

St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – April 2013

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Announcements

Verse: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. – **Galatians 5:22-23.**

Стихъ: Плодъ же Духа: любовь, радость, миръ, долготерпѣніе, благодать, милосердіе, вѣра, кротость, воздержаніе. на таковыхъ нѣтъ закона. – **Къ Галатамъ 5:22-23.**

Ἐπίγραμμα: Πλόδα ἡ ἀδελφικὴ ἔστι: ἀγάπη, εὐφροσύνη, εἰρήνη, μακροθυμία, χρηστεία, ἀγαθότης, πίστις, πραΰτης, ἐπιεικεία, ἐπιείκεια, ἐπιείκεια, ἐπιείκεια, ἐπιείκεια. – **Ἐπὶ τῶν Γαλατῶν 5:22-23.**

This Bulletin

This April Bulletin is dedicated to the loving memory of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, Nina B. Kendall; and our Grandfather and Great Grandfather, Protodeacon Sergei Belaieff; and our Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Matushka Zinaida Belaieff. May their memory be eternal!

The Kendall & Callaghan Families

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.

Very Important!!! Please sign up to receive bulletin via email by contacting glardas@cs.com or dexpeavy@gmail.com. Please return the stamped post card that you received in last month's bulletin if you would like to continue to receive the bulletin via U.S. Mail.

The bulletin costs about \$1.25 each to produce and receiving the bulletin via email will save money for our parish. 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 for Holy Week and Pascha: We have included a *special schedule of services* for Holy Week and Pascha with this Bulletin. This schedule will also be included in next month's Bulletin.

Paschal Donation Envelopes: Next month's Bulletin will include a special donation envelope for Pascha. Please look for it. *Your donations can be either mailed in or dropped into the collection basket when you come to church.*

Schedule of Donations for Services: As a reminder to our readers, the schedule of suggested donations for church services is as follows:

- Baptisms: Members \$125; non-members \$300
- Weddings: Members \$200; non-members \$500
- Funerals: Members \$200; non-members \$500

Please note that if you wish to give a gift to the Priest or the Choir (if present), you must specify the recipient; otherwise all funds go to the parish.

These are suggested donations, and are intended to cover the cost of maintaining the church. If one is of greater means, please feel free to give more according to generosity. Please also be assured that no one will be denied Christian Sacraments due to lack of means.

General Parish Meeting

The Annual General Parish Meeting was held after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 24 March at which elections for Parish Council were held. The Parish Council now consists of the following:

- **Rector** (*ex officio*) V Rev George Lardas
- **Starosta/President**, Leopold (Dexter) Peavy III
- **Vice President**, Katherine Kendall-Callaghan
- **Recording Secretary**, Maria Peavy
- **Corresponding Secretary**, Victoria Licamele
- **Treasurer**, Anastasia Milligan
- **Assistant Treasurer**, Gregory Kendall
- **Trustees**, Ann Sharog and Dr Evan Tilley (continuing their 2-year term), Sonya DeBiase and Walter Wolog (commencing their 2-year term)
- **Auditors**, Pavel Shurba, Galina Rakov, and Elena Curran
- **Brotherhood President** (elected by the Brotherhood), Peter Curran
- **Sisterhood President** (elected by the Sisterhood), Joan Hudobenko.

Inauguration: The inauguration of the Parish Officers was held on Sunday 24 March after the Divine Liturgy during the Moleben of Orthodoxy.

Services

Fr George's Work Schedule: Fr Georges work hours are as follows,

- Mondays – 10 am to 7:30 pm
- Wednesdays – 10:30 am to 6:30 pm
- Thursdays – 10:30 am to 8:30 pm

This schedule holds until Wednesday 15 May. 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.

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Great Lent: This year Great Lent began 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 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.

Presanctified Liturgy: On Wednesdays of Lent it is customary to serve the Presanctified Liturgy. On Wednesdays 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.

Acathist and Lenten Tea: At 6:30 pm on Fridays 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.

Soul Saturdays: The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of Great Lent are appointed for general commemoration of the dead. Accordingly, 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

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 4th 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:*

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

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

5th 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.

Call for Pussy Willows: Palm Sunday is very late this year, 28 April, and by the time it comes, the pussy willows in our area will have long since ceased to flower. If no one cuts pussy willows now, we will have none or few for Palm Sunday. We appeal to all our parishioners to cut pussy willows and bring them to church to put with the others that we are keeping for Palm Sunday. Until you can bring them to church, keep them in a cool, dark place. We will need the pussy willows by Saturday afternoon (3 pm) 27 April.



