St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – May 2013

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Announcements

Verse: *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands. –* ***Psalm 18[19]:1.***

Стихъ: *Небеса проповѣдаютъ славу Божію, и о дѣлахъ рукъ Его вѣщаетъ твердь. –* ***Псаломъ 18:1.***

Сті́хъ: Небеса̀ повѣ́даютъ сла́вꙋ бж҃їю, творе́нїе же рꙋкꙋ̀ є҆гѡ̀ возвѣща́етъ тве́рдь. – **Ѱало́мъ и҃і, ст҃ а҃.**

This Bulletin

Happy Mother's Day!

This Paschal, Mother's Day and May Bulletin is sponsored by the Sisterhood of St Nicholas Church in honor and celebration of Mother's Day for all our parish mothers, and in memory of all the departed mothers and sisters of our Parish. Happy Mother's Day!

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.

Paschal Donation Envelopes: This Bulletin includes a special donation envelope for Pascha. Please send your contribution in. We depend on your donations! ***Your donations can be either mailed in or dropped into the collection basket when you come to church***.

Services

Do Not Walk in Front of the Royal Doors: Some people may have forgotten that it is not proper for anyone to walk on the soleas (the raised platform before the iconostasis) in front of the Royal Doors. This is only for clergy vested during the service. If you need to go from one candle stand to the other, you must step down off the soleas and go around the ambo to get to the other side.

Great Lent: Let us remember that the Fast continues until the Midnight Service on Pascha night, Saturday 4 May. We abstain from meat, eggs, dairy products, and fish. On weekdays we also abstain from wine and oil.

Holy Week Services: As there are many special services for Holy Week and Pascha, please consult the ***special schedule of services*** included in this Bulletin. In general, there will be services every night of Holy Week except for Palm Sunday night, and also on Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday during the day.

Holy Unction in Nyack: Bishop Jerome of Manhattan will serve Holy Unction at the Holy Virgin Protection Church, 51 Prospect St, Nyack NY at 4 pm on Palm Sunday, 28 April. Those who attend should prepare by Confession, prayer and fasting. For those that cannot attend Unction in Nyack, we will be serving Holy Unction at St Nicholas at 7:30 pm, Holy Wednesday, 1 May.

Confession During Holy Week: Those who wish to receive Communion during Holy Week and Pascha should go to confession during the appointed times before, during or after the services, and not wait till the last minute. There will be no confessions after the beginning of the Paschal Vigil on Holy Saturday night. If you miss the opportunity, you may receive Communion at the Liturgy on Holy Monday, or the following Sunday of St Thomas.

Blessing of Graves: This will begin on St Thomas Sunday through Tuesday of St Thomas Week. ***Please note the following corrected schedule:***

- **Sunday 12 May –** 2 pm, St Joseph's Cemetery in Lordship; 4 pm, St John's Cemetery in Stratford.
- **Tuesday 14 May –** 11 am, Lakeview Cemetery in Bridgeport; 1 pm, King's Highway Cemetery in Milford; 3 pm, Union Cemetery in Stratford; 5 pm, St John's Cemetery in Monroe.

If you cannot be present for the blessing of a grave at the stated time, or if you have a loved one buried elsewhere, you can arrange to have Fr George bless a grave at another time.

Early Vigil: Due to wedding preparations, ***this month only***, we will have Vigil early, at 3 pm on Saturday 18 May.

Armed Forces Day: There will be no moleben this year for our soldiers in the Armed Forces on Saturday 18 May due to wedding preparations. Please pray for our soldiers who are in the field of battle. We have a few (Orthodox and non-Orthodox) listed in our Prayer Requests section.

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Translation of the Relics of St Nicholas: This celebrates the transfer of the Relics of our Patron Saint from Myra in Asia Minor (now Turkey) to Bari, Italy, to keep them in the hands of the faitful, and to protect them from the enemies of the Church. As a feast of St Nicholas, it is the secondary Feast of our Parish. We have the actual Relic of our own Patron Saint, which will be set out for veneration at the services: Vigil with Litya, 6:30 pm Tuesday 21 May; Divine Liturgy, 10 am Wednesday 22 May.

