

# St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – March 2014

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## Announcements

**Verse:** Now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 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**

**Стихъ:** Ближайшее намъ спасеніе, нежели когда мы уверовали. Ночь уже прѣйде, а день приближился: отложимъ уже дела темнаго, и облечемся во оружіе свѣта. – **Въ Римлянамъ Гл 13, ст 11-12.**

**Стихъ:** Ибо ныне ближе к нам спасение, нежели когда мы уверовали. Ночь прошла, а день приблизился: итак отвергнем дела тьмы и облечемся в оружие света. – Къ Римлянамъ 13:11-12.

### This Bulletin

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### Election of Parish Officers

The Annual General Parish Meeting was held after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 2 February 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**, Gregory Romanovsky
- **Recording Secretary**, Victoria Licamele
- **Corresponding Secretary**, Maria Peavy
- **Treasurer**, Anastasia Milligan
- **Assistant Treasurer**, Katherine Kendall-Callaghan
- **Trustees**, Sonya DeBiase and Walter Wolog (continuing their 2-year term), Ann Sharog and Dr Evan Tilley (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 the following Sunday, 9 February after the Divine Liturgy.

### Services

**Inclement Weather:** Winter sometimes brings stormy weather. We ask our parishioners to use good judgment and common sense not to drive when conditions are dangerous. As weather varies from place to place, it may be that services will be held as scheduled, despite the fact that conditions in your area are difficult. To find out whether services are cancelled or delayed, call 203 / 375-4793. If you hear the usual greeting, services will be held as scheduled. Otherwise the message will inform you whether services are cancelled or delayed. In general, if Fr George can arrive at the church, services will be held however many or few people are present. Weather advisories will also be posted on our Parish website, [www.StNicholasStratford.org](http://www.StNicholasStratford.org).

**Daylight Time Begins:** Please remember that Daylight Time begins at 2 am Sunday 9 March. Please set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening 8 March, so as not to be late for church!

**Blessing of Homes:** If you missed having your house blessed either due to Fr George's illness or due to snow, or for any other reason, and you still wish your house blessed, please contact Fr George and we will set up an appointment. Availability is as Fr George's schedule allows.

**Work Schedule:** Fr George works part-time as an adjunct professor and professional tutor at the University of New Haven and at the University of Bridgeport. His hours are

- Mondays: 3-5 pm
- Tuesdays: 9 am – 6 pm
- Wednesdays: 10 am – 5 pm
- Thursday: 9 am – 6 pm
- Fridays: 9 am – 3 pm

The term will end on Friday 16 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.

**Forgiveness Sunday:** Forgiveness Vespers will be immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Forgiveness Sunday 2 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

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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 3 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.

**Great Canon and the Beginning of Lent:** The Great Canon of Repentance of St Andrew of Crete is appointed to be read at Great Compline on the first four nights of Lent. However, this year we will only serve the Great Canon on the First Day. Unlike previous years, this will also be the only service on that day.

**Presanctified Liturgy:** On Wednesdays of Lent it is customary to serve the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. We will hold the Presanctified Liturgy this year on the following dates: Wednesday 5, 12, 19 and 26 March. These will be all at 6:30 pm, except for the one on 19 March, which will be at 10 am. This will be the only morning Presanctified Liturgy this year.

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 7, 14, 21 and 28 March, 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, 4 April, we will serve the entire Acathist service with Matins. The first four Acathist services will be followed by tea and a spiritual discussion.

**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.

**Sunday of Orthodoxy:** A short moleben and procession of icons to celebrate the Triumph of Orthodoxy and the Restoration of the Icons will immediately follow the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, 9 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. This year the Memorial on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday is superseded by the commemoration of the Forty Martyrs. Accordingly, a General Pannychida will be served on Saturdays 15 and 29 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 on the Sunday before.

