

# St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – March 2013

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## Announcements

*Verse: For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. – Romans 13:11-12.*

**СѢДЕНІЕ:** НЫНѢ КО БЛЖАЙШЕЕ НАМЪ СПАСЕНІЕ, НЕЖЕЛИ КЪДА КЪРОВАХОМЪ. НОЦЬ ОУЖЕ ПРѢЙДЕ, А ДЕНЬ ПРИБЛИЖИСА: ОУТЛОЖИМЪ ОУЖЕ ДѢЛА ТМНАА, И ОБЛЕЧЕМСА КО ОРУЖІЕ СВѢТА. – ВЪ РИМЛАНЦОМЪ ГЛА ГИ, СѢ АЛБІ.

**Стихъ:** Ибо нынѣ ближе къ намъ спасеніе, нежели когда мы увѣровали. Ночь прошла, а день приблизился: итакъ отвергнемъ дѣла тмы и облечемся въ оружія свѣта. – Къ Римлянымъ 13:11-12.

### General Parish Meeting

This year's Annual General Parish Meeting will take place after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday 3 March**. We invite all our members to attend and participate. Please remember that those eligible to vote are those who have confessed and received Communion at least once in the past year and who are up to date in their dues. If you wish to participate, please be sure to fulfill your obligations.

**Annual Dues:** We ask our parishioners who are not current in their dues please see our Treasurer, Anastasia Milligan. These dues help maintain our parish and give us the privilege of voting and making our voice heard at the Annual Parish Meeting. Donations over and above the dues are also most welcome.

**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 have an introductory rate for students.

**Election of Parish Officers:** This will take place at the Annual General Parish Meeting on Sunday 3 March. Please let Dexter Peavy (203 387-8744) know if you would like to join the church council. A list of candidates will be posted at the church door before the election.

**Inauguration:** The inauguration of the Parish Officers will take place the following Sunday, 10 March. All Parish Council Members should prepare by Confession and Communion on that day.

### 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.

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### Services

**Daylight Time Begins:** Please remember that Daylight Time begins at 2 am Sunday 10 March. Please set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening 9 March, so as not to be late for church!

**Work Schedule:** Fr George is now working part-time as an adjunct professor and professional tutor at the University of New Haven. His hours are from 10 am to 7:30 pm on Mondays; from 10:30 am to 6:30 pm on Wednesdays; and from 10:30 am to 8:30 pm on Thursdays. The term will end on Wednesday 15 May. Although it is possible for him to trade hours with someone else if needed, this is difficult. Accordingly, Fr George is unavailable for services public or private at those times. The schedule of services in this and following Bulletins will reflect this. In case of emergency call his cell phone, 203 209-9374, and leave a message, and he will return your call at the earliest opportunity.

**General Pannychida:** The Saturday before Meat Fare Sunday is a general commemoration of the dead. The General Pannychida for the repose of all souls that have died in the Lord will be at 12:30 pm Saturday 9 March. We will read the names of the reposed from all the Commemoration Books (*Pomjanniki*) at the Candle Desk. If you wish to add any names to the commemoration of the reposed, please leave your list at the Candle Desk the Sunday before, 3 March.

**Forgiveness Sunday:** Forgiveness Vespers will be immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Forgiveness Sunday 17 March. This is our opportunity to ask each other's forgiveness for any offence knowing or unknowing that we may have committed over the past year, and so to begin Great Lent with a clean slate. The service is not very long, and for those that have difficulty standing through two services, it is permissible to come to the Liturgy late that day. Those that cannot kneel should not feel obliged to do so; those that can should.

**Great Lent:** This year Great Lent begins on Monday 18 March. During Lent we abstain from meat, eggs, dairy products, and fish. On weekdays we also abstain from wine and oil. Let us

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also abstain from every sin, and increase our efforts for spiritual growth. We should increase prayer, attendance at the special Lenten services, almsgiving and other deeds of mercy. Lent is given to us to cleanse our hearts and souls in preparation for our Lord's Resurrection.

Fr George will be able to serve all the scheduled services of the First Week of Lent since this week happens to be spring break for the University of New Haven where he teaches.

**First Day of Lent:** We will serve the entire service of the First Day of Great Lent, Monday 18 March, exactly as done at Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville. The Midnight Office (Nocturnes) begin at 7 am, followed immediately by Matins. The Lenten Hours begin at 10 am followed immediately by Vespers. The services will include readings from the Fathers as appointed by the Typicon. The service should end about 2 pm. The entire service will be in English, and visitors from other parishes are welcome to attend. Due to the length of the service, no one is expected to stay from the very beginning to the very end. A light, completely Lenten repast will be held at the end of the services.

