

St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – February 2015

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Announcements

Verse: And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. – **Luke 2:34-35.**

Г҃ГІХЪ: ꙗко благоловѣнъ ѿ Сѹмеоу, ꙗко рече къ Маріи Матери С҃Г҃У: се лежитъ сеи на паденіе, ꙗко на восстаніе многѹмъ во Израилѣ, ꙗко знаменіе прерѣклемо: [ꙗкоже же самѡи дшшъ проидеть ѡрѣжіе,] ꙗко оуко да ѡткрѣютсѧ ѡтъ многѹхъ сердець помышленїа. – **ѡтъ д҃вкѣ г҃а ѣ, ст҃а ѡд҃л҃а.**

Стихъ: И благословиъ ихъ Сѹмеоу и сказаъ Марию, Матери Его: се, лежитъ Сеи на паденіе и на восстаніе многѹхъ въ Израилѣ и въ предметъ прерѣканїи, и тебѣ самой оружїе пройдетъ душу, да откоются помышленїя многѹхъ сердець. – **Отъ Луки 2:34-35.**

Presentation of our Lord in the Temple:

Troparion, Tone 1: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, * for from thee hath arisen the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, * enlightening those in darkness. * Rejoice thou also, O righteous Elder, * as thou receivest in thine arms the Saviour of our souls, ** Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

Kontakion, Tone 1: Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, * and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, * by anticipation didst even now save us, O Christ God, * but grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth, *and strengthen Orthodox Christians ** whom Thou hast loved, O only Lover of mankind.

С҃Р҃К҃ТЕНІЕ ГОСПОДНЕ:

Тропарь, Гласъ ѡ: Радѹиѧ, благодѣтелна Богородице д҃кво, * ꙗкоже тебѣ ко возрѣіа солнце правды Христѡсъ Богъ нашъ, * проевѣщалаи сшциа ко члвчѣ: * кеселїа ꙗко ты, ст҃арче праведный, * прїемый ко ѡбл҃чїа евокодїтела дшшъ нашихъ, ** д҃р҃вѹщаго намъ воскресенїе.

Кондакъ Гласъ ѡ: Оутрѡбѣ д҃кнїчѣ ѡсвѣтївый рождерткѡмъ твоимъ, * ꙗкоже Сѹмеоу благоловѣный, ꙗкоже подѡбаше, * предварїкъ ꙗко нынѣ спасеъ сшнъ нашъ, Христѣ Бже: * но оумнїи ко бранїхъ жителствѡ * ꙗко оукрѣпїи людї, ** ꙗкоже возавѣлаи сшнъ, сд҃ни челоувѣколюбче.

This Bulletin

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

The bulletin costs \$1.25 each to produce and receiving the bulletin via email will save money for our parish. Please leave your email at the candle desk or send it to dexpeavy@gmail.com.

Do you wish to be taken off our mailing list? Please contact us (or email dexpeavy@gmail.com) and we will remove your name from our monthly bulletin mailing.

General Parish Meeting

This year's Annual General Parish Meeting has been moved from Sunday 8 February. It will be held after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday 8 March** (the Second Sunday of Lent). We invite all our members to attend and participate. Please remember that those eligible to vote are those who have confessed and received Communion at least once in the past year and who are up to date in their dues. If you wish to participate, please be sure to fulfill your obligations.

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

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.

Daylight Time Begins: Please remember that Daylight Time begins at 2 am Sunday 8 March. Please set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening 7 March, so as not to be late for church!

Blessing of Homes: Fr George began blessing houses with Holy Water on on Theophany Day, Monday 19 January. The regularly scheduled visits were completed on Saturday 31 January, except for those scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday January 27 and 28. These were moved to the following Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3 and 4. All other house blessings will be by appointment, including those whose scheduled times were missed in January. To schedule an appointment contact Fr George, 203 209-9374. House blessings end on Saturday 21 Feb-

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ruary, the day before Forgiveness Sunday,

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: 9 am – 6 pm
- Tuesdays: 9 am – 2 pm
- Wednesdays: 2 pm – 6 pm
- Thursday: 8 am – 6 pm
- Fridays: 9 am – 3 pm

The term will end on Friday 15 May. Although it is possible for him to trade hours with someone else if needed, this is difficult. Accordingly, Fr George is unavailable for services public or private at those times. The schedule of services in this and following Bulletins will reflect this. In case of emergency call his cell phone, 203 209-9374, and leave a message, and he will return your call at the earliest opportunity.