**Forty Martyrs:** We will serve the a Moleben for the Forty Martyrs of Sebastea at 3:30 pm Saturday 22 March.

## Statement

*By Metropolitan Hilarion  
in Connection with the Troubles in Ukraine*

In view of the continued turmoil and unrest that have beset the Ukrainian land, Metropolitan Hilarion released the following statement on February 26th:

*Having observed with grief and great concern the political upheavals in Ukraine, we ask that the faithful of the Russian Church Abroad strengthen their prayers for peace and the restoration of lawfulness among our brothers and sisters in that country. In this crucial time, when the Ukrainian people are searching for and trying to formulate a national identity, it is our fervent hope that they put at the head of the corner of this identity their Orthodox Faith, which has guided their fathers for over a thousand years. We, the faithful of the Russian Church Abroad living in America, regardless of our ethnic identity are all deeply connected to Kiev through our Enlightener, the Great Prince Vladimir. His decision to baptize the Kievan people led to the establishment of Holy Rus', which cultivated a great multitude of ascetics and saints, including St. Herman of Alaska, who followed in St. Vladimir's footsteps when he brought the Light of Christ to North America.*

*Let us, therefore, always be mindful of this connection and understand that only through Christ can any nation find peace or prosperity. The bloody catastrophic events of the 20th century should serve as a reminder of what can happen when people cease to rely on God and choose to forge their own path. To this end, it is worth remembering the remarkable words of the great ascetic and leader of the spiritual life of the 6th century, Abba Dorotheus: 'I know of no other fall except when a man follows his own lead. If you see a man fallen, know that he followed his own lead. Nothing is more dangerous, nothing more pernicious than this.'*

His Eminence also instructed the parish rectors and monastery abbots of the Eastern American Diocese to continue using the special petitions and prayer for peace in Ukraine, which have been blessed and sanctioned by His Holiness, Patriarch Kyrill, until further notice.

**Petition to be Added to the Augmented Litany:** *Again we pray Thee, O Almighty Lord, that Thou mightest grant peace to Kiev, the Mother of Russian cities which is shaken by civil strife, and the entire country of Kievan Rus', and by the power of the grace of Thy Holy Spirit extinguish all enmity and violence therein; O Source of goodness and Abyss of love for mankind, quickly hearken and have mercy.*

## Chronicle

**Presentation Parish Feast:** On Saturday 15 February Metropolitan Hilarion, paid an Archpastoral visit to Stratford, CT and led the patronal feast day of the Church of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Serving with the Metropolitan were Archpriest Andrei Semyanko, Archpriest Theodore Shevzov, Archpriest George Lardas of St. Nicholas Church in Stratford, Archpriest Brendan Crowley of St. Nicholas Church in West Springfield MA, Archpriest Constantine Semyanko, Hieromonk

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Tikhon of the Synodal Cathedral of the Sign in New York City, Protodeacon Serge Arlievsky of Holy Dormition Convent "Novo-Diveevo" in Nanuet, NY, and Deacon George Temidis of the Nativity of the Mother of God Church at the New Kursk Root Hermitage in Mahopac, NY. At the Little Entrance **Archpriest Theodore Shevzov** was awarded the miter for his many years of service to Christ's Holy Church and in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.

**Cancellations and Postponements in February:** On Thursday 20 February, Fr George slipped on ice and sprained his hip. As he was sore the following days, the Pannychida for the Saturday of Souls on 22 February was cancelled. Also cancelled were all house blessings on Sunday 23 February as well as on 1 March.

### Thank You

**Anniversary of Ordination:** On the occasion of the celebration by our entire parish for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr George's Ordination, Fr George says: *Dear parishioners and friends (and relatives too!), this party was a complete surprise, and I am touched and moved by your kindness and love for me and my family. Thank you all for your kind gifts, which will go towards new robes (cassock, or ryassa and podryasnik). I look forward to serving you for as many years as our Lord grants. May God bless you all!*

### Our Parish

**Flowers for the Plaschanitsa:** Starting mid-March the collection box next to the icon stand in the middle of the church is for flowers for the Plaschanitsa and for Pascha.