Memorial Day: In observance of Memorial Day, Monday 27 May, we will have a Memorial Service at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 26 May for all Orthodox soldiers that died in battle, and we also ask our parishioners to remember in their private prayers all non-Orthodox who perished and gave their lives for the defense of freedom, and that the Lord may have mercy on them. Please remember to display the flag Monday.

Mid-Pentecost: Vespers for Mid-Pentecost will be at 6:30 pm Tuesday 28 May, and will be followed immediately by the ***Lesser Blessing of Waters***.

Lesser Holy Days: To celebrate lesser holy days in May, we will serve the following services: ***St John the Theologian***, Moleben at 6:30 pm Monday 20 May; and ***Ss Cyril and Methodius***, Moleben 6:30 pm, Friday 24 May.

Blessing of Homes: If you missed your scheduled time before Lent and still wish to have your house blessed, please contact Fr George and set up an appointment.

Blessing of Graves: If you are not able to be present at the scheduled time at the cemetery for the blessing of the grave of a loved one, or if you have a loved one buried elsewhere, you may contact Fr George to arrange the blessing of the grave outside the scheduled times.

Church Restoration and Improvement Fund Drive

The Parish Council has decided to take on several Restoration projects this year and could use your support. The projects include, but are not limited to, the restoration of the church interior which entails the painting of the walls and icons, replacement of the altar and church carpeting, refurbishing the candlestick holders and restoration of the front doors. Our goal is to have these enhancements completed by our 85th anniversary celebration in 2014. We have already received financial support for 3 of the 8 candlestick holders. These cost $500 each to restore.

How can you help? For each project we are seeking donations and we will prepare a plaque listing all participants, individually or by family. The levels of donations will be: up to $100, $100+ to $499, $500 to $999 and $1,000 or more. You may indicate which project you would like to contribute to or you may donate to the General Church Restoration Improvement Fund.

Let's all work together **toward this goal for our 85th Anniversary!** If you have any questions, would like to help out or would like to donate anonymously, please see our Starosta, Leo "Dexter" Peavy. He can also be reached at 203-815-5429 or dexpeavy@gmail.com.

Our Parish

Collection for the Holy Land: According to the custom of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, the annual collection for the Russian Spiritual Mission in the Holy Land will be held in all our parishes on Palm Sunday, 28 April. This collection is a major source of funding for our mission in the Holy Land, and some of us have had occasion to receive their hospitality. Please give generously.

Excuse Notes for School: Parents, please bring your children to church on these important holy days: Holy Thursday evening, 2 May; Good Friday afternoon, 3 May; Holy Saturday morning, 4 May; and Bright Monday to the Children's Paschal Liturgy, 6 May. The schools are obliged to recognize these as religious holidays and to excuse our children's absence on those days. If you need a written excuse note, these will be available at the Candle Desk before Holy Week.

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. When you are decorating your own eggs, please also make some for the church, to be given out at the kissing of the Cross.

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.

Save the Date!

***Shashlik* Picnic:** *Our Saint Nicholas Brotherhood is back! This is our first activity.* On Sunday 9 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 mariawpeavy@gmail.com

Our Children

St Nicholas Paschal Events for Children:

Help your children "get into the right spirit" for Pascha... Mark your calendar:

***Excuse Notes* –** We have excuse notes for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Bright Monday. Parents may pick up signed copies at the Candle Desk.

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.***

Mothers Day: This is the second Sunday of May, the 13th. We will honor the mothers of our parish with carnations handed out by the Church School children..

Church School Graduation: In connection with the Brotherhood's Shashlik Picnic, we will hold the Church School Graduation on Sunday 9 June after the Divine Liturgy. We ask all Church School children and their teachers to attend. The Graduation will be followed by the Brotherhood's Shashlik Picnic. 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 nineteenth 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 28 through August 4, which includes the feast of St Seraphim of Sarov. The cost remains at $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/.

Sisterhood

Kulichi: 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 mariawpeavy@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.