Presentation of our Lord in the Temple: This is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church year, and the Feast Day of our sister parish, the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. We will not serve Vigil at St Nicholas, but invite all our parishioners to pray with us at Vigil at Presentation Church, 5 Wheeler Terr in Stratford beginning at 6:30 pm Saturday 14 February.

Bishop Nicholas will serve for the Feast at Presentation Church on Sunday 15 February, beginning with the Meeting of the Bishop at 9 am followed by Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and a festive meal afterwards with *bliny*.

However, we will have services as usual at St Nicholas Church with Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Our Sisterhood will serve *bliny* after the Liturgy.

We encourage all our parishioners to attend Vigil on Saturday night 14 February at the Presentation Church. We congratulate Archpriest Andrei Semyanko, and Fr Constantine Semyanko, and all the parishioners of Presentation Church with their Parish Feast.

Molebens: We mark lesser holy days in February with molebens. A moleben to *St Xenia* will be held at 6:30 pm Thursday 5 February. A moleben to the *Three Hierarchs* will be held at 6:30 pm Thursday 12 February.

General Pannychida: The Saturday before Meat Fare Sunday is a general commemoration of the dead. The General Pannychida for the repose of all souls that have died in the Lord will be at 3 pm Saturday 14 February. We will read the names of the reposed from all the Commemoration Books (*Pomjanniki*) at the Candle Desk. If you wish to add any names to the commemoration of the reposed, please leave your list at the Candle Desk the Sunday before, 8 February.

Forgiveness Sunday: Forgiveness Vespers will be immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Forgiveness Sunday 22 February. This is our opportunity to ask each other's forgiveness for any offence knowing or unknowing that we may have committed over the past year, and so to begin Great Lent with a clean slate. The service is not very long, and for those that have difficulty standing through two services, it is permissible to come to the

Liturgy late that day. Those that cannot kneel should not feel obliged to do so; those that can should.

Great Lent: This year Great Lent begins on Monday 23 February. 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.

Thank You

Poinsettias: We thank Ann Sharog for arranging with the florist to deliver the poinsettias for Christmas. We also thank Anastasia and Thomas Milligan for arranging and setting up the flowers when the florist delivered them. The flowers made the church quite festive, and set the spirit for our celebration of our Lord's Nativity.

Prosporas: We thank Tatiana Stettin for volunteering to bake prosporas. We received her first batch on Sunday 25 January, and they were excellent!

Prospora Baking

Work Party: We called for a prospora baking work party on Friday 26 December. *Fr George* and *John Lardas* made enough prosporas to last until the Feast of Theophany.

Requests

Pray for Marty: The long-time caretaker of our church and ever-faithful member of our parish, Martin Hudobenko, is gravely ill and now under hospice care. We ask the prayers of our parishioners and friends for his health, or, should the Lord so decree, a Christian ending, painless, blameless, and a good defense before the dread judgement seat of Christ. We also ask prayers for his beloved wife and our Senior Sister, Joan Hudobenko in this difficult time.

Ask the Sisterhood President: While we appreciate the desire to help, we do request that before anyone removes anything from the kitchen first to ask our Senior Sister, Joan Hudobenko, before doing anything. On at least one occasion several things turned out missing when needed when someone emptied several shelves in the kitchen freezer.

Donations of Books and Other Objects: Every once in a while we receive donations from parishioners and friends of books, *objets d'art*, icons, religious goods, periodicals, memorabilia, kitchen items, and much more. These are given from estates or when people move. These appear on the back two tables in the downstairs hall of our church. All such donations put us in a difficult position: we hate to treat such donations carelessly, yet we have extremely limited room to store things. They often appear unasked-for, anonymously, and without permission. They often contribute to the clutter that we are trying to clear out. We bless the intent, and understand that people do not wish to simply discard the possessions of loved ones, or of their own, but we are not in a position to do them justice. We do not have room or a

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place to store items for a rummage sale, and so we must limit these donations.