Before mid-March and after Pascha, the collection will be for the Restoration Fund and preparations for our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a community.



**Call for Pussy Willows:** Palm Sunday is 13 April this year. We ask all our parishioners to cut pussy willows when they come into bloom (which may be late this year due to the snowy winter), and bring them to church to put with others that we are keeping for Palm Sunday. Until you bring them to church, please keep them in a cool, dark place so that they stay fresh. We will need the pussy willows by Saturday afternoon (3 pm) 12 April.

**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.

### Sisterhood

**Bliny:** Our annual Bliny luncheon was held after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 10 February; it was well attended and greatly appreciated by all. We thank Mary Madzik, Maya Lukianoff, Anastasia Milligan, Kathy Callaghan, Victoria Licamele, Galina Rakov, Walter Wolog, Maria Peavy, Alexandra Callaghan, Irene Ambrose, Andrew Warth, Mary Colello, and Gregory Romanovsky who prepared the bliny and set up the hall for our Bliny Dinner. We thank our parishioners for supporting our Sisterhood and participating in this event.

**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.

**We Appreciate Donations of 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 are particularly in need of food storage and ziplock bags.* 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. We thank you for your continued support, and appreciate all your donations.

### 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 9 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 5 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.

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**St Nicholas Annual Children's Communion Breakfast** – Sunday 6 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, 19 April – Older children are invited to do readings. Please see Matushka Ann for a reading assignment.

**Children's Paschal Liturgy** – Bright Monday, 21 April – 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 2 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. If each of us brings one or two items, we should be able to fill several bags each week.

### Choir

**Singers needed:** Please come sing with us in the Choir! All skill levels are welcome. Please also consider singing the upcoming Lenten midweek services!

### Orthodox Neighbors

**Lenten Choir Retreat:** The St Xenia Parish in Methuen MA is hosting a Lenten Choir Retreat, "Let My Prayer Arise" from Thursday 13 March through Sunday 16 March. The retreat will include rehearsals, presentations, and workshops for men's, women's and mixed choirs. Vladimir Gorbik, Choir Director of the Moscow Representation Church of Holy Trinity-St Sergius Lavra will lead Virtual Master Classes. Dr Vladimir Morosan will speak on Musical Ethos of Orthodox Lenten Services. Laryssa Doohovskoy will talk on Vocal Health, and Reader Robert Stauffer will speak on the Canon as a Musical Construct. Late registrations are still being accepted at the rate of \$100 for students, and \$125 for adults. The fee covers meals, music, and all activities for the weekend. For more information go to the website, [www.stxenia.org/2014retreat.html](http://www.stxenia.org/2014retreat.html), or contact Laryssa Doohovskoy at 978 841-5960 or at [stxeniachoir@gmail.com](mailto:stxeniachoir@gmail.com).

### Pan-Orthodox Vespers

The Pan-Orthodox Lenten 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:* 9 March, *St Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church*, 504 Sport Hill Rd, Easton

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:* 16 March, *St John the Baptist Church*, 1240 Broadbridge Ave, Stratford

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:* 23 March, *St Mary's Protection Ukranian Orthodox Church*, 10 Oakwood St, Bridgeport

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:* 30 March, *St John the Baptist Church*, 600 Silver Lane, Stratford

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:* 6 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 get acquainted with Orthodox Christians and clergy from other parishes in our area.

### Liturgical Notes

**Gold:** After Vespers on the Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Presentation, Friday 21 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 2 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:** On Saturday afternoon 22 March we place the hand Cross on a dish and decorate it with red carnations and basil leaves in preparation for the Adoration of the Cross at Vigil that evening.