Chronicle

Lenten Vespers: At 4 pm Sunday 14 April, our St Nicholas Church hosted the Greater Bridgeport Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers. Present and serving with Fr George were: Fr Denis Rhodes of St George's Albanian Church (OCA) in Trumbull; Fr Cornel Todeasa and Fr George Coca of St Dimitrie's Romanian Church (OCA) in Easton; Fr Patrick Burns of Three Saints Church (OCA) in Ansonia; Fr Peter Paproski of St John the Baptist Carpatho-Russian Church on Broadbridge Ave in Stratford; Fr David Cochrane of St John the Baptist Carpatho-Russian Church on Mill Hill Ave in Bridgeport; and Fr Stephen Masluk of the Protection of St Mary Ukrainian Church in Bridgeport. The Pan-Orthodox Choir was led by Matushka Cindy Voytovich, and her husband, Fr Steven of Holy Trinity Church (OCA) in New Britain sang with the choir. Many Orthodox Christians from the greater Bridgeport area attended, and stayed for the Coffee Hour put on by our Sisterhood. Our visitors were happy to pray with us and eat with us, and complimented our ladies on their cooking.

Icon of the Mother of God Softener of Evil Hearts: On Tuesday 23 April, we had the privilege of hosting a visit of the Icon of the Mother of God, Softener of Evil Hearts. This Wonder-Working and Myrrh-Streaming Icon resides in Russia near Moscow, but its keeper, Sergei Leonidovich Fomin, has been visiting Orthodox parishes and communities in America with the Icon. In spite of the short notice, many people from the greater Bridgeport area came to our church to pray before the Icon. The Meeting of the Icon was at 5:30 pm, followed by a Moleben and Acathist, with the reading of names, including all the commemoration books at our Candle Desk, and anointing with the oil that flowed from the Icon. After the Liturgy on Wednesday morning, 24 April, we served a Moleben, with the reading of more names, and anointing. The Icon departed from St Nicholas Church at 1 pm and visited a few shut-ins before returning to Jordanville.

Pascha Gifts

Pascha Basket Covers: In our Bookstore downstairs we have available for purchase Pascha basket covers, very decorative, and in bright colors, for only $10.

Everyday Saints: Also available are copies of the book, ***Everyday Saints*** in English and in Russian (***Несвятые Святые***) for only $25. This book is good spiritual reading, and is appropriate for both the time of Lent, and for the joy of Pascha. An excellent gift, and highly recommended!

Orthodox Neighbors

Talk on Gospel of St Luke: On Saturday 18 May from, 10 am to 6 pm, ***Christ the Savior Orthodox Church***, 1070 Roxbury Rd, Southbury CT is hosting a talk by ***Dr Paul Nadim Tarazi***, Professor of Old Testament at St Vladimir's Seminary, on the last chapters of the Gospel of St Luke. Refreshments and lunch are provided, and the program ends with Great Vespers at 6 pm. Please contact Fr Vladimir Aleandro at 203 267-1330 to register. A free-will offering is appreciated to help defray expenses. The talk is part of the semi-annual Connecticut Bible Lecture Series which is intended to make the scholarly study of the Bible accessible to everyone.

Appeal: A parish of the Russian Church Abroad, ***St George's Russian Orthodox Church*** at 4905 Myrtle Ave, Blue Ash OH 45242, telephone 513 400-3191, is in need of funds to complete the construction and finishing of their new church building. A generous donor will match one dollar for each dollar given to the fund drive up to $50,000, and so your donation is doubled. If you wish to contribute, consult the flier posted on the Bulletin Board, call, or go to the website, www.StGeorgeROC.org.

Thanks

Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Coffee Hour: We thank our ladies (and men) that worked so hard to make this a success: Maria Mazik, Maria Peavy, Kay Pcolka, Vera Peebles, Andrew Warth, James Lardas and Matushka Ann. Your work was truly and greatly appreciated. God bless you all!

Children's Lenten Retreat: We thank Maria Peavy and the mothers of our Church School, Galina Rakov, Elena Reilly, Kathy Callaghan, and others, for putting together and conducting the annual Children's Lenten Retreat, especially as Fr George was called out of town that day on Church business.

Gold Vestments: We thank Fr Theodore Shevzov for the gift of a set of beautiful new gold vestments. The vestments were handmade by a vestment-maker, the servant of God Nina, in Voronezh. The set is complete with a *palitsa* and *nabedrennik*.