Pascha.

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.

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.

Preparations for Pascha

Church Cleanup: There will be a church cleanup during Holy Week (28 April-4 May), the time and date to be announced. We request that all Altar Boys participate. We welcome all volunteers.

Holy Week Volunteers: We need volunteers for:

- **Plaschanitsa Setup** – Good Friday morning, 3 May.
- **Plaschanitsa Watch** – Good Friday and Holy Saturday, 3 and 4 May. The sign up sheet will be at the Candle Desk.
- **Red Eggs** – Boil and dye red eggs to be ready for the Paschal Vigil on Holy Saturday night, 4 May. Contact Joan Hudobenko.

Please see Fr George or the Starosta, Dexter Peavy, if you wish to help. We appreciate your efforts and may God bless your zeal for His holy House.

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.

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Save the Date!

Shashlik Picnic: Our Saint Nicholas Brotherhood is back! This is our first activity. On Sunday 16 June the St Nicholas Brotherhood is hosting a Shashlik Picnic Fundraiser immediately after Liturgy. A variety of *shashliki* (shish kebabs) and grilled items will be served, and our youth will sing and perform. All children of our parish are invited to participate. We will have group numbers and individual performances. For information contact Masha Peavy at mariaawpeavy@gmail.com

Our Children

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.

St Nicholas Paschal Events for Children:

Help your children “get into the right spirit” for Pascha...

Mark your calendar:

Lenten retreat – Saturday 20 April at 2:00 (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.

Excuse Notes – We will have excuse notes ready at the time of the Children’s Lenten Retreat for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Bright Monday. Parents may pick up signed copies at the Candle Desk that Sunday.

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.**

Sisterhood



Kulich: The Sisterhood of St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church will be selling commercially-baked kulichi in the church hall on Palm Sunday, 28 April, and Good Friday, 3 May. For information call Masha Peavy at 203 387-8744 or email mariaawpeavy@gmail.com.

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.

Choir

Singers needed: Please come join us on kliros if you can sing! All skill levels are welcome.

Thanks

Bliny: Our annual *Bliny* luncheon on the Sunday 10 March was a great success. We thank those who made the delicious *bliny* and helped prepare the dinner: Kathy Callaghan, Matushka Ann Lardas, Nancy Milligan, Karen Pallares, Dexter Peavy, Maria Peavy, Galina Rakov, Ann Sharog and Walter Wolog. Many thanks! And God bless you!

Sound System: We thank Sergei Rakov for repairing and adjusting the sound system. He spent several Sundays working on this. Now we have the ability to pipe sound from the Altar and Choir to the back of the Church and outside on the PA speaker.

Antimension: We thank an anonymous donor for the gift of an as-yet unconsecrated antimension. An antimension is the cloth with the relics of saints that rests upon the Holy Table, and on which we consecrate the Communion during the Divine Liturgy. As the antimension is so beautiful, and since it is not available to be seen when consecrated, we will display it to our parishioners at the Divine Liturgy some Sunday before it is consecrated.

Icon Case and Gospel Book Markers: We thank an anonymous donor for the gift of a wooden case for the Icon of St Nectarios that rests on the Holy Table, and for the gift of two Gospel-Book ribbons to be used on Holy Friday and Pascha.

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Gutter Repairs and Downstairs Side Door: We thank Pavel Shurba and others for their work in repairing the gutters around the church and the forward downstairs door to the church hall.

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.*

Parish Records (Last Notice): 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. Fr George is available for this work on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Orthodox Neighbors

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

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.

Flowers for the Cross: Before 5 pm Saturday 6 April, the Vigil for the third Sunday of Lent, of the Veneration of the Cross, we decorate the Cross on a tray with red carnations. These need to be purchased from the florist's ahead of time.

Blue: On Friday evenings of the first four Fridays of Lent (22 and 29 March, 5 and 12 April), blue cloths are placed on top of the red ones for the icon in the middle of the church, on the reading stand before it, and on the Holy Table, and blue vest-

ments are used for Small Compline with the Acathist Hymn. Before Saturday morning the blue cloths and vestments are put away, and red is used.

Blue: Before the Vigil of Annunciation, 5 pm Saturday 6 April, blue cloths are placed on the red altar cloths, and blue vestments are used. On Sunday afternoon 7 April, the blue cloths and vestments are put away, and the black ones are used.

Blue: On the afternoon of 19 April, the fifth Friday of Lent, the blue cloths are placed on top of the black ones on all icon stands and the Holy Table, and blue vestments are used. Before Saturday evening the blue cloths and vestments are put away, and red is used.