Therefore, we request our parishioners and friends, before bringing anything into the church to *ask permission* either from Fr George or from our Starosta, Dexter Peavy. As a general rule we will hold them for a week or two, and then *we will give whatever is unclaimed to charity*. We will in almost no case keep the donations, as we have no room.

Our Parish

Pelmeni Dinner: This was held on Sunday 25 January together with the Children's Christmas Party. We had a fairly good turnout to support our Sisterhood, and the food was, as usual, delicious. We thank especially our Starosta, Dexter Peavy, who prepared the *pelmeni* for the Sisterhood.

Fr Patrick Burns Served Christmas Liturgy: Fr George contracted the flu the day before Christmas, perhaps while travelling back from visiting his parents. He was able to serve the Royal Hours and Christmas Vigil, but was too sick to serve the Divine Liturgy. We thank Fr Patrick Burns of Three Saints Church in Ansonia, for serving for Fr George on Christmas Day, and for presiding over the festive meal after the Liturgy.

Holy Supper and Christmas Trapeza: We thank Matushka Ann for arranging and cooking for the Holy Supper on Christmas Eve and for the Festive Trapeza (meal) after the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day. We also thank the many ladies that signed up and cooked the various dishes for the meal to make it so memorable.

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.

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.

Become a Member: If you attend services but are not a member, would you please consider joining? The cost is not great - \$150 per adult, or \$300 for families with two adults and any number of children. This amounts to about \$12.50 a month per person. We also have an introductory rate for students.

Sisterhood

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.

Another need is *paper towels* and *toilet paper* for the bathrooms and kitchen.

Our Children

Christmas Party: The Children's Christmas Party (*Yolka*) was rescheduled from Sunday 18 January, the Eve of Theophany, to Sunday 25 January due to extremely icy conditions on the 18th, which prevented most of our people from coming to church. The *Yolka* highlighted the many talents of the children of our parish who performed various musical numbers and dances, both solo and as a group. We congratulate the children, and their parents who encouraged them to develop these talents and share them with all of us, and we thank the Church School mothers who put together and arranged the event.

Choir

Come, Join the Choir: With the beginning of Lent, we will have many, many more services, and will need people to sing both by day and by night. We are grateful to have children singing at the Liturgy, and encourage our parishioners to help when they can by joining the Choir! Chesnokov says that it takes at least three people per part to sustain a Russian choir – two to sing and one to breathe, taking turns. If you want to come and first stand and observe, and then join in slowly, that's okay, generations have learned this way.

Chronicle

Two Winter Storms: On Saturday 17 January, in addition to a layer of heavy, wet snow, winter storm Iola iced over roads, sidewalks and steps so that most people were not able to leave their houses. We were able to serve Vigil that night. The next day few people were able to come to church, and so the *Yolka* appointed for that day had to be postponed to the next Sunday.

On Monday night 26 January and Tuesday 27 January winter storm Juno blanketed the state with at least a foot of snow, and much more in some places. A travel ban was imposed by Gov Malloy, and the house blessings and the Moleben to St Nina scheduled for Tuesday 27 January had to be cancelled.

On the Christian Life

In this issue Fr George answers two questions in depth:

On Chairs in Church: Recently we were asked about replacing the rickety chairs in church with sturdier, more comfortable chairs. The offer is kind, but there are aspects of this question that are not immediately obvious and bear some explanation. First of all, one thing we notice about parishes of the Russian Church Abroad: we have no pews. At St Nicholas, we do have chairs; however most of our parishes do not even have these. There is a theological reason behind this: we who gather together to worship are not an audience to be entertained, but servants in the presence of our Master. Throughout history it has been the rule – servants do not sit in the presence of their Master, but stand. All Christian churches throughout history, until recent times had no pews (benches) and no chairs. Worshippers always stood for worship.