Visit of the Icon: We thank Valery Petrov for arranging the visit of the Icon of the Mother of God, Softener of Evil Hearts. Valery drove to Jordanville to bring the Icon and its keeper, Sergei Fomin to Stratford, and then back to the Monastery afterward. We also thank Valery for bringing books and other items from the Monastery bookstore for our parish bookstore.

Brass Work: We thank Fr Deacon Paul Giatas for polishing the brass-work candle stands in the Altar in preparation for Pascha. We also than Fr Deacon for taking care of the church after Fr George left for work when the Icon, Softener of Evil Hearts, remained in the church after the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday 24 April.

Palm Sunday: We thank Andrew Warth, Sonya DeBiase, and Matushka Ann for providing pussy willows for Palm Sunday. We thank Callisthenia Shevzov-Soloninka for shipping laurel branches for our celebration of Palm Sunday.

Food Drive: Two bags of groceries were taken to the Sterling House Food Pantry at the end of April from the Lenten Food Drive. We thank those who contributed food and toiletries.

Novo-Diveevo Fire: We thank those who gave for the collection on Sunday 21 April on behalf of the family that lost their home on the grounds of Novo-Diveevo Convent on Wednesday 10 April.

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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.*

Vestment Frames: We need at least two more wooden hanger-frames for hanging vestments. We do not have enough to hang all our good vestments. These are not available at any store, and must be hand-made. Please see Fr George if you wish to help.

Liturgical Notes

Black: We use black from Sunday nights through Friday afternoons of Lent and Holy Week. While the black cloths are used, the red ones are hidden underneath for the next Lenten weekend services.

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.

Plaschanitsa: This is placed on the Holy Table before the Vespers of Good Friday, 3 May, which begins at 2 pm.

Sign: The *Christ is Risen* sign is placed over the Royal Doors on the afternoon of Holy Saturday, 4 May, in preparation for the Paschal Vigil.

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.

Carnations: Before the Liturgy on Mother's day, Sunday 12 May, a bunch of carnations are placed in the church for the children of the Church School to hand to the mothers in the parish as they come to kiss the Cross.

Holy Water: Before the Vespers of Mid-Pentecost, Tuesday 28 May, a vat of water is prepared for the Blessing of Waters that will take place at that service.

Milestones

Baptism: On Saturday 30 March ***Alexander Volik***, the son of ***Vladimir Aleksandrovich Solovitski*** and ***Ekaterina Aleksandrovna Volik***, was baptized into the Orthodox Christian Faith by Archpriest George Lardas, Rector. His sponsors were Ekaterina Viktorovna Vychodets (Orthodox) and Vincent Fazio (honorary).

We congratulate the newly-illumined, his parents and sponsors! Many Years! *Mnogaja Ljeta*!

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.

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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:

Saturday 1 June – Stratford Day
Sunday June 9 - Parish Picnic and ***Shashlik*** Barbecue
Thursday 13 June – Ascension
Sunday 16 June – Fathers Day
Sunday 23 June – Pentecost
Monday 1 July – Beginning of Apostles' Fast
Friday 12 July – Ss Peter and Paul, Fast ends
Wednesday 14 August – Dormition Fast begins
Monday 19 August – Transfiguration Day
Wednesday 28 August – Dormition of the Theotokos, Fast ends
Sunday 1 September – Altar Boy Workshop
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Sunday	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
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 2nd Day of Pascha St George the Trophy-Bearer Children's Liturgy 10 am Procession with Icons	**7** *(24)* Bright Tuesday 3rd Day of Pascha	**8** *(25)* Bright Wednesday St Mark No fast	**9** *(26)* Bright Thursday	**10** *(27)* Bright Friday, Life-Giving Fount No fast	**11** *(28)* Bright Saturday Vigil 5 pm
12 *(29)* 2nd S of Pascha St Thomas Liturgy 10 am Blessing of Graves: 2 pm St Joseph's 4 pm St John's *Mother's Day*	**13** *(30)*	**14** *(1 May)* Radonitsa Blessing of Graves: 11 am Lakeview 1 pm King's Hwy 3 pm Union 5 pm St J/Monroe	**15** *(2)* Fast day	**16** *(3)*	**17** *(4)* Fast day	**18** *(5)* *Armed Forces Day* ***Early Service, today only!*** Vigil 3 pm
19 *(6)* 3rd Sunday of Pascha Myrrh Bearers Tone 2 Liturgy10 am	**20** *(7)* Moleben to St John 6:30 pm	**21** *(8)* St John the Theologian Vespers for St Nicholas 6:30 pm	**22** *(9)* Translation of the Relics of St Nicholas Liturgy 10 am Fast Day	**23** *(10)*	**24** *(11)* Ss Cyril & Methodius Moleben 6:30 Fast day	**25** *(12)* Vigil 5 pm
26 *(13)* 4th Sunday of Pascha The Paralytic Tone 3 Liturgy 10 am Memorial Service 12 pm	**27** *(14)* *Memorial Day*	**28** *(15)* Vespers for Mid-Pentecost and Small Blessing of Waters 6:30 pm	**29** *(16)* Mid Pentecost Fast day	**30** *(17)*	**31** *(18)* Fast day	**1 Jun** *(19May)* Vigil 5 pm