Gold and Green: Before the Vespers for Lazarus Saturday on Friday evening (6:30 pm) 26 April, we put gold altar cloths on top of the black (which will be used during Holy Week). We use gold and green vestments that weekend.

Palms and Pussy Willows: We need these before Vigil (5 pm) Saturday 27 April for Palm Sunday. We ask our parishioners to bring these in ahead of time, and the palms need to be ordered from the florist's well in advance.

Purple: Red and purple are used for the Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday. Before Holy Unction at 7:30 pm Wednesday 11 April, the altar cloths are turned to red, with the black hidden underneath. We will use purple vestments for the Unction and Divine Liturgy on Thursday morning 2 May. After the Liturgy, everything is changed back to black.

Plaschanitsa Flowers: On Good Friday morning, 3 May, the Tomb of our Saviour is placed in the middle of the church and decorated with flowers. A white cloth is placed over the Tomb.

White: Before the Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday morning, 4 May, the red cloths are taken away, and white cloths are laid down. On top of these are the black cloths which will be removed before the Gospel reading at the Liturgy that morning. The white remains until the end of Pentecost week, 29 June.

Milestones

Baptism: On Saturday 23 February *Jane (Eugenia)* in Holy Baptism), the daughter of *Dmitry Veniaminovich Lavrichev* and *Maryna Vladimirovna neé Nakonechnaya*, was baptized into the Orthodox Christian Faith by Archpriest George Lardas, Rector. Her sponsor was Vera Sergeevna Morena.

We congratulate the newly-illuminated, her parents and sponsors! Many Years! *Mnogaja Ljeta!*

Transfer: On 16 Feb the *Reverend Deacon Paul Giatas* was given a canonical release from the Orthodox Church in America by Metropolitan Tikhon to the Russian Church Outside of Russia. On the same day Fr Deacon Paul was received by Metropolitan Hilarion, and assigned to our Saint Nicholas Parish in Stratford.

Fr Paul has been serving at St Nicholas with the blessing of Archbishop Nikon of Boston (OCA) and of Metropolitan Hilarion. He was a frequent visitor since before moving here from Rhode Island last year, as he is the brother of our parishioner Joy Paschalidis. We welcome Fr Paul, and now formally

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present him the Service Books for the Vigil and the Divine Liturgy as a gift from our Parish.

Congratulations to Fr Paul! Many Years! *Chronia Polla!*

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 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, 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: Nicholas Hudobenko (Marty's brother), Matushka Natalia Manduke, 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, and for the servant of God Natalia (cancer), and for infant Constantine Bezas. 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 18th of the month for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Wednesday 1 May – Holy Wednesday, Holy Unction