### Milestones

**Eternal Memory:** On Saturday 8 February, our one-time parishioner, *Barbara Yaremich Cardinal*, aged 79 of Trumbull, reposed in the Lord. Her funeral was held at St Nicholas Church, served by V Rev Archpriest Peter Paproski on Wednesday 12 February. Interment was at Long Hill Burial Grounds in Trumble. Her Fortieth Day will be on Wednesday 19 March.

We have received word that on Tuesday 11 February, *Richard John Adzima* of Stratford, Director and owner of Adzima Funeral Home of Stratford, aged 79, reposed in the Lord peacefully at Bridgeport Hospital. His funeral was held at St John the Baptist Church on Mill Hill Ave in Bridgeport on Saturday 15 February. His Fortieth Day will be on Saturday 22

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March. The Adzimas have always been good friends of our parish.

We pray for the repose of the souls of the newly-departed and for those that grieve and seek the consolation of God. *Vjehnaia Pamjat'*!

**Baptism:** On Saturday 8 February, *Milena* (Xenia in Baptism), daughter of *Pavel and Tatiana Shurba* of West Haven, was baptized into the Orthodox Faith by V Rev Archpriest George Lardas, Rector. Her godparents were Dmitry Shurba and Ekaterina Belochub.

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

**Miter:** By decision of the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, *Archpriest Theodore Shevzov* was awarded the right to wear a miter in view of his 40 years of faithful service to the Church.

We congratulate Fr Theodore, and pray that God continue to bless him in his pastoral ministry! Many Years! *Mnogaja Ljeta!*

**Anniversary of Ordination:** On Wednesday 5 February, V Rev *Archpriest George Lardas* marked the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. On Sunday 9 February the St Nicholas Parish hosted a surprise party to celebrate this event.

### 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, Mitered Archpriest Theodore Shevzov, Reader Vladimir.

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

**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), Theophan, 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, and Sophia Salinger, the daughter of Tatiana Sergievsky.