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

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Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Календарь – Май 2013 г.

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Воскресенье	***Понедельник***	***Вторник***	***Среда***	***Четверг***	***Пятница***	***Суббота***
28 *(15)* **Неделя Ваий** Литургия 10 утр Сбор для Святой Земли *Разрешается рыба*	**29** *(16)* Великий Понедельник Деиь постный	**30** *(17)* Великий Вторник Утреня Вел Среды 6:30 ч веч Деиь постный	**1 Мая** *(18 Апр)* Великая Среда Общее Соборование 7:30 ч веч Деиь 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 Вынос 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 3ый День Пасхи Богослужений нет	**4** *(25)* Светлая Среда Св Ап и Еванг Марка Поста нет	**5** *(26)* Светлый Четверток	**6** *(27)* Светлый Пяток Живоносного Источника Поста нет	**7** *(28)* Светлая Суббота Всенощная 5 ч веч
12 *(29)* 2ая Нед Пасхи Фомина Неделя *День Матерей* Литургия 10 ч у Освящ могил: 2 ч St Joseph's 4 ч St John's *День Матерей*	**13** *(30)*	**14** *(1 Мая)* Радоница Освящ могил: 11 ч у Lakeview 1 ч д King's Hwy 3 ч д Union 5 ч д St J/Monroe	**15** *(2)* День постный	**16** *(3)*	**17** *(4)* День постный	**18** *(5)* *Гражданский праздник, День Военных Сил* ***Ранняя служба, только сегодня*** Всенощная 3 ч веч
19 *(6)* 3ья Неделя Пасхи Жен Мироносиц Глас 2 Литургия 10 ч утра	**20** *(7)* Молебен 6:30 ч веч	**21** *(8)* Св Ап и Еванг Иоанна Богослова Всенощная с литией на Свят Николая 6:30 ч веч	**22** *(9)* Перенесение Мощей Свят Николая Литургия 10 ч утра День постный	**23** *(10)*	**24** *(11)* Свв Равноап Кирилла и Мефодия Молебен 6:30 ч веч День постный	**25** *(12)* Всенощная 5 ч веч
26 *(13)* 4ая Неделя по Пасхе, о Расслабленном Глас 3 Литургия 10 ч утра Паннихида 12 ч дня	**27** *(14)* *Гражданский праздник, День Поминовение Погибших на Поле Брани*	**28** *(15)* Вечерня на Преполовение и Малое Водоосвящение 6:30 ч веч День постный	**29** *(16)* Преполовение Пятидесятницы День постный	**30** *(17)*	**31** *(18)* День постный	**1 Июн** *(20 Мая)* Всенощная 5 ч веч

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

Отметьте эти наступающие события в вашем календаре:

Суббота 1 Июня – День Стратфорда
Воскресенье 9 Июня – Окончание Церковной Школы и Пикник
Четверг 13 Июня – Вознесение Господне
Воскресенье 16 Июня – День Отцов
Воскресенье 23 Июня – Пятидесятница (Троица)
Понедельник 1 Июля – Начало Петрова Поста
Пятница 12 Июля – Свв Петра и Павла (Пост кончается)
Среда 14 Августа – Начало Успенского Поста
Понедельник 19 Августа – Преображение Господне
Среда 28 Августа – Успение Богородицы (Пост кончается)
Воскресенье 1 Сентября – Собрание Прислужников
Воскресенье 8 Сентября – Молебен на Зачатие Уроков
Воскресенье 15 Сентября – Начало Церковной Школы