Thursday 2 May – Holy Thursday

Friday 3 May – Good Friday

Saturday 4 May – Holy Saturday

Sunday 5 May – Pascha

Monday 6 May – Children's Paschal Liturgy

Saturday 1 June – Stratford Day

Thursday 13 June – Ascension

Sunday 23 June – Pentecost

Monday 1 July – Beginning of Apostles' Fast

Friday 12 July – Ss Peter and Paul, Fast ends



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Mar (18 Mar) 2 nd Sunday of Great Lent, St Gregory Palamas Tone 2 Liturgy 10 am Fast day <i>Secular Easter</i>	1 Apr (19 Mar) Fast day	2 (20) Fast day	3 (21) Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 am Fast day	4 (22) Fast day	5 (23) Acahist III 6:30 pm Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	6 (24) Memorial Saturday II General Pannychida 3 pm Vigil for Annunciation 5 pm Fast day
7 (25) 3 rd Sun of Lent, Veneration of the Precious Cross Tone 3 ANNUNCIATION Liturgy 10 am Fast day Fish permitted	8 (26) Fast day	9 (27) Fast day	10 (28) Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 am Fast day	11 (29) Fast day	12 (30) Acahist IV 6:30 pm Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	13 (31) Memorial Saturday III General Pannychida 3 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day
14 (1 Apr) 4 th Sunday of Great Lent, St John Climacus Tone 4 Liturgy 10 am Fast day	15 (2) Fast day	16 (3) Fast day	17 (4) Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 am Great Canon 7:30 pm Fast day	18 (5) Fast day	19 (6) Matins with Acahist Hymn 6:30 pm Fast day	20 (7) Saturday of the Acahist 2 pm Children's Lenten Retreat Vigil 5 pm Fast day
21 (8) 5 th Sunday of Great Lent, St Mary of Egypt Tone 5 Liturgy 10 am Children's Communion Breakfast Fast day	22 (9) Fast day	23 (10) Fast day	24 (11) Presanctified Liturgy 7:30 am Fast day	25 (12) Fast day	26 (13) Matins for St Lazarus 6:30 pm Fast day	27 (14) Lazarus Saturday Vigil and blessing of palms 5 pm Fast day
28 (15) PALM SUNDAY Liturgy 10 am Collection for the Holy Land Fish permitted	29 (16) Holy Monday Fast day	30 (17) Holy Tuesday Bridegroom III Matins 6:30 pm Fast day	1 May (18 Apr) Holy Wednesday Holy Unction 7:30 pm Fast day	2 (19) Holy Thursday Liturgy of St Basil 9:30 am 12 Passion Gospels 6:30 p Fast day	3 (20) Good Friday Plaschanitsa 2 pm Lamentations 6:30 pm Fast day	4 (21) Holy Saturday Liturgy of St Basil 10 am Nocturnes 11:30 pm Vigil Midnight Fast day
5 (22) PASCHA the Resurrection of our Lord Liturgy 1:30 am Paschal Vespers 10 am	6 (23) Bright Monday 2 nd Day of Pascha St George the Trophy-Bearer Children's Liturgy 10 am Procession with Icons	7 (24) Bright Tuesday 3 rd Day of Pascha	8 (25) Bright Wednesday No fast	9 (26) Bright Thursday	10 (27) Bright Friday, Life-Giving Fount No fast	11 (28) Bright Saturday Vigil 5 pm

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

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

Thursday 13 June – Ascension
Sunday 23 June – Pentecost

Monday 1 July – Beginning of Apostles' Fast
Friday 12 July – Ss Peter and Paul, Fast ends

Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

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Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
31 Мар (18 Мар) 2ая Нед Вел Поста, Св Григория Паламы Глас 2 Литургия 10 утр День постный <i>Гражданская Пасха</i>	1 Апр (19 Мар) День постный	2 (20) День постный	3 (21) Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 7:30 ч ут День постный	4 (22) День постный	5 (23) Акафист III 6:30 рп Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	6 (24) Родительская Суббота II Общая Панихида 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
7 (25) Зья Нед Великого Поста, Крестопоклонная, Глас 3 Благовещение Литургия 10 ч День постный <i>Разрешение на рыбу</i>	8 (26) День постный	9 (27) День постный	10 (28) Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 7:30 ч ут День постный	11 (29) День постный	12 (30) Акафист IV (по-английски) 6:30 ч веч Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	13 (31) Родительская Суббота III Общая Панихида 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
14 (1 Apr) 4ая Нед Вел Поста, Преп Иоанна Лествичника Глас 4 Литургия 10 утр День постный	15 (2) День постный	16 (3) День постный	17 (4) Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 7:00 ч ут Великий Канон (Андреево Стояние) 7:30 ч веч День постный	18 (5) День постный	19 (6) Утреня Акафиста 6:30 ч веч День постный	20 (7) Суббота Акафиста Детское Говение 2 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
21 (8) 5ая Неделя Великого Поста, Преп Марии Египетския Глас 5 Литургия 10 утр Детск Причащ День постный	22 (9) День постный	23 (10) День постный	24 (11) Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 7:30 ч ут День постный	25 (12) День постный	26 (13) Утреня на Лазаревскую Субботу 6:30 веч День постный	27 (14) Лазарева Суббота Всенощная и освящение ваий 5 ч веч День постный
28 (15) НЕДЕЛЯ ВАИЙ Лнтургия 10 утр Сбор для Святой Земли <i>Разрешается рыба</i>	29 (16) Великий Понедельник День постный	30 (17) Великий Вторник Утреня Вел Среды 6:30 ч веч Деиь постный	1 Мая (18 Apr) Великая Среда Общее Соборование 7:30 ч веч День постный	2 (19) Вел Четверток Литургия Васнлия Вел 9:30 ч утра 12 Страстных Евангелий 6:30 ч веч Деиь постный	3 (20) Великий Пяток Вьнос Плащаницы 2 ч дня Утреня Гроба Господня 6:30 ч веч Деиь постный	4 (21) Вел Суббота Нач Литургии Васнлия Вел 10 ч утра Нач Пасхальн Заутрения 11:30 ч веч Деиь постный
5 (22) ПАСХА Светлое Воскресение Христово Литургия 1:30 ч утра! Вечерня 10 ч ут	6 (23) Светлый Пон, Св Георгия Победоносца 2ый День Пасхи Детская Литургия 10 ч утра Ход с иконами	3 (24) Светлый Вторник Зьй День Пасхи Богослужений нет	4 (25) Светлая Среда Поста нет	5 (26) Светлый Четверток	6 (27) Светлый Пяток Живоносного Источника Поста нет	7 (28) Светлая Суббота Всенощная 5 ч веч