This is not an arbitrary rule meant to make things inconvenient for us. Rather, it is a deep insight into our human psychology. When we sit we become an audience – passive, and waiting to be entertained, informed or amused. In Christ, however, we are the People of God, members of His Body, and active agents of His will. Active participation in the Divine Liturgy requires us to stand and to pay attention. We have things to do to accomplish the Liturgy. For some that means to serve in the Altar, to be the hands and feet of the Minister to perform the Mystical Sacrifice (the Communion). For others it means to give utterance from the Reader's stand or from the Choir to the words of our common prayer to accomplish this same Sacrifice. For those of us who are not in the Altar or the Choir it means to join knowingly and consciously our individual prayer to the common prayer of the assembly of the Faithful for the petitions in the litanies, and for the realization of this awesome Mystery. All this requires spiritual and conscious activity. Such activity is not done sitting down. Therefore Orthodox Churches do not (or should not) have pews.

The fact is that pews are a recent invention, a seventeenth-century product of the Protestant Reformation that secularized the life of the Church and replaced Sacrament (action) with preaching (listening, a passive role). Pews are natural and logical to Protestantism. They are opposed to Orthodoxy. This may seem a small thing compared to more serious issues in the Church, but all these small things add up. Change a little here, and a little there, and eventually we cease to be Orthodox, and gradually become Protestant. Our Lord told us that those that are faithful in small things will be given charge over great things.

Our lack of pews has many practical advantages: it is easier to move around, and if we have small children, we can take them in and out of the church when necessary, or attend to melting candles without displacing a whole row of sitters. We can also pack more people into an open space than a space filled with benches and chairs. This becomes useful on Pascha and other major holy days. There are points in the services and in the Church year when we make prostrations to the ground. This is impossible to do when we have pews. This is therefore yet another way we lose our Orthodox heritage.

We recognize, however, our limitations, and the fact that we have among us the elderly and the infirm who are not able to stand. The Church allows for our weakness in providing seating for the weaker among us, traditionally this is in the form of benches along the walls (we have a few of these at St Nicholas). In our St Nicholas Church, we also have chairs. We have a few armchairs (four of them) for those that need the armrests, and we have small wooden chairs for those that have the need to sit. This should suffice us. I do bless the replacement of the rickety chairs with comparable chairs in newer and sturdier condition. But I cannot bless the replacement of these chairs with larger, or more numerous, or more comfortable (padded) seats. Any new seating should replace the old worn out chairs on a one-to-one basis, and must be wooden, for the reason that metal chairs resonate, clang and bang when they are moved.

– Fr. George Lardas, Rector

Prosporas and Prospora Baking: In the past year our St Nicholas parish has been responsible for supplying our own prosporas. This has been a rough transition, and there were times when we had nearly none on hand. I thought it well to say a few words about the prosporas:

Prospora is the offering-bread for the Divine Liturgy. Without it we cannot serve the Liturgy, and there can be no Communion. It is that important. The word prospora comes from the Greek, *πρόσφορον* meaning *offering*.

At minimum five loaves are required for the Liturgy: One for the Lamb (the actual Communion), one for the Mother of God, one for the Saints, one for the living, and one for the departed. Optionally, and customarily, extra prosporas are submitted by the people along with a commemoration list for the health and salvation of the living, and for the repose of the departed, with the names of Orthodox Christians that are eligible to receive Communion. The names on the lists are read and those prosporas are returned to the giver with four particles and a triangle cut out of them. The particles are set aside to be put into the Chalice after the Communion of the people near the end of the Liturgy, and so they are immersed in the Blood of our Lord. That is why only Orthodox names are accepted; this represents the Communion of the Faithful.

The prospora is the offering of the people, that which we pray over with the words, *Thine own of Thine own do we offer to Thee in behalf of all and for all*. If we are to exist as a parish, if we are to offer the Communion, we need the people to offer the prospora. That means we need people to bake them.

If we do not have enough people to bake prosporas, I will bake them myself, but only the barest minimum for the Divine Liturgy. In other words, not enough to give out with the commemoration lists. This is not out of any lack of desire, but because my time is divided between liturgical and pastoral duties and three part-time jobs, and also because the prospora are the people's offering, and are not usually made by the priest.

I therefore appeal for volunteers to bake prosporas. This need not be done at church in work parties. This is better done at home. We have one volunteer so far, but we need two or three

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volunteers so that if one falls ill or goes on vacation, the others can take up the slack.

Who may bake prosphoras? Any Orthodox Christian in good standing whose conscience is clear, one not living in sin. If married, then he or she must be joined in an Orthodox, and not just in a civil marriage. Anyone who wishes to volunteer please see me.

