigil and two for the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately, we are not always able to find people for all positions. It is sad for visitors to come and find no parishioners to

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greet them, but only the servers and singers. Please sign up if you are able to come.

Lampada Sponsorship: Offerings may be made to sponsor the lighting 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.

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.

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

Weekly Announcements: At the end of the Liturgy Fr George gives the weekly announcements from the Ambo. But not all are present when the announcements are made. If you wish to receive a weekly email copy of the Announcements, please send Fr George an email at glardas@cs.com, and your name will be added to the distribution. The Weekly Announcements include the hymns sung that Sunday and the Epistle and Gospel readings.

Sisterhood

Coffee Hour Supplies: The Sisterhood again is in need of donations of supplies for our Coffee Hour. We need paper plates, Styrofoam soup bowls, cups, and paper napkins. We also need food supplies and willing hands to help prepare, set things up and clean up. Please see Joan Hudobenko if you wish to help.

Our Children

Church School Graduation: This will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of All Saints, which is the Sunday after Pentecost, 10 June, along with a moleben to mark the end of the school year. We ask all Church School children and their teachers to attend. We will also congratulate all graduates in our parish from all schools or colleges. If you have children in school and wish to have their names commemorated, please submit them to the Candle Desk by the end of the Liturgy of that day.

St Seraphim's Orthodox Summer Camp: The eighteenth 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 July 29 through August 6, which includes the feast of St Seraphim of Sarov. The cost is \$275.00 per child, but will increase to \$300 after July 5, so register early.

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 5 July but it often fills up fast. If you are interested, please contact Fr George or email Fr Alexis Duncan at fralexis@bellsouth.net, or call 678 613-2270, or visit the website at <http://www.stseraphimcamp.com/>.

Orthodox Neighbors

Food Festival: St George's Albanian Church, 5490 Main St, Trumbull, will have a Food Festival from 10 am to 8 pm Saturday 16 June. Dine in or take out. Ethnic Bakery and "Take a Chance" Table. Free parking and admission.

We remind our parishioners that this will be during the Apostles Fast, and so take any non-fasting food home frozen to be used when the Fast ends on Ss Peter and Paul, Thursday 12 July.

Liturgical Notes

Green: Green vestments are used from the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday 2 June through the end of Pentecost Week. If green is not available, we use white.

Greens and Branches: On Saturday afternoon, 2 June, before the Vigil on the eve of Pentecost, the church is decorated with branches of birch and other trees to remind us of the newness of life in the Holy Spirit. We need the men in our parish to help cut the branches.

Red: Before Vigil on the eve of All Saints, Saturday 9 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, Tuesday afternoon, 11 July. *The red cloths should be dry cleaned during the Paschal period, so that they may be ready before Pentecost.*

Gold: Before Vigil on the eve of Ss Peter and Paul, Tuesday 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, Sunday 13 August.

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 the patient's express permission, so if you want the priest to know your 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 fiancé, John, who is stationed in a troubled zone in the Middle East. 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.

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

Ailing Clergy: Archbishop Paul (Pavlos) of Astoria (Greek Old-Calendar), Bishop Nikon (OCA), Protopriest Theodore Shevzov, Reader Vladimir.

Ailing Parishioners: Emilia Hramov, Martin Hudobenko, Kiril (Charles) Nettle, Matushka Katherine Papov, Olga Paradiso, Vera Peebles and her daughter Janet, Galina Penchuk, child Viacheslav Rakov, Galina Rudins, Angelina Schneider, Tatiana Sergievsky, Michael Shigalkowski, Elena Skorik, Irina Stettinin, John (Howard) Weinberg, Denis Zimbalkin.

Ailing Orthodox: Uliana Drobot, Nina Boldyreff, Nadezhda Jakovenko, Helen Raduk, Yvette (Eve) Girard, Sophia, Peter Nelson, Desislava Dimitrova, and Margaret, and Galina Rudins' daughter-in-law Elizabeth (Lori), and also the servants of God Velitchka and Sophia. Prayers are also asked for child Taras, and infant Matvey and infant Gabriel John, born premature.

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

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

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

Soldiers, Orthodox: Michael.

Soldiers, Non-Orthodox: John.