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

Отметьте эти наступающие события в вашем календаре:

Четверг 13 Июня – Вознесение Господне

Воскресенье 23 Июня – Пятидесятница (Троица)

Понедельник 1 Июля – Начало Петрова Поста

Пятница 12 Июля – Свв Петра и Павла (Пост кончается)

St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Schedule of Services – April 2013

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

Day	New Style	Old Style	Time	Service
Great and Holy Lent - We abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products until Pascha, Sunday 5 May (22 Apr), wine and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays. Fish is also permitted on Annunciation Day, Sunday 7 April (25 March), and on Palm Sunday, 28 (15) April				
2nd 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
3rd Week of Great and Holy Lent				
Wed	3 Apr	21 Mar	7:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri	5 Apr	23 Mar	6:30 pm	Small Compline & Acatnist Part III, Tea & Lenten talk
Memorial Saturday II				
Sat	6 Apr	24 Mar	3:00 pm	General Pannychida
ANNUNCIATION of Our Lady, the Ever-Virgin Mary, 3rd Sunday of Great Lent, Veneration of the Cross, Tone 3, fish, wine and oil permitted				
Sat	6 Apr	24 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	7 Apr	25 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil
4th Week of Great and Holy Lent				
Wed	10 Apr	28 Mar	7:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri	12 Apr	30 Mar	6:30 pm	Small Compline & Acatnist Part IV, Tea & Lenten talk
Memorial Saturday III				
Sat	13 Apr	31 Mar	3:00 pm	General Pannychida
4th Sunday of Great Lent, St John Climacus, Tone 4				
Sat	13 Apr	31 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	14 Apr	1 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil
Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete				
Wed	17 Apr	4 Apr	7:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
			7:30 pm	Matins and Great Canon
Acatnist Hymn to the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary				
Fri	19 Apr	6 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins, Acatnist Hymn
5th Sunday of Great Lent, St Mary of Egypt, Tone 1				
Sat	20 Apr	7 Apr	2:00 pm	Children's Lenten Retreat
			5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	21 Apr	8 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil
			12:00 pm	Children's Communion Breakfast

Day	New Style	Old Style	Time	Service
6th Week of Great and Holy Lent				
Wed	24 Apr	11 Apr	7:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy
Lazarus Saturday				
Fri	26 Apr	13 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins for Lazarus
PALM SUNDAY, fish permitted, collection for the Holy Land				
Sat	27 Apr	14 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil, Blessing of Palms
Sun	28 Apr	15 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy; Collection for the Holy Land
Holy Week				
Sun	28 Apr	15 Apr	4:00 pm	Holy Unction at Holy Virgin Protection Church, Nyack NY
Tue	30 Apr	17 Apr	6:30 pm	Bridegroom Matins III
Wed	31 Apr	18 Apr	7:30 pm	Holy Unction
Holy Thursday				
Thu	2 May	19 Apr	9:00 am	Hours and Confession
			9:30 am	Liturgy of St Basil, Institution of the Eucharist
Good Friday				
Thu	2 May	19 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins, 12 Passion Gospels
Fri	3 May	20 Apr	2:00 pm	Vespers, (<i>Plaschanitsa</i>)
Holy Saturday				
Fri	3 May	20 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins with Procession
Sat	4 May	21 Apr	9:00 am	Hours and Confession
			9:30 am	Vespers, Liturgy of St Basil, 15 Old Testament Readings
			1:30 pm	1 st Blessing of Baskets
			5:00 pm	2 nd Blessing of Baskets
PASCHA, the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ				
Sat	4 May	21 Apr	9:30 pm	Confession, Reading of the Book of Acts
			11:00 pm	3 rd Blessing of Baskets
			11:30 pm	Paschal Nocturnes
Sun	5 May	22 Apr	12:00 am	Paschal Matins
			1:30 am	Paschal Divine Liturgy
			3:00 am	Paschal Breakfast
			10:00 am	Paschal 9 th Hour
			10:30 am	Paschal Vespers
Bright Monday, St George				
Mon	6 May	23 Apr	9:30 am	Paschal Hours
			10:00 am	Children's Liturgy
			11:30 am	Procession with Icons

Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Расписание Богослужений – Апрель 2013 г.