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

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

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

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

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

**Newly Reposed:** Barbara Yaremich, Richard Adzima.

**Recently Departed:** Matushka Katherine Papov, Galina Rudins.

**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.

### Mark Your Calendar

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

**Saturday 5 April** – Children's Lenten Retreat

**Sunday 6 April** – Children's Communion Breakfast

**Sunday 13 April** – Palm Sunday

**Friday 18 April** – Good Friday

**Sunday 20 April** – Pascha

**Sunday 11 May** – Mother's Day

**Thursday 29 May** – Ascension

**Sunday 8 June** – Pentecost

**Sunday 15 June** – Church School Graduation

**Sunday 22 June** – Father's Day



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23 Feb</b> (10 Feb) Meat-Fare Sunday (Last Judgement), last day of meat before Great Lent Tone 2 Liturgy 10 am <b>Bliny 12 noon</b>	<b>24</b> (11)  Cheese-Fare <i>(Maslenitsa)</i>	<b>25</b> (12)  Cheese-Fare	<b>26</b> (13)  Cheese-Fare	<b>27</b> (14)  Cheese-Fare	<b>28</b> (15)  Cheese-Fare	<b>1 Mar</b> (16 Feb)  Cheese-Fare Vigil 6:30 pm
<b>2</b> (17) Cheese Fare (Forgiveness) Sunday, Tone 3  Liturgy 10 am Forgiveness Vespers 11:30am	<b>3</b> (18) Clean Monday, First day of Great and Holy Lent  Great Canon I 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>4</b> (19) Clean Tuesday  Fast day	<b>5</b> (20) Clean Wednesday  Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>6</b> (21) Clean Thursday  Fast day	<b>7</b> (22) Acathist I (in English) 6:30 pm  Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	<b>8</b> (23) St Theodore Saturday Blessing of Kollyva 3:30 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day <i>Daylight time begins tonight</i>
<b>9</b> (24) 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, Triumph of Orthodoxy Tone 4 Liturgy 10 am Procession with Icons 12 noon	<b>10</b> (25)  Fast day	<b>11</b> (26)  Fast day	<b>12</b> (27)  Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>13</b> (28)  Fast day	<b>14</b> (1 Mar)  Acathist II (in English) 6:30 pm  Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	<b>15</b> (2)  Memorial Saturday I General Pannychida 3 pm  Vigil 5 pm Fast day
<b>16</b> (3) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St Gregory Palamas Tone 5  Liturgy 10 am Fast day	<b>17</b> (4)  Fast day	<b>18</b> (5)  Fast day	<b>19</b> (6)  Presanctified Liturgy 10 am  <i>Note: Morning Service</i>  Fast day	<b>20</b> (7)  Fast day	<b>21</b> (8)  Acathist III (in English) 6:30 pm  Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	<b>22</b> (9)  Forty Martyrs Moleben 3:30 pm  Vigil 5 pm Fast day
<b>23</b> (10) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, Veneration of the Precious Cross Tone 6  Liturgy 10 am Fast day	<b>24</b> (11)  Fast day	<b>25</b> (12)  Fast day	<b>26</b> (13)  Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>27</b> (14)  Fast day	<b>28</b> (15)  Acathist IV (in English) 6:30 pm  Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	<b>29</b> (16)  Memorial Saturday III General Pannychida 3 pm  Vigil 5 pm Fast day
<b>30</b> (17)  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St John Climacus Tone 7  Liturgy 10 am Fast day	<b>31</b> (18)  Fast day	<b>1 Apr</b> (19 Mar)  Fast day	<b>2</b> (20)  Great Canon of St Andrew 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>3</b> (21)  Fast day	<b>4</b> (22)  Matins with Acathist Hymn 6:30 pm Fast day	<b>5</b> (23)  Saturday of the Acathist  3 pm Children's Lenten Retreat Vigil 5 pm Fast day

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

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**Saturday 5 April** – Children's Lenten Retreat  
**Sunday 6 April** – Children's Communion Breakfast  
**Sunday 13 April** – Palm Sunday  
**Friday 18 April** – Good Friday  
**Sunday 20 April** – Pascha

**Sunday 11 May** – Mother's Day  
**Thursday 29 May** – Ascension  
**Sunday 8 June** – Pentecost  
**Sunday 15 June** – Church School Graduation  
**Sunday 22 June** – Father's Day

# Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

## Календарь – Март 2014 г.

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Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
<b>23 Фев</b> (10 Фев) Мясопустная Нед (о Страшном Суде), последний день мяса до Пасхи Глас 2 Литургия 10 утр Блины 12 ч дня	<b>24</b> (11)  Масленица	<b>25</b> (12)  Масленица	<b>26</b> (13)  Масленица	<b>27</b> (14)  Масленица	<b>28</b> (15)  Масленица	<b>1 Мар</b> (16 Фев)  Всенощная 6:30 ч веч Масленица
<b>2</b> (17) Сыропустная (Прошёная) Неделя, Глас 3  Литургия 10 ч утр Прошёная Вечерня 11:30 у	<b>3</b> (18) Чистый Понедельник, Первый день Великого Поста Великий Канон I 6:30 веч День постный	<b>4</b> (19) Чистый Вторник  День постный	<b>5</b> (20) Чистая Среда  Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 6:30 ч веч День постный	<b>6</b> (21) Чистый Четверток  День постный	<b>7</b> (22) Акафист I (по-английски) 6:30 ч веч  Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	<b>8</b> (23) Феодоровская убога, Освящение Колливы 3:30 чд Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный <i>Летняя время начинается</i>
<b>9</b> (xx) 1 <sup>ая</sup> Неделя Вел Поста, Торжество Православия Глас 4  Литургия 10 утр Крестный Ход с Иконами 12 ч	<b>10</b> (xx)  	<b>11</b> (xx)  	<b>12</b> (xx)  Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 6:30 ч веч  День постный	<b>13</b> (xx)  	<b>14</b> (1 Мар)  Акафист II (по-английски) 6:30 ч веч  Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	<b>15</b> (2) Родительская Суббота I Общая Панихида 3 ч дня Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
<b>16</b> (3) 2 <sup>ая</sup> Неделя Великого Поста, Св Григория Паламы Глас 5  Литургия 10 утр День постный	<b>17</b> (4)  	<b>18</b> (5)  	<b>19</b> (6) Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 10 ч утра <i>Зам: Утренняя служба</i>  День постный	<b>20</b> (7)  	<b>21</b> (8)  Акафист III (по-английски) 6:30 рп  Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	<b>22</b> (9)  Свв 40 Мучч Севастийских Молебен 3:30 ч дня  Всенощная 5 ч веч
<b>23</b> (10) 3 <sup>ья</sup> Неделя Великого Поста, Крестопоклонная Глас 6  Литургия 10 утр День постный	<b>24</b> (11)  	<b>25</b> (12)  	<b>26</b> (13)  Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 6:30 ч веч  День постный	<b>27</b> (14)  	<b>28</b> (15)  Акафист IV (по-английски) 6:30 ч веч  Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	<b>29</b> (16) Родительская Суббота III Общая Панихида 3:30 ч веч Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
<b>30</b> (17) 4 <sup>ая</sup> Нед Вел Поста, Преп Иоанна Лествичника Глас 7  Литургия 10 утр День постный	<b>31</b> (18)  	<b>1 Апр</b> (19 Мар)  	<b>2</b> (20)  Великий Канон (Андреево Стояние) 6:30 ч веч  День постный	<b>3</b> (21)  	<b>4</b> (22)  Утренняя Акафиста 6:30 ч веч  День постный	<b>5</b> (23) Суббота Акафиста  Детское Говение 3:30 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 5 Апреля** – Детское Великопостное Говение  
**Воскресенье 6 Апреля** – Детское Причастие  
**Воскресенье 13 Апреля** – Вербное Воскресенье  
**Пятница 18 Апреля** – Великий Пяток  
**Воскресенье 20 Апреля** – Пасха Господне

**Воскресенье 11 Мая** – День Матерей  
**Четверг 29 Мая** – Вознесение  
**Воскресенье 8 Июня** – Пятидесятница  
**Воскресенье 15 Июня** – Акт Церковной Школы  
**Воскресенье 22 Июня** – День Отцов



**St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church  
Schedule of Services, March 2014**

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<i>Day</i>	<i>New Style</i>	<i>Old Style</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
<b>Cheese Fare (Forgiveness) Sunday, Tone 3</b>				
Sat	1 Mar	16 Feb	6:30 pm	Vigil
Sun	2 Mar	17 Feb	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			12:00 pm	Forgiveness Vespers
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Great and Holy Lent</b>				
Mon	3 Mar	18 Feb	6:30 pm	Great Canon, Part I
Wed	5 Mar	20 Feb	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri	7 Mar	22 Feb	6:30 pm	Acahist Hymn, Part I
			7:30 pm	Lenten Tea & Talk
<b>St Theodore Saturday</b>				
Sat	8 Mar	23 Feb	3:30 pm	Blessing of Kollyva
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, Triumph of Orthodoxy, Tone 4</b>				
Sat	8 Mar	23 Feb	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	9 Mar	24 Feb	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil
			11:30 am	Moleben of Orthodoxy, Procession with Icons
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Great and Holy Lent</b>				
Wed	12 Mar	27 Feb	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri	14 Mar	1 Mar	6:30 pm	Acahist Hymn, Part II
			7:30 pm	Lenten Tea & Talk
<b>Memorial Saturday I</b>				
Sat	15 Mar	2 Mar	3:00 pm	General Pannychida
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St Gregory Palamas, Tone 5</b>				
Sat	15 Mar	2 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	16 Mar	3 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Great and Holy Lent</b>				
Wed	19 Mar	6 Mar	10:00 am	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri	21 Mar	8 Mar	6:30 pm	Acahist Hymn, Part III
			7:30 pm	Lenten Tea & Talk
<b>Forty Martyrs of Sebastea</b>				
Sat	22 Mar	9 Mar	3:00 pm	Moleben (no Pannychida)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, Holy Cross, Tone 6</b>				
Sat	22 Mar	9 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	23 Mar	10 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Great and Holy Lent</b>				
Wed	26 Mar	13 Mar	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri	28 Mar	15 Mar	6:30 pm	Acahist Hymn, Part IV
			7:30 pm	Lenten Tea & Talk
<b>Memorial Saturday III</b>				
Sat	29 Mar	16 Mar	3:00 pm	General Pannychida
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St John Climacus, Tone 7</b>				
Sat	30 Mar	16 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	31 Mar	17 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Liturgy of St Basil