**Great Canon:** The Great Canon of Repentance of St Andrew of Crete will be read at Great Compline on the first four days of Great Lent (in four parts) at 6:30 pm Monday through Thursday 18-21 March. The entire canon will be repeated at Matins on Wednesday evening of the fifth week of Great Lent at 7:30 pm 17 April. This canon sets the tone for the rest of Lent, and is worth attending and paying attention to the words.

**Presanctified Liturgy:** On Wednesdays of Lent it is customary to serve the Presanctified Liturgy. The first Presanctified Liturgy this Lent will be at 10 am Wednesday 20 March. On following Wednesdays, 27 March, 3, 10, 17 and 24 April, the Presanctified Liturgy will be at 7:30 am (note: morning!) due to Fr George's work schedule.

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion should prepare by prayer, fasting and confession. Confessions will begin half an hour before the start of the Presanctified Liturgy.

**Forty Martyrs:** We will serve the Presanctified Liturgy for the Forty Martyrs of Sebastea at 10 am Friday 22 March.

**St Theodore:** To commemorate the miracle of the kollyva by St Theodore Tyro on the first week of Lent during the reign of Julian the Apostate, we will bless kollyva at the end of the Presanctified Liturgy at about 12 noon Friday 22 March.

**Acathist and Lenten Tea:** At 6:30 pm on Fridays 22, 29, March and 5 and 12 April, we will serve the Acathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos. Each of those days we will sing a quarter of the Acathist to the Most Holy Mother of God with Small Compline. On the fifth Friday, 19 April, we will serve the entire Acathist service with Matins. The first four Acathist services will be followed by tea and a spiritual discussion.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy:** A short moleben to celebrate the Triumph of Orthodoxy and the Restoration of the Icons will immediately follow the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, 24 March.

**Soul Saturdays:** The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of Great Lent are appointed for general commemoration of the dead. Accord-

ingly, a General Pannychida will be served on Saturdays 30 March and 6 and 13 April.

We will read the names of the reposed from all the Commemoration Books (*Pomjanniki*) at the Candle Desk. If you wish to add any names to the commemoration of the reposed, please leave your list at the Candle Desk on the Sunday before.

### Our Parish



Pascha.

**Flowers for the Plaschanitsa:** Please notice the collection box for flowers for the Plaschanitsa and for Pascha. This box is next to the analogion (icon stand) in the middle of the church during Lent. Please give a little each time you come to church, and the church will be beautiful with flowers on Good Friday and

**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.

### St Nicholas Church to Host Pan-Orthodox Vespers

**Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers:** This year St Nicholas Church will host the Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, 14 April. These Vespers are sponsored by the Greater Bridgeport Orthodox Clergy Association and are held at various Orthodox churches in the Bridgeport area. The Vespers are every Sunday afternoon during Lent. This year's schedule is as follows. *All services are at 4 pm:*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:* 24 March, *Holy Ghost Orthodox Church*, 1510 East Main St, Bridgeport

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:* 31 March, *St George's Albanian Church*, 5490 Main St, Trumbull

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:* 7 April, *St Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church*, 504 Sport Hill Rd, Easton

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:* 14 April, *St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church*, 1 Honeyspot Rd, Stratford

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:* 21 April, *OCA Connecticut Deanery* Unction Service, Three Saints Church, 26 Howard Ave, Ansonia.

A *Lenten Coffee Hour* is held after Vespers, so that parishioners may meet and be acquainted with Orthodox Christians and clergy from other parishes. We will be hosting the Coffee Hour at St Nicholas Church after Vespers, Sunday 14 April. We ask that all those who are able to contribute lenten foods easy to serve coordinate with our Senior Sister, Joan Hudabenko, so that we may welcome and visit with our Orthodox neighbors.

**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

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structure the bequest so that there is little loss to the estate. Please contact our Starosta, Dexter Peavy, for more information.

### Candle Desk

**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. , Walter Wolog, who handles the sign-up sheet, has a variety of spots open for volunteers, so if all you can cover is one service per month, even this will help.

### Sisterhood

**Bliny:** Our annual *Bliny* luncheon will be after the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Meat Fare at the beginning of Cheese-Fare Week (*Maslenitsa*), 10 March. Please support the Sisterhood by attending and participating in this delicious meal.



**Cheese Paskha and Kulichi:** The Sisterhood of St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church will be selling cheese paskha and kulichi. To place orders, or for information, call Masha Peavy at 203 / 387-8744 or email her at [lpeavy@optonline.net](mailto:lpeavy@optonline.net). **Sales will be by advance order only! Deadline for orders is Palm Sunday, 28 April.** Pickup is in the Church Hall at 3:30 pm Good Friday, 3 May and at 1 pm Holy Saturday, 4 May.