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

День	Новый Стиль	Старый Стиль	Время	Служба
Великий Пост – Не едим мяса, яиц, и молочных продуктов до Пасхи, Воскресенье 5 Мая (22 Апреля), а по воскресеньям и субботам разрешаются вино и елей. Рыба разрешается на Благовещение, Воскресенье 7 Апреля (25 Марта), и на Вербное Воскресенье, 28 (15) Апреля.				

2^{ая} Неделя Великого Поста, Св Григория Паламы, Глас 2

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

3^{ая} Седмица Великого Поста

Сре	3 Апр	21 Мар	7:30 ч утра	Лит Прежде Даров
Пят	5 Апр	23 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Мал Повечерие, Акафист, Часть III Чай и беседа

Родительская Суббота II

Суб	6 Апр	24 Мар	3:00 веч	Общая Панихида
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БЛАГОВЕЩЕНИЕ Пресв Богородицы и Приснодевы Марии, 3^{ая} Неделя Великого Поста, Крестопоклонная, Глас 3, рыба разрешается

Суб	6 Апр	24 Мар	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	7 Апр	25 Мар	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Лит Василия Великого

4^{ая} Седмица Великого Поста

Сре	10 Апр	28 Мар	7:30 ч утра	Лит Прежде Даров
Пят	12 Апр	30 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Мал Повечерие, Акафист, Часть IV Чай и беседа

Родительская Суббота III

Суб	13 Апр	31 Мар	3:00 ч веч	Общая Панихида
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4^{ая} Нед Великого Поста, Преп Иоанна Лествичника, Гл 4

Суб	13 Апр	31 Мар	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	14 Апр	1 Апр	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Лит Василия Великого

Вел Канон преп Андрея Критского, Андеево Стояние

Сре	17 Апр	4 Апр	7:00 ч утра	Лит Прежде Даров
			7:30 ч веч	Утренняя с Каноном

Похвала (Акафист) Пресв Богородицы и Приснодевы Марии

Пят	19 Апр	6 Апр	6:30 ч веч	Утренняя с Акафистом
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5^{ая} Нед Вел Поста, преп Марии Египетския, Глас 5

Суб	20 Апр	7 Апр	2:00 ч дня	Детская Говение
			5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	21 Апр	8 Апр	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Лит Василия Великого, Причастие детей
			12:00 noon	Детский стол

День	Новый Стиль	Старый Стиль	Время	Служба
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6^{ая} Седмица Великого Поста

Сре	24 Апр	11 Апр	7:30 ч утра	Лит Прежде Даров
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Лазарева Суббота

Пят	26 Апр	13 Апр	6:30 ч веч	Утренняя на Лаз Суб
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Нед Ваий (Вербное Вос), рыба разрешается, сбор для Св Земли

Суб	27 Апр	14 Апр	5:00 ч веч	Всенощ, освящ ваий
Вос	28 Апр	15 Апр	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Божественная Литургия; сбор для Святой Земли

Страстная Седмица

Вос	28 Апр	15 Апр	4:00 ч веч	Общее Соборование в Покровской Церкви в Наяке, Нью Йорк
Вто	30 Апр	17 Апр	6:30 ч веч	Утренняя Жениха III
Сре	1 Мая	18 Апр	7:30 ч веч	Общее Соборование

Великий Четверток

Чет	2 Мая	19 Апр	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Лит Василия Вел (Тай- ный Вечер, Установле- ние Евхаристии)

Великий Пяток

Чет	2 Мая	19 Апр	6:30 ч веч	Утренняя, Св Страстей, 12 Евангелий
Пят	3 Мая	20 Апр	2:00 ч дня	Вынос Плащаницы

Великая Суббота

Пят	3 Мая	20 Апр	6:30 ч веч	Утренняя и крестный ход
Суб	4 Мая	21 Апр	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Литургия Василия Великого, 15 паремий
			1:30 ч дня	Освящение куличей
			5:00 ч дня	Освящение куличей

ПАСХА, Светлое Воскресение Господа Бога и Спаса нашего Иисуса Христа

Суб	4 Мая	21 Апр	9:30 ч веч	Исповедь и чтение Деяний Свв Апостолов
			11:00 ч веч	Освящение куличей
			11:30 ч веч	Пасхальное Заутренье
			12:00 ч ноч	Воскресение Христово
Вос	5 Мая	22 Апр	1:30 ч ноч	Пасхальная Литургия
			3:00 ч ноч	Пасхальное заговение
			10:00 ч утра	Пасхальный 9 ^{ый} Час
			10:30 ч утра	Пасхальная Вечерня