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Services for Holy Week and Pascha 2013

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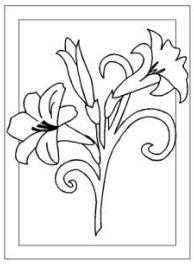
Day	*New Style*	*Old Style*	*Time*	*Service*
Lazarus Saturday				
Fri	26 Apr	13 Apr	6:30 pm	Matins for Lazarus
PALM SUNDAY, *fish permitted*, collection for the Holy Land				
Sat	27 Apr	14 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil, Blessing of Palms
Sun	28 Apr	15 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy; 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, Winding Sheet of our Lord (*Plaschanitsa*)
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	1st blessing of Paschal foods (without singing of Christ is Risen)
			5:00 pm	2nd 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	2:00 pm	St Joseph's, Stratford
			4:00 pm	St John's, Stratford
Tue	14 May	1 May	11:00 am	Lakeview, Bridgeport
			1:00 pm	King's Highway
			3:00 pm	Union, Stratford
			5:00 pm	St John's, Monroe



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Богослужения Страстной Недели и Пасхи 2013 г.

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День	*Новый Стиль*	*Старый Стиль*	*Время*	*Служба*
Лазарева Суббота				
Пят	26 Апр	13 Апр	6:30 ч веч	Утреня на Лаз Суб
Неделя Ваий (Вербное Воскресенье), *<u>рыба разрешается</u>*, 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 Наяке
Вто	30 Апр	17 Апр	6:30 ч веч	Утреня 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	Утреня, Последование Святых 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	Утреня 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 Утреня
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 9ый 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				
2ая 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	2:00 ч дня	St Joseph's, Stratford
			4:00 ч дня	St John's, Stratford
Вто	14 Мая	1 Мая	11:00 ч утра	Lakeview, Bridgeport
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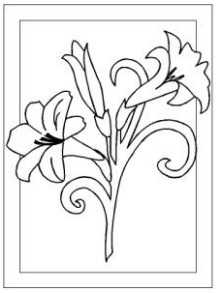

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Day	*New Style*	*Old Style*	*Time*	*Service*
Holy Week and Bright Week				
Sat 27 (14) Apr – Sat 11 May (28 Apr)				***See special schedule***
2nd Sunday of Pascha, St Thomas				
Sat	11 May	28 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	12 May	29 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Radonitsa, Blessing of Graves				**Cemetery**
Sun	12 May	29 Apr	2:00 pm	St Joseph's, Stratford
			4:00 pm	St John's, Stratford
Tue	14 May	1 May	11:00 am	Lakeview, Bridgeport
			1:00 pm	King's Highway St
			3:00 pm	Union, Stratford
			5:00 pm	John's, Monroe
3rd Sunday of Pascha, Myrrh-Bearers, Tone 2, *early service*				
Sat	18 May	5 May	3:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	19 May	6 May	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
St John the Theologian				
Mon	20 May	7 May	6:30 pm	Moleben
Translation of the Relics of St Nicholas to Bari				
Tue	21 May	8 May	6:30 pm	Vigil with Litya
Wed	22 May	9 May	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Ss Cyril & Methodius				
Fri	24 May	11 May	6:30 pm	Moleben
4th Sunday of Pascha, The Paralytic, Tone 3				
Sat	25 May	12 May	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	26 May	13 May	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Memorial Day				
Sun	26 May	13 May	12:00 pm	Pannychida
Mid-Pentecost				
Tue	28 May	15 May	6:30 pm	Vespers & Small Blessing of Waters
5th Sunday of Pascha, The Samaritan Woman, Tone 4				
Sat	1 Jun	19 May	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	2 Jun	20 May	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy

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День	*Новый Стиль*	*Старый Стиль*	*Время*	*Служба*
Страстная и Светлая Седмицы				
Суб 27 (14) Апр – Суб 11 Мая (28 Апр)				***См. особое расписание***
2ая Недели Пасхи, Фомина				
Суб	11 Мая	28 Апр	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	12 Мая	29 Апр	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
Радоница, освящение могил				**Кладбище**
Вос	12 Мая	29 Апр	2:00 pm	St Joseph's, Stratford
			4:00 pm	St John's, Stratford
Вто	14 Мая	1 Мая	11:00 am	Lakeview, Bridgeport
			1:00 pm	King's Highway St
			3:00 pm	Union, Stratford
			5:00 pm	John's, Monroe
3ья Недели Пасхи, Жен Мироносиц, Глас 2, *ранняя служба*				
Суб	18 Мая	5 Мая	3:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	19 Мая	6 Мая	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
Св Иоанна Богослова				
Пон	20 Мая	7 Мая	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
Перенесение Мощей Свят Николая в Бари				
Вто	21 Мая	8 Мая	6:30 ч веч	Всенощная с Литией
Сре	22 Мая	9 Мая	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
Свв Равноапостольных Кирилла и Мефодия				
Пят	24 Мая	11 Мая	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
4ая Недели Пасхи, о Расслабленном, Глас 3				
Суб	25 Мая	12 Мая	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	26 Мая	13 Мая	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия
Гражданский Праздник, День Поминовения				
Вос	26 Мая	13 Мая	12:00 ч дня	Паннихида
Преполовение Пятидесятницы				
Вто	28 Мая	15 Мая	6:30 ч веч	Вечерня и Малое Водоосвящение
5ая Недели Пасхи, о Самаряныне, Глас 4				
Суб	1 Июн	19 Мая	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	2 Июн	20 Мая	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Бож Литургия

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Христос Воскресе!
Воистину Воскресе!

We greet all our parishioners and friends
with the joy of the Resurrection of Christ

Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. Thy Cross do we worship, O Christ,
and Thy holy Resurrection we hymn and glorify; for Thou art our God,
and we know none other beside Thee, we call upon Thy name. O come, all ye faithful, let us worship Christ's holy Resurrection, for behold through the Cross joy is come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord,
we hymn His holy Resurrection; for, having endured crucifixion,
He hath destroyed death by death.

– Sticheron at Matins after the Gospel of the Resurrection, Tone 6

From the Paschal Canon, Tone 1

Ode 1

Heirmos: *It is the day of Resurrection, let us be radiant, O ye people; Pascha, the Lord's Pascha: for Christ God hath brought us from death unto life, and from earth unto Heaven, as we sing the triumphal hymn.*

Ode 9

Heirmos: *Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is arisen upon Thee: dance and be glad, O Sion, and do thou exult, O Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.*

O Thy most divine, most beloved, and sweetest voice! For Thou hast promised to be with us unto the end of the age, O Christ, of Whom having as the foundation of our hope, O faithful, let us rejoice.

O great and most sacred Pascha, O Christ! O wisdom, and Word and power of God! Grant us to partake of Thee more fully in the unwaning day of Thy Kingdom.

От Канона Пасхи, Гласъ 1

Пѣснь 1

Ирмосъ: *Воскресенія день, просвѣтимся людіе: Пасха, Господня Пасха! Отъ смерти бо къ жизни, и отъ земли къ небеси, Хрістосъ Богъ насъ преведе, побѣдную поющыя.*

Пѣснь 9

Ирмосъ: *Свѣтися, свѣтися, новый Іерусалиме: слава бо Господня на тебѣ возсія. Ликуй нынѣ, и веселися Сіоне. Ты же чистая красуйся Богородице, о востаніи Рожества твоего.*

О божественнаго, о любезнаго, о сладчайшаго Твоего гласа! Съ нами бо неложно обѣщался еси быти, до скончанія вѣка Христе: Егоже вѣрніи, утвержденіи надежди имуще, радуемся.

О Пасха велія и священнѣйшая, Христе! О мудросте, и Слове Божій, и сило! Подавай намъ истѣе Тебе причащатися, въ невечернѣмъ дни Царствія Твоего.

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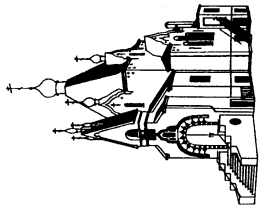
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