**Сырная Пасха и Куличи:** Сестричество Свято-Николаевской Церкви будет продавать пасхи и куличи. Продажа только по заказу. Раздача будет под церковью в Великую Пятницу, 3 Мая в 3:30 ч дня, или в Великую Субботу, 4 Мая в 1:00ч дня. Заказы нужно делать в церкви или через Машу Пиви по телефону 203 / 387-8744 – email [lpeavy@optonline.net](mailto:lpeavy@optonline.net). **Последний день заказа – Вербное Воскресенье, 28 Апреля!**

**Coffee Hour Supplies:** The Sisterhood is always 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 remember the parish when you are shopping, and see Joan Hudobenko if you wish to help.

**Stay for the Coffee Hour:** In the early Church, the *agape* meal after the Divine Liturgy was considered part of the service. After the Divine Liturgy, our Sisterhood prepares a wonderful meal at a minimal price. Please consider staying for coffee, food, and fellowship, to get to know your fellow parishioners better. If you already attend the coffee hour, invite friends and visitors to stay! Because we ought not talk during the services, this is our time to socialize. We welcome children.

**Sponsor the Coffee Hour:** The Sisterhood is happy to hold the Coffee Hour every Sunday for the sake of fellowship and the community of our Parish. However, we find the same ladies working in the kitchen Sunday after Sunday. Since many of our Sisterhood are no longer so young and able, we are seeking volunteers to give the ladies in the Sisterhood a rest so that they may attend the Divine Liturgy in peace.

We need families or individuals (men can do this too!) to take responsibility for preparing and serving a meal on a rotating basis. Ideally this responsibility would not fall more than once every six weeks or so, and so it would not be a great burden. This is also an opportunity to showcase our culinary skills. It is a Christian duty to support the Parish, and there is much blessing in it. To sign up see Joan Hudobenko.

### Our Children

**Help your children “get into the right spirit” for Pascha...  
Mark your calendar:**

#### ST. NICHOLAS PASCHAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:

**Sunday of Orthodoxy:** Our Church School will participate in a short moleben at the end of the Divine Liturgy on 24 March, the First Sunday of Great Lent. This celebrates the Triumph of Orthodoxy and the Restoration of the Icons. This replaces the regular classes of that day.

**Lenten retreat** - Saturday 20 April at 3:00 (*note the time with Vigil beginning at 5 pm*). Ages 3 and up. Fr George will give a talk, and the children will watch a film that pertains to Lent and Pascha, make a craft, and practice the Paschal troparion. Children will have a pot-luck supper at 4:30 (*new time*) and stay for Vespers; older children may go to Confession. Please enter your child’s name at the Candle Desk.

**St Nicholas Annual Children’s Communion Breakfast** – Sunday 21 April after Holy Communion. All children are invited to a festive breakfast during Coffee Hour. Parents needed to bring and prepare light breakfast fare.

**Divine Liturgy** – Holy Saturday, 4 May – Older children are invited to do readings. Please see Matushka Ann for a reading assignment.

**Children’s Paschal Liturgy** – Bright Monday, 6 May – Children carry icons during the procession (*krestnyj khod*) around the church, followed by an ***Easter egg hunt and lamb dinner for all parishioners.***

**Forgiveness Sunday:** Sunday 17 March, Church School will be shortened so that the children and their teachers may attend Forgiveness Vespers immediately at the end of the Divine Liturgy. We ask parents and parishioners not to make other commitments for this time.

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**Food Drive:** The Food Drive for the Sterling House Food Pantry will resume during Lent. Our Church School will lead this effort. We ask the parents in our parish to help out by sending food, canned goods and hygienic supplies with their children when they come to church. Please remember that during Lent we should increase our almsgiving, and this is one way to help the poor.

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### Choir

**Singers needed:** The Russian composer Chesnokov wrote that the bare minimum required for a Russian choir to be successful is three people per part – two to sing and one to breathe. Come sing with us, so we can breathe better! If you can read Russian letters and sing, come to the kliros and stand with us and the other singers will help you so that we can make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We especially need basses and more singers for the Vigil service. If you cannot read Russian letters, come anyway, and we will teach you.

### Chronicle

**Presentation Parish Feast:** We congratulate our Sister Parish of the Presentation of our Lord with their Parish Feast in February. Metropolitan Hilarion led the festive Vigil on Thursday evening 14 February and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Friday morning 15 February. Serving with Frs Andrei and Constantine Semyanko were Fr Theodore Shevzov and Fr George Lardas of our St Nicholas Parish, and for Vigil, Fr Brendan Crowley from St Nicholas in Springfield MA.

**Fr Constantine Semyanko:** At the Divine Liturgy of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple at the Presentation Church here in Stratford on Friday 15 February, Metropolitan Hilarion raised Fr Constantine Semyanko to the rank of Archpriest. We congratulate Fr Constantine on his elevation. *Axios!*

**Blizzard:** On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February New England and New York City were hit with a tremendous snowstorm, which dumped 36 inches of snow on Stratford. The snow fell in less than a 24-hour period and took a long time to clear away. On Sunday 10 February services were not held at St Nicholas Church, but Fr George distributed the Reader's Service for home use by email and on the Parish Website.