Светлый Понедельник, Св Георгия Победоносца

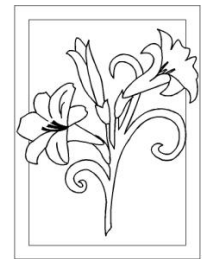
Пон	6 Мая	23 Апр	9:30 ч утра	Пасхальные Часы
			10:00 ч утра	Литургия для детей
			11:30 ч утра	Ход с иконами

St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Services for Holy Week and Pascha 2013

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

Day	New Style	Old Style	Time	Service
Lazarus Saturday				
Fri	26 Apr	13 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins for Lazarus
PALM SUNDAY, <i>fish permitted</i>, collection for the Holy Land				
Sat	27 Apr	14 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil, Blessing of Palms
Sun	28 Apr	15 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy; Collection for the Holy Land
Holy Week				
Sun	28 Apr	15 Apr	4:00 pm	Holy Unction at Holy Virgin Protection Church, Nyack NY
Tue	30 Apr	17 Apr	6:30 pm	Bridegroom Matins III
Wed	31 Apr	18 Apr	7:30 pm	Holy Unction
Holy Thursday				
Thu	2 May	19 Apr	9:00 am	Hours and Confession
			9:30 am	Liturgy of St Basil, Institution of the Eucharist
Good Friday				
Thu	2 May	19 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins, 12 Passion Gospels
Fri	3 May	20 Apr	2:00 pm	Vespers, Winding Sheet of our Lord (<i>Plaschanitsa</i>)
Holy Saturday				
Fri	3 May	20 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins with Precession
Sat	4 May	21 Apr	9:00 am	Hours and Confession
			9:30 am	Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil, 15 Old Testament Readings
			1:00 pm	1 st blessing of Paschal foods (without singing of Christ is Risen)
			5:00 pm	2 nd blessing of Paschal foods (without singing of Christ is Risen)
PASCHA, the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ				
Sat	4 May	21 Apr	9:30 pm	Confession
			11:00 pm	3rd blessing of Paschal foods (without singing of Christ is Risen)
			11:30 pm	Paschal Nocturnes
			12:00 mid	Paschal Matins
Sun	5 May	22 Apr	1:30 am	Paschal Divine Liturgy (midnight service!)
			3:00 am	Blessing of Paschal foods with Christ is Risen! followed by Paschal Breakfast in the Church Hall
			10:00 am	Paschal 9th Hour
			10:30 am	Paschal Vespers
Bright Monday, Tone 2, St George				
Mon	6 May	23 Apr	9:30 am	Paschal Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Children's Liturgy
			11:30 am	Procession with icons
			12:00 noon	Children's Paschal Breakfast
Bright Week – 5-11 May (22-28 April), no fasting on Wednesday and Friday				
St Thomas Sunday				
Sat	11 May	28 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	12 May	29 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Radonitsa, Blessing of Graves				
Sun	12 May	29 Apr	3:30 pm	St Joseph's, Stratford
			5:30 pm	St John's, Stratford
Tue	14 May	1 May	11:00 am	Lakeview, Bridgeport
			1:00 pm	King's Highway
Wed	15 May	2 May	3:30 pm	Union, Stratford
			5:30 pm	St John's, Monroe



Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь
Богослужения Страстной Недели и Пасхи 2013 г.

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

День **Новый** **Старый** **Время** **Служба**
Стиль **Стиль**

Лазарева Суббота

Пят 26 Апр 13 Апр 6:30 ч веч Утренняя на Лаз Суб

Неделя Ваий (Вербное Воскресенье), рыба разрешается, сбор для Святой Земли

Суб 27 Апр 14 Апр 5:00 ч веч Всенощная и освящение ваий
 Вос 28 Апр 15 Апр 9:30 ч утр Часы и исповедь
 10:00 ч утр Божественная Литургия; сбор для Святой Земли



Страстная Седмица

Вос 28 Апр 15 Апр 4:00 ч дня Общее Соборование в Покровской Церкви в Найке
 Вто 30 Апр 17 Апр 6:30 ч веч Утренняя Жениха III
 Сре 1 Мая 18 Апр 7:30 ч веч Общее Соборование в Св-Николаевской Церкви

Великий Четверток

Чет Мая 19 Апр 9:00 ч утр Часы и исповедь
 9:30 ч утр Литургия Василия Великого (Тайный Вечер, установление Евхаристии)