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Please mark these events of the coming months in your calendar:

Thursday 12 July – Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles' Fast ends

Tuesday 14 August – Dormition Fast begins

Sunday 19 August – Transfiguration Day

Tuesday 28 August – Dormition of the Theotokos, Fast ends

Sunday 2 September – Altar Boy Workshop



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St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 May (14 May) 7 th Sunday of Pascha, The 1 st Ecumenical Council Tone 6 Liturgy 10 am Memorial 12 pm	28 (15) <i>Memorial Day</i> Memorial on Sun 27 May	29 (16)	30 (17) Fast day	31 (18)	1 Jun (19 May) Fast day	2 (20) Soul Saturday, General Pannychida, 3 pm Vigil with Litya 5 pm
3 (21) PENTECOST Trinity Sunday Ss Constantine and Helen Liturgy 10 am Kneeling Vespers 12 pm	4 (22) 2 nd Day of Pentecost Holy Spirit Day No services	5 (23) Third Day of Pentecost No services	6 (24) Pentecost Week Fast free	7 (25) Pentecost Week	8 (26) Pentecost Week Fast free	9 (27) Pentecost Week Vigil 5 pm
10 (28) Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints Tone 8 Liturgy 10 am Church School Graduation	11 (29) Apostles' Fast Begins Fast day	12 (30) Fast day	13 (31) Fast day	14 (1 Jun) Fast day	15 (2) Fast day	16 (3) Vigil 5 pm Fast day
17 (4) 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints of Russia Tone 1 Liturgy 10 am <i>Father's Day</i> Fast day	18 (5) Fast day	19 (6) Fast day	20 (7) Fast day	21 (8) Fast day	22 (9) Fast day	23 (10) Vigil 5 pm Fast day
24 (11) 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Tone 2 Liturgy 10 am Fast day	25 (12) Fast day	26 (13) Fast day	27 (14) Fast day	28 (15) Fast day	29 (16) Fast day	30 (17) St John Maximovitch Moleben 3:30 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day
1 Jul (18 Jun) 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 3 Liturgy 10 am Fast day	2 (19) Fast day	3 (20) Fast day	4 (21) <i>Independence Day</i> Moleben 1:30 pm and Bell ringing 2 pm Fast day	5 (22) Fast day	6 (23) Vespers for St John the Baptist 6:30 pm Fast day	7 (24) Nativity of St John the Baptist Vigil 5 pm Fast day

Note: Dates in parentheses are Old Style (Julian Calendar).

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Sunday 9 September – Church School begins

Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Календарь – Июнь 2012 г.

О. Георгий Лардас, Настоятель – Телефон 203 / 386-9516 Церковный Дом; Сетовой: 203 / 209-9374

Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
27 Июнь (14 Мая) 7 ^{ая} Нед Пасхи, Свв Отцев 1 ^{аго} Вселенского Собора, Глас 6 Литургия 10 ч у Панихида 12 ч дня	28 (5) <i>Гражданский праздник, День Поминовение Погибших на Поле Брани</i> Панихида Вос 27 Мая	29 (16)	30 (17) День постный	31 (18)	1 Июнь (19 Мая) День постный	2(20) Род Суб Общая Панихида 3:00 ч дня Всенощная с литией 5 ч веч
3 (21) Пятидесятница Святыя Троицы Свв Констан- тина и Елены Литургия 10 ч у Вечерня Коле- нопоклонения 12 ч дня	4 (22) 2й День Троицы Духов День Богослужений нет	5 (23) Третий День Троицы Богослужений нет	6 (24) Троицкая Седмица Поста нет	7 (25) Троицкая Седмица	8 (26) Троицкая Седмица Поста нет	9 (27) Троицкая Седмица Всенощная 5 ч веч
10 (28) Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Всех Святых Глас 8 Литургия 10 ч утра Окончание Церк Школы	11 (29) Начало Петрова Поста День постный	12 (30) День постный	13 (31) День постный	14 (1 Июнь) День постный	15 (2) День постный	16 (3) Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
17 (4) 2 ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Всех Свв на Земли Российстей Глас 1 Литургия 10 ч День постный	18 (5) День постный	19 (6) День постный	20 (7) День постный	21 (8) День постный	22 (9) День постный	23 (10) Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
24 (11) 3 ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 2 Литургия 10 ч День постный	25 (12) День постный	26 (13) День постный	27 (14) День постный	28 (15) День постный	29 (16) День постный	30 (17) Свят Иоанна Максимовича Молебен 3:30 ч Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
1 Июль (18 Июнь) 4 ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 3 Литургия 10 ч День постный	2 (19) День постный	3 (20) День постный	4 (21) <i>День Независимости</i> Молебен 1:30 ч Трезвон 2 ч дня День постный	5 (22) День постный	6 (23) Вечерня Св Иоанна Предтечи 6:30 ч веч День постный	7(24) Рождество Св Иоанна Предтечи Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный

Замечание: Все даты в скобках по старому стилю (по юлианскому календарю).