### Fr Stavros Rousos Celebrates 35 Years of Priesthood

*From the website of the Eastern American Diocese:*

January 16 / 29 marks the Feast of the Veneration of the Precious and Honorable Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter. On January 29, 1978, Archpriest Stavros Rousos was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Kyprian, Archbishop of Philadelphia & Eastern Penn-

sylvania (OCA). Fr. Stavros was the choir director and deacon of the Church of All Saints in Olyphant, PA, where the ordination took place. Hearing his confession 35 years ago and signing his ordination papers was the Archpriest John Sorochnka, now dean of St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Mayfield, PA.

In his 35 years of service to our Lord, Fr. Stavros has served the following parishes: St. Herman of Alaska in Shillington, PA; St. Nicholas Church in Stratford, CT (for 20 years); Assumption Greek Church in Danbury, CT; St. Euphrosynia Belarusian Greek Church in South River, NJ, St. Demetrios Greek Church in Bristol, CT; Three Hierarch's Greek Chapel in Storrs, CT, and

### Holy Protection & St. Nektarios Mission Church in Chattanooga, TN.

To honor their rector's milestone, the faithful of the Protection of the Mother of God & St. Nektarios of Aegina Mission Church held a modest banquet for him at a local restaurant in Chattanooga. His son-in-law, Priest Matthew Smith (assistant rector at Holy Protection Mission Church) asked God's blessings on Fr. Stavros, later intoning the Polychronion. At the conclusion of the meal, Reader John Henson rose to speak about the rector's life in the Church, noting his several achievements as a priest, most notably receiving the miter from His Grace, Eastern American Diocesan vicar Bishop George of Mayfield, last spring. Further laudatory words of congratulation were offered by Reader Kyprian Lawrence, Matushka Kyra Smith (Fr. Stavros' daughter), and Billy (Vasily) Sculley (the first adult convert in the parish). Finally, little Xenia Smith (five-year-old granddaughter of Father Stavros) tugged at his ryassa and said, "May I say something, too, Papou ('Grandfather' in Greek – ed.)?" She succinctly said, "Congratulations, Papou! I love you!" That brought many tears and smiles to those who heard the young child speak. Parishioners then presented Fr. Stavros with a cake and a plaque honoring his 35th anniversary.

Fr. Stavros spoke last, expounding briefly about his life in the church, and noting how important it was to have had the support of his loving wife, Matushka Deborah (née Yurchak). Matushka has always been a pillar of strength for Fr. Stavros in his ministry to the Church. In recognition of her 35 years as a matushka, Fr. Stavros later presented his wife with a black onyx ring.

### Book Review – Lenten Reading

**Everyday Saints:** This book, published in 2012, tells how the author, Archimandrite Tikhon (Shevkunov) of Sretinsky Monastery in Moscow, came to the faith from atheism and eventually to the monastic life. He recounts the many, and amazing spiritual examples he met along the way, and in doing so gives us food for thought on the meaning of our lives. The book is narrative and easy to read, yet conveys profound truths. It became a runaway bestseller in Russia, and enjoys widespread readership here in America. This is excellent reading for Lent, and we strongly recommend this book to our parishioners. We have two copies in our Bookstore in Russian, under the title, *Несвятые Святые*, and one or two copies in English. The price is \$25.

**Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives:** This is a small book of advice and counsels of the Elder Thaddeus of Serbia, who reposed in the Lord a few years ago. The main them in this book is that what we think of people, even if we do not say anything to them, affects our relationship with them. The people around us can sense our attitudes and thoughts even when unspoken, and our lives are influenced accordingly. If we wish to live and grow as Christians, we must guide our thoughts and attitudes to the people around us in a Christian way. This can profoundly improve our relationship with God and our neighbor, and repair bad situations. The book is mostly narrative, and easy to read, and we strongly recommend it to our readers. The book is available from St Herman of Alaska Press for \$15 plus shipping. The website is <http://www.stherman.com/>.

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### Thanks

**Matushka Ann's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Fr George, Matushka Ann and their family thank all our parishioners who joined us in the thanksgiving moleben and who stayed to celebrate Matushka's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday party held on Sunday 24 February. We thank you for your kindness and gifts and for welcoming us into the life of our parish family these past thirteen years. And Matushka Ann especially thanks all those who did so much to make the meal and hall so festive!