One needs some experience in baking, good quality flour, water, yeast, and salt, a prosphora seal, a rolling pin, and round cutters of the right size. There is a prayer before beginning the baking, and while baking we listen to the Scriptures or the Psalms, or prayers, or hymns, or just recite to ourselves the Jesus Prayer. Instructions for baking prosphoras can be found at the website www.prosphora.org, or you may ask me and I will give you directions.

Until we have a steady, reliable source of prosphoras we will follow these rules:

- No new subscriptions for prosphoras will be accepted.
- The current subscriptions will be allowed to lapse.
- We will limit the number of prosphoras to be returned to two prosphoras for each person unless that person brings his own prosphoras to the service (i.e. we will not give out four or seven prosphoras to those who ask).
- All submitted commemoration lists will be read over the loaves for the living and for the departed even we do not give out a separate prosphoron.
- Because all the names are read together, and all the prosphoras are cut together, we will return the commemoration books separately from the prosphoras when there are not enough Altar Boys in the Altar to handle the prosphoras.
- If there are not enough prosphoras to be returned for all the lists submitted, we will cut what we have and the Candle Desk will give them out on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- If there are only five prosphoras available, the bare minimum to serve Liturgy, those will be used for the Proskomedia, and none will be given out that day.

– Fr. George Lardas, Rector

Liturgical Notes

Note: We include this section so that Fr George may have help changing the altar cloths and vestments at the appropriate times. This is a lot of work, but goes much more easily with a few helping hands.

Gold: After the leave-taking of the Feast of Theophany, Tuesday 27 January, we change the altar cloths and vestments to gold. They remain gold until Vespers on Forgiveness Sunday, 22 February, when the cloths are changed to black.

Blue: On the eve of the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, Saturday 14 February, the altar cloths and vestments are changed

to blue. They remain until the Apodosis of the Feast on Thursday 19 February.

Gold: On Thursday afternoon, 19 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 22 February. 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.

Milestones

Eternal Memory: On Friday 26 December, *Angelina Schneider* of Woodmont reposed in the Lord after a long illness at Stamford Hospital. Her funeral was served on Monday 28 December by V Rev Archpriest Constantine Semyanko at the Church of the Presentation of our Lord in Stratford. Burial followed at King's Highway Cemetery in Milford. We ask prayers for her repose, especially on her Fortieth Day, Tuesday 3 February.

On Saturday 3 January our one-time parishioner *Galina Baranov* reposed in the Lord after a long illness. Her funeral was served by Rev Fr Patrick Burns at Three Saints Orthodox Church in Ansonia on Saturday 17 January. Burial followed at King's Highway Cemetery in Milford. We ask prayers for her repose, especially on her Fortieth Day, Friday 20 February.

May the Lord receive them into His heavenly habitation, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting. May their memory be eternal, and may the Lord console their grieving family and friends.

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 yours 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:

Hospice Care: Martin Hudobenko.

Ailing Clergy: Archbishop Paul (Pavlos) of Astoria (Greek Old-Calendar), Archbishop Nikon (OCA), Mitered Archpriest

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Andrei Semyanko, Mitered Archpriest Theodore Shevzov, Mitered Archpriest Stavros Rousos, Protodeacon Nicholas Triantafillidis (cancer), Reader Vladimir.

Ailing Parishioners: Mildred Harko, Emilia Hramov, Kiril (Charles) Nettle, Vera Peebles and her daughter Janet, Galina Penchuk, Ann Sharog, Elena and Ludmila Skorik, Valentina and Denis Zimbalkin.

Ailing Orthodox: Uliana Drobot, Nina Boldyreff, Nadezhda Jakovenko, Helen Raduk, Yvette (Eve) Girard, Andrea Picard, Sophia, Peter Nelson, Desislava Dimitrova, Margaret, Theophan, and also the servants of God Velitchka and for Sophia Drobot, 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, Benjamin.

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

Soldiers, Orthodox: Nicolas, Jesse, Andrei, Michael, Timothy, James, and Sarah.

Soldiers, Non-Orthodox: John and Geoffrey.

Newly-Departed: Angelina Schneider (40th Day: Tuesday 3 February); Galina Baranov (40th