**Свято-Николаевская Церковь  
Расписание Богослужений, Март 2014 г.**

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<i>День</i>	<i>Новый Стиль</i>	<i>Старый Стиль</i>	<i>Время</i>	<i>Служба</i>
<b>Сыропустная Неделя (Прощенное Воскресенье), Глас 3</b>				
Суб	1 Мар	16 Фев	6:30 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	2 Мар	17 Фев	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Бож Литургия
			12:00 ч дня	Прощенная Вечерня
<b>1<sup>ая</sup> Седмица Великого Поста</b>				
Пон	3 Мар	18 Фев	6:30 ч веч	Великий Канон, Ч I
Сре	5 Мар	20 Фев	6:30 ч веч	Лит Преждеосв Даров
Пят	7 Мар	22 Фев	6:30 ч веч	Акафист, Часть I
			7:30 ч веч	Великопостный Ужин
<b>Феодоровская Суббота</b>				
Суб	8 Мар	23 Фев	3:30 ч дня	Молебен
<b>1<sup>ая</sup> Неделя Вел Поста, Торжество Православия, Глас 4</b>				
Суб	8 Мар	23 Фев	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	9 Мар	24 Фев	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Лит Василия Великого
			11:30 ч утра	Молебен Православия и ход с иконами
<b>2<sup>ая</sup> Седмица Великого Поста</b>				
Сре	12 Мар	27 Фев	6:30 ч веч	Лит Преждеосв Даров
Пят	14 Мар	1 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Акафист, Часть II
			7:30 ч веч	Великопостный Ужин
<b>Родительская Суббота I</b>				
Суб	15 Мар	2 Мар в	3:00 ч дня	Общая Паннихида
<b>2<sup>ая</sup> Неделя Великого Поста, Св Григория Паламы, Глас 5</b>				
Суб	15 Мар	2 Мар	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	16 Мар	3 Мар	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Лит Василия Великого
<b>3<sup>ья</sup> Седмица Великого Поста</b>				
Сре	19 Мар	6 Мар	10:00 ч утра	Лит Преждеосв Даров
Пят	21 Мар	8 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Акафист, Часть III
			7:30 ч веч	Великопостный Ужин
<b>Свв 40 Мучеников Севастийских</b>				
Суб	22 Мар	9 Мар в	3:00 ч дня	Общая Паннихида
<b>3<sup>ья</sup> Неделя Великого Поста, Крестопоклонная, Глас 6</b>				
Суб	22 Мар	9 Мар	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	23 Мар	10 Мар	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Лит Василия Великого
<b>4ая Седмица Великого Поста</b>				
Сре	26 Мар	13 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Лит Преждеосв Даров
Пят	28 Мар	15 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Акафист, Часть IV
			7:30 ч веч	Великопостный Ужин
<b>Родительская Суббота III</b>				
Суб	29 Мар	16 Мар в	3:00 ч дня	Общая Паннихида
<b>4<sup>ая</sup> Неделя Вел Поста, Преп Иоанна Лествичника, Глас 7</b>				
Суб	30 Мар	16 Мар	5:00 ч дня	Всенощная
Вос	31 Мар	17 Мар	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Лит Василия Великого