### Help Wanted

**This section:** *There are some small things that need to be done around our church that we are not able to get to due to short-handedness or lack of time or skill. We are therefore including this section in case someone in our Community is willing and able to help. It is a blessed thing to help the Church and to promote the ministry in even the most mundane ways.*

**Reading Lamp:** The reading lamp at the reading stand by the Choir does not work. The problem seems to be the rotary switch, and not the bulb. The identical reading lamp at the Candle Desk is also in need of repair, as it sometimes works and sometimes does not. If anyone is able to repair these lamps, please see Fr George.

**Parish Records:** Fr George will be computerizing our Parish Records. This involves copying the Metrical Book into an Excel spreadsheet. He needs someone to help who can read (handwriting) and type both Russian and English. Please see Fr George if you can help.

### Orthodox Neighbors

**Pre-Lenten Dinner:** *St John the Baptist Orthodox Church* at 1240 Broadbridge Ave, Stratford, will be holding a Pre-Lenten Dinner in their Church Hall at 5:30 pm Saturday 9 March. The Dinner will feature the Cuisine of Carpatho-Rus: Kolbassi and sauerkraut, halushki, pirogi, Slavic pastries and more. A selection of Slavic themed beverages will also be available. Reservations must be made to Fr Peter Paposki, [rppaproski@gmail.com](mailto:rppaproski@gmail.com), or telephone 203 375-2564, by Sunday 3 March. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-13; children 4 and under are free.

**Nyack Blini:** The *Holy Virgin Protection Church* in Nyack NY is holding their 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maslenitsa-Bliny Banquet from 7:30 pm to 1 am on Friday 15 March at their large and spacious Parish Hall at 51 Prospect Street, Nyack NY 10960. Entertainment includes dancing and a live orchestra. Admission is \$65 per person. For information contact Mrs Cassi Vursta 845 641-4216, email [cassie.vursta@gmail.com](mailto:cassie.vursta@gmail.com), or Mrs Alexandra Paschenko at 267 934-4817. Ticket will not be sold at the door, sales close on 8 March. Dress: Business attire, cocktail dress (please be mindful that this is a Church function). Checks are payable to Holy Virgin Protection Russian School with the ticket order card. Mailing address: Blini Committee, PO Box 839, Nyack NY 10960.

**St John of Shanghai Blini:** Our sister *parish of St John of Shanghai and San Francisco* in Framingham MA is holding their Bliny fundraiser from 7 to 11 pm on Friday 15 March at 300 West Street, Dedham MA. The program includes live Rus-

sian folk instruments, songs, dances, a contest for the best Russian folk costume, a door prize, a raffle, and dancing to 80s music. The menu features borsch and bliny with all the fixings, coffee, tea, desserts, and a glass of wine. Russian souvenirs, jewelry and crafts will be on sale, and there will be a special exposition of Russian artists' work, *From Russia with Art*. Space is limited. Please make reservations by 5 March. Adults \$45, Seniors \$40, Teens aged 13 to 18 and Students with ID \$25.

Call Matushka Tanya at 978 760-0259 or email [sashtank@yahoo.com](mailto:sashtank@yahoo.com).

**Orthodox Men's Retreat:** *Holy Trinity Monastery* in Jordanville NY is hosting a two day men's Lenten retreat from Saturday 13 April through Sunday 14 April. This weekend, the fourth of Great Lent commemorating St. John of the Ladder, is also significant as 13 April is the anniversary of the repose of Archbishop Averky, the former abbot of Holy Trinity Monastery from 1960-1976, and a giant of Orthodoxy in the 20th century.

This retreat, sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ss John the Theologian and Alexander Nevsky in Albany, NY, aims to bring all generations of men together for a weekend of prayer, learning, labor, and fellowship.

All participants will stay at the monastery guesthouse, at a cost of \$20-30 a night. There is room for 45 people, but if more come we will find a place for them to stay. There is also a suggested \$10-20 donation to cover the cost of food.

### Liturgical Notes

**Gold:** After Vespers on the Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Presentation, Friday 22 February, we return to gold altar cloths and vestments.

**Black:** We change all the altar cloths and vestments to black during Forgiveness Vespers, which are held immediately after the Liturgy on Sunday 17 March. The black cloths will have been placed under the gold ones ahead of time. We use black from Sunday nights through Friday afternoons of Lent. While the black cloths are used, the red ones are hidden underneath for the next Lenten weekend services.

**Dark Red or Purple:** The altar cloths and vestments are red from Friday evenings through Sunday evenings of Lent, purple vestments may be used as well. While the red cloths are used, the black ones are hidden underneath for the next Lenten weekday service.

### 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 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



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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, Archpriest Theodore Shevzov, Reader Vladimir.

**Ailing Parishioners:** Emilia Hramov, Martin Hudobenko, Kiril (Charles) Nettle, Matushka Katherine Papov, Vera Peebles and her daughter Janet, Galina Penchuk, Galina Rudins, Angelina Schneider, Tatiana Sergievsky, Michael Shigalkowski, Elena and Ludmila Skorik, Irina Stettinin, Valentina and Denis Zimbalkin.

**Ailing Orthodox:** Matushka Natalia Manduke, Stephanie Hrynyk, 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.

**Ailing Non-Orthodox:** Veronica Wlodarski, the daughter of Elizabeth Wlodarski, Sophia Sallitan, the daughter of Tatiana Sergievsky and Arlene Meloni, Mother-in-law of Anastasia Milligan.

**Other Requests, Clergy:** Archpriest Alexander Fedorowsky, Archpriest George Mitchell (facing frivolous, but expensive lawsuits).

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

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

**Soldiers, Orthodox:** Andrei, Michael, Timothy, and Sarah.

**Soldiers, Non-Orthodox:** John, and Jordan.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

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# St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

## Calendar – March 2013

Fr George Lardas, Rector – Telephone 203 / 386-9516 Rectory; Emergency: 203 / 209-9374

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Feb 24</b> (Feb 11)  Beginning of Triodion, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 5  Liturgy 10 am	<b>25</b> (12)  Fast-Free Week	<b>26</b> (13)  Fast-Free Week	<b>27</b> (14)  Fast-Free Week	<b>28</b> (15)  Fast-Free Week	<b>1 Mar</b> (16 Feb)  Fast-Free Week	<b>2</b> (17)  Vigil 5 pm
<b>3</b> (18)  Sunday of the Prodigal Son Tone 6  Liturgy 10 am	<b>4</b> (19)	<b>5</b> (20)	<b>6</b> (21)  Fast day	<b>7</b> (22)	<b>8</b> (23)  Fast day	<b>9</b> (24) Daylight time begins, set your clocks ahead 1 hour Soul Saturday, General Pannychida 3 pm Vigil 5 pm
<b>10</b> (25) Meat-Fare Sunday (Last Judgement), last day of meat before Great Lent Tone 7 Liturgy 10 am Bliny 12 noon	<b>11</b> (26)  Cheese-Fare (Maslenitsa)	<b>12</b> (27)  Cheese-Fare	<b>13</b> (28)  Cheese-Fare	<b>14</b> (1 Mar)  Cheese-Fare	<b>15</b> (2)  Cheese-Fare	<b>16</b> (3)  Cheese-Fare Vigil 5 pm
<b>17</b> (4) Cheese Fare (Forgiveness) Sunday, Tone 8  Liturgy 10 am Forgiveness Vespers 11:30 a	<b>18</b> (5) Clean Monday, First day of Great and Holy Lent  Great Canon I 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>19</b> (6) Clean Tuesday  Great Canon II 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>20</b> (7) Clean Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy 10 am Great Canon III 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>21</b> (8) Clean Thursday  Great Canon IV 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>22</b> (9) Presanctified Lit'gy 10 am Blessing of Kollyva noon Acathist I 6:30 pm; 40 Martyrs of Sebasteia Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm	<b>23</b> (10)  St Theodore Saturday  Vigil 5 pm Fast day
<b>24</b> (11) 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, Triumph of Orthodoxy, T 1 Liturgy 10 am Procession with Icons 12 noon <i>Secular Palm Sunday</i>	<b>25</b> (12)  Fast day	<b>26</b> (13)  Fast day	<b>27</b> (14)  Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 am  Fast day	<b>28</b> (15)  Fast day	<b>29</b> (16) \ Acathist II 6:30 pm Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day <i>Secular Good Friday</i>	<b>30</b> (17)  Memorial Saturday I  General Pannychida 3 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day
<b>31 Mar</b> (18 Mar) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St Gregory Palamas Tone 2 Liturgy 10 am Fast day <i>Secular Easter</i>	<b>1 Apr</b> (19 Mar)  Fast day	<b>2</b> (20)  Fast day	<b>3</b> (21)  Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 am  Fast day	<b>4</b> (22)  Fast day	<b>5</b> (23)  Acathist III 6:30 pm  Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	<b>6</b> (24)  Memorial Saturday II  General Pannychida 3 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day

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# Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

## Календарь – Март 2013 г.

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

Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
<b>24 Фев (11 Фев)</b>  Начало Триоди Постной, Нед о ытаре и Фарисее Гл 5  Литургия 10 ч утра	<b>25 (12)</b>  Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	<b>26 (13)</b>  Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	<b>27 (14)</b>  Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	<b>28 (15)</b>  Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	<b>29 Мар (16 Фев)</b>  Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	<b>30 (17)</b>  Всенощная 5 ч веч
<b>3 (18)</b>  Неделя о Блудном Сыне Глас 6  Литургия 10 ч утра	<b>4 (19)</b>	<b>5 (20)</b>	<b>6 (21)</b>  День постный	<b>7 (22)</b>	<b>8 (23)</b>  День постный	<b>9 (24)</b> Начало Летнего времени, переведите часы <i>вперед</i> ; Родительская Суббота, Общая Панихида 3 ч д Всенощная 5 ч веч
<b>10 (25)</b> Мясопустная Нед (о Страшном Суде), последний день мяса до Пасхи Глас 7 Литургия 10 утр Блины 12 ч дня	<b>11 (26)</b>  Масленица	<b>12 (27)</b>  Масленица	<b>13 (28)</b>  Масленица	<b>14 (1 Мар)</b>  Масленица	<b>15 (2)</b>  Масленица	<b>16 (3)</b>  Всенощная 5 ч веч Масленица
<b>17 (4)</b> Сыропустная (Прощёная) Неделя, Глас 8 Литургия 10 ч утр Прощёная Вечерня 12 ч	<b>18 (5)</b> Чистый Понедельник, Первый день Великого Поста Великий Канон I 6:30 веч День постный	<b>19 (6)</b> Чистый Вторник Великий Канон II 6:30 в День постный	<b>20 (7)</b> Чистая Среда Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 9:30 ч утра Великий Канон III 6:30 в День постный	<b>21 (8)</b> Чистый Четверток Великий Канон IV 6:30 в День постный	<b>22 (9)</b> Свв 40х Мучч; Лит Пр Даров 10 ч утра Освящ Колливы 12 ч дня; Акафист I 6:30 ч веч Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	<b>23 (10)</b> Феодоровская Суббота, Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
<b>24 (11) 1<sup>ая</sup></b> Нед Вел Поста, Торжество Православия, Глас 1 Литургия 10 утр Крестный Ход с Иконами 12 ч <i>Гражданская Вербное Воскр</i>	<b>25 (12)</b>  День постный	<b>26 (13)</b>  День постный	<b>27 (14)</b>  Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 7:30 ч ут День постный	<b>28 (15)</b>  День постный	<b>29 (16)</b>  Акафист II 6:30 ч веч Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный <i>Гражданский Великий Пяток</i>	<b>30 (17)</b> Родительская Суббота I Общая Панихида 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
<b>31 Мар (18 Мар)</b> 2ая Нед Вел Поста, Св Григория Паламы Глас 2 Литургия 10 утр День постный <i>Гражданская Пасха</i>	<b>1 Апр (19 Мар)</b>  День постный	<b>2 (20)</b>  День постный	<b>3 (21)</b>  Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 7:30 ч ут День постный	<b>4 (22)</b>  День постный	<b>5 (23)</b>  Акафист III 6:30 рп Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	<b>6 (24)</b> Родительская Суббота II Общая Панихида 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный

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

Отметьте эти наступающие события в вашем календаре:

**Воскресенье 7 Апреля** – Благовещение

**Суббота 20 Апреля** – Детское Великопостное Гование

**Воскресенье 21 Апреля** – Детское Причащение

**Воскресенье 28 Апреля** – Вербное Воскресенье

**Среда 1 Мая** – Великая Среда, Общее Соборование

**Четверг 2 Мая** – Великая Пятница

**Пятница 3 Мая** – Великий Пяток, Вынос Плащаницы

**Суббота 4 Мая** – Великая Суббота

**Воскресенье 5 Мая** – Пасха Господня

**Понедельник 6 Мая** – Детская Пасхальная Литургия



*St Nicholas*  
*Russian Orthodox Church*  
**Schedule of Services – March 2013**

*Fr George Lardas, Rector*  
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<i>Day</i>	<i>New Style</i>	<i>Old Style</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
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**Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Tone 6**

Sat	2 Mar	17 Feb	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	3 Mar	18 Feb	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			12:30 pm	Annual General Parish Meeting

**Soul Saturday (Commemoration of All the Dead), Daylight Time begins, set you clocks ahead 1 hour**

Sat	9 Mar	24 Feb	3:00 pm	General Pannychida
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**Meat Fare Sunday (the Last Judgement), Tone 7, last day of meat before Pascha, 5 May (22 Apr)**

Sat	9 Mar	24 Feb	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	10 Mar	25 Feb	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			12:30 pm	Sisterhood <i>Bliny</i>

**Cheese-Fare Week** – During the week of 11-17 Mar (Old Style 26 Feb-4 Mar) we abstain from meat only, all other foods are permitted even on Wednesday and Friday.

**Cheese Fare (Forgiveness) Sunday, Tone 8**

Sat	16 Mar	2 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	17 Mar	3 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			12:00 pm	Forgiveness Vespers

**Great and Holy Lent** - Starting Monday 18 (5) March we abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products until Pascha, Sunday 5 May (22 Apr), wine and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.

**1<sup>st</sup> Week of Great and Holy Lent**

Mon	18 Mar	5 Mar	6:45 am-2:30 pm	Entire Service of the First Day of Lent: Matins, Hours, & Vespers
			6:30 pm	Great Compline with the Great Canon of Repentance, Part I
Tue	19 Mar	6 Mar	6:30 pm	Great Compline with the Great Canon of Repentance, Part II
Wed	20 Mar	7 Mar	10:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
			6:30 pm	Great Compline with the Great Canon of Repentance, Part III
Thu	21 Mar	8 Mar	6:30 pm	Great Compline with the Great Canon of Repentance, Part IV
Fri	22 Mar	9 Mar	6:30 pm	Compline with Acahist Hymn, Part I, followed by tea and Lenten talk

**Forty Martyrs of Sebasteia and St Theodore Saturday**

Fri	22 Mar	9 Mar	10:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
			11:30 am	Blessing of Kollyva

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, Triumph of Orthodoxy, Tone 1**

Sat	23 Mar	10 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	24 Mar	11 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil
			11:30 am	Moleben of Orthodoxy and Procession with Icons

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Great and Holy Lent**

Wed	27 Mar	14 Mar	8:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri	29 Mar	16 Mar	6:30 pm	Compline with Acahist Hymn, Part II, followed by tea and Lenten talk

**Memorial Saturday I**

Sat	30 Mar	17 Mar	3:00 pm	General Pannychida
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St Gregory Palamas, Tone 2**

Sat	30 Mar	17 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	31 Mar	18 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil

**Свято-Николаевская  
Русская Православная Церковь  
Расписание Богослужений – Март 2013 г.**

О. Георгий Лардас, Настоятель  
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День	Новый Стиль	Старый Стиль	Время	Служба
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**Неделя о Блудном Сыне, Глас 6**

Суб	2 Мар	17 Фев	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	3 Мар	18 Фев	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Божественная Литургия
			12:30 ч дня	Годовое Общее Приходское Собрание

**Родительская Суббота, Начало летнего Времени, переведите часы вперед**

Суб	9 Мар	24 Фев	3:00 ч дня	Общая Панихида
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**Мясопустная Неделя (о Страшном Суде), Глас 7, последний день мясоеда до Св Пасхи, 5 Мая (22 Апреля)**

Суб	9 Мар	24 Фев	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	10 Мар	25 Фев	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Божественная Литургия
			12:30 ч дня	Блины от Сестрич

**Масленица**, - В этой недели, 11-17 Марта (Ст Ст 26 Февраля-4 Марта), воздержание только от мяса, все остальные пищи разрешаются и в среду и пятницу.

**Сыропустная Неделя (Прощенное Воскресенье), Глас 8**

Суб	16 Мар	2 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	17 Мар	3 Мар	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Божественная Литургия
			12:00 ч дня	Прощенная Вечерня

**Великий Пост** - начинается в Понедельник 18 Марта (Ст Ст 5 Марта); отныне до Пасхи, Воскресенье 5 Мая (22 Апреля) не едим мяса, яиц, и молочных продуктов, а по воскресеньям и субботам разрешаются вино и елей.

**1<sup>ая</sup> Седмица Великого Поста**

Пон	18 Мар	5 Мар	6:45 ч ут-2:30 ч дня	Полная Служба 1 <sup>го</sup> Дня Великого Поста: Утренняя, Часы и Вечерня
			6:30 ч веч	Великое Повечерие с Великим Каноном, Часть I
Вто	19 Мар	6 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Великое Повечерие с Великим Каноном, Часть II
Сре	20 Мар	7 Мар	10:00 ч утра	Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров
			6:30 ч веч	Великое Повечерие с Великим Каноном, Часть III
Чет	21 Мар	8 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Великое Повечерие с Великим Каноном, Часть IV
Пят	22 Мар	9 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Малое Повечерие с Акафистом, Часть I; великопостный ужин следует

**Свв 40 Мучеников Севастийских, и Феодоровская Суббота**

Пят	22 Мар	9 Мар	10:00 ч утра	Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров
			12:00 ч дня	Освящение Колливы

**1<sup>ая</sup> Неделя Великого Поста, Торжество Православия, Глас 1**

Суб	23 Мар	10 Мар	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	24 Мар	11 Мар	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Литургия Василия Великого
			11:30 ч утра	Молебен Православия и ход с иконами

**2<sup>ая</sup> Седмица Великого Поста**

Сре	27 Мар	14 Мар	7:30 ч утра	Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров
Пят	28 Мар	16 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Малое Повечерие с Акафистом, Часть II; великопостный ужин следует

**Родительская Суббота I**

Суб	30 Мар	17 Мар	3:00 ч дня	Общая Панихида
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**2<sup>ая</sup> Неделя Великого Поста, Св Григория Паламы, Глас 2**

Суб	30 Мар	17 Мар	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	31 Мар	18 Мар	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Литургия Василия Великого