Отметьте эти наступающие события в вашем календаре:

Четверг 12 Июля – Свв Апп Петра и Павла, конец Петрова поста

Вторник 14 Августа – Начало Успенского Поста

Воскресенье 19 Августа – Преображение

Вторник 28 Августа – Успение Пресв Богородицы, конец поста

Воскресенье 2 Сентября – Собрание прислужников

Воскресенье 9 Сентября – Начало Церковной Школы

**St Nicholas Russian
Orthodox Church
Schedule of Services
June 2012**

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<i>Day</i>	<i>New Style</i>	<i>Old Style</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
Soul Saturday				
Sat	2 Jun	20 May	3:00 pm	General Pannychida
PENTECOST, TRINITY SUNDAY, Ss Constantine and Helen				
Sat	2 Jun	20 May	5:00 pm	Vigil with Litya
Sun	3 Jun	21 May	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			12:00 pm	Kneeling Vespers
Pentecost Week, 3-9 June (21-27 May) Fast Free				
1st Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of All Saints, Tone 8				
Sat	9 Jun	27 May	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	10 Jun	28 May	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Apostles' Fast, Monday 11 June (29 May) – Thursday 12 July (29 June): Abstinence from meat, eggs and dairy products. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we also abstain from fish, wine and oil.				
2nd Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints of Russia, Tone 1				
Sat	18 Jun	5 Jun	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	19 Jun	6 Jun	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 2				
Sat	23 Jun	10 Jun	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	24 Jun	11 Jun	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
St John Maximovitch				
Sat	30 Jun	17 Jun	3:30 pm	Moleben
4th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 3				
Sat	30 Jun	17 Jun	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	1 Jul	18 Jun	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Independence Day				
Sun	4 Jul	21 Jun	1:30 pm	Moleben
			2:00 pm	Bell ringing
Nativity of St John the Baptist				
Fri	6 Jul	23 Jun	6:30 pm	Vespers

**Свято-Николаевская Русская
Православная Церковь
Расписание Богослужений
Июнь 2012 г.**

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<i>День</i>	<i>Новый Стиль</i>	<i>Старый Стиль</i>	<i>Время</i>	<i>Служба</i>
Родительская Суббота				
Суб	2 Июнь	20 Мая	3:00 ч дня	Общая паннихида
ПЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦА, ТРОИЦА, Свв Константина и Елены				
Суб	2 Июнь	20 Мая	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная с литией
Вос	3 Июнь	21 Мая	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
			12:00 ч дня	Вечерня Коленопоклонения
Троицкая Седмица, 3-9 Июня (21-27 Мая) Поста нет				
1^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Всех Святых, Глас 8				
Суб	9 Июнь	27 Мая	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	10 Июнь	28 Мая	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
Петров Пост, Понедельник 11 Июня (29 Мая) – Четверг 12 Июля (29 Июня): Воздержание от мяса, яиц и молочных продуктов, а по средам и пятницам воздержание и от рыбы, вина и еляя.				
2^{ая} Нед по Пят, Всех Свв на земле Российской, Гл 1				
Суб	18 Июнь	5 Июнь	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	19 Июнь	6 Июнь	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
3^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Гл 2				
Суб	23 Июнь	10 Июнь	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	24 Июнь	11 Июнь	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
Свят Иоанна Максимовича				
Суб	30 Июнь	17 Июнь	3:30 ч дня	Молебен
4^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Гл 3				
Суб	30 Июнь	17 Июнь	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	1 Июль	18 Июнь	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
Гражданский праздник, День Независимости				
Вос	4 Июль	21 Июнь	1:30 ч дня	Молебен
			2:00 ч дня	Трезвон
Рождество Св Иоанна Предтечи				
Пят	6 Июль	23 Июнь	6:30 ч веч	Вечерня