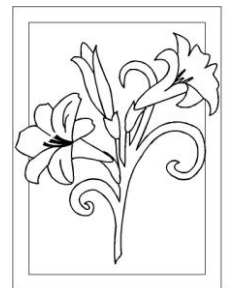


Великий Пяток

Чет 2 Мая 19 Апр 6:30 ч веч Утренняя, Последование Святыя Страстей, 12 Евангелий
 Пят 3 Мая 20 Апр 2:00 ч дня Вечерня, Вынос Плащаницы

Великая Суббота

Пят 3 Мая 20 Апр 6:30 ч веч Утренняя с крестным ходом
 Суб 4 Мая 21 Апр 9:00 ч утр Часы и исповедь
 9:30 ч утр Литургия Василия Великого, 15 паремий
 1:00 ч дня Освящение куличей (без пения Христос Воскресе)
 5:00 ч дня Освящение куличей (без пения Христос Воскресе)



ПАСХА, Светлое Воскресение Господа Бога и Спаса нашего Иисуса Христа

Суб 4 Мая 21 Апр 9:30 ч веч Исповедь
 11:00 ч веч Освящение куличей (без пения Христос Воскресе)
 11:30 ч веч Пасхальное Заутренье
 12:00 ч ноч Воскресение Христово, крестный ход, и Пасхальная Утренняя
 Вос 5 Мая 22 Апр 1:30 ч ноч Пасхальная Божественная Литургия
 3:00 ч ноч Освящение куличей с пением Христос Воскресе,
 Пасхальное заговение в церковном зале
 10:00 ч утр Пасхальный 9^{ый} Час
 10:30 ч утр Пасхальная Вечерня



Светлый Понедельник, Св Георгия Победоносца, Глас 2

Пон 6 Мая 23 Апр 9:30 ч утра Пасхальные Часы и Исповедь
 10:00 ч утра Пасхальная Литургия для детей
 11:30 ч утра Ход с иконами
 12:00 ч дня Детское пасхальное заговение

Светлая Седмица – 5-11 Мая (22-28 Апреля), поста нет в Среду и Пятницу ради Пасхи

2^{ая} Неделя Пасхи, Фомина

Суб 11 Мая 28 Апр 5:00 ч веч Всенощная
 Вос 12 Мая 29 Апр 9:30 ч утра Часы и исповедь
 10:00 ч утра Божественная Литургия



Радоница, Освящение Могил

Вос 12 Мая 29 Апр 3:30 ч дня St Joseph's, Stratford
 5:30 ч дня St John's, Stratford
 Вто 14 Мая 1 Мая 3:30 ч дня Lakeview, Bridgeport
 5:30 ч дня King's Highway
 Сре 15 Мая 2 Мая 3:30 ч дня Union, Stratford
 5:30 ч дня St John's, Monroe

A Note from our Starosta Regarding Church Improvements and Repairs:

During the Annual General Parish meeting I emphasized our Church's physical well-being. Like your home, our Church needs constant attention. A list of over a dozen items was presented to those in attendance and a ranking vote was taken. Below is the list of the highest ranking improvements which we will start this year:

1. Painting and restoration of the Church interior and icons
2. Repair of Altar floor and carpeting
3. New Industrial kitchen refrigerator
4. Sanding and varnishing of Church front doors
5. Cleaning of brass candlestick holders
6. Cleaning and repair of gutters
7. Repair of Downstairs exterior door
8. Design of a "street view" Church sign

We have "talked" about these items in the past, but it is my goal to see these improvements completed for our 85th Anniversary!

Some of the less costly improvement/repairs were considered to be of general maintenance in nature and have already been addressed by the efforts of our Parishioners. These include: Sound system repair (Sergey Rakov); gutter repairs and downstairs door repair (Pavel Shurba); Church front door (Marty Hudobenko and Dexter Peavy); kitchen refrigerator replacement (Joan Hudobenko and the Sisterhood).

Other repairs which beautify our Church interior, such as candle stick holder restoration, can cost up to \$500 each. We have already received 2 dedicated pledges for this effort and I welcome 6 more for the remaining holders.

More costly improvements will be funded from a combination of dedicated fund raising efforts and general church savings. Our largest and most rewarding effort will be the painting and restoration of the church interior. We will be accepting donations for wall sections and icons and upon completion of each phase of the restoration we will place your (or your family's) name on our Saint Nicholas 85th Anniversary Restoration plaque!

Please join us all in this important 85th Anniversary restoration effort. More details on how you can participate will be coming soon.

Thank you,

Dexter Peavy and the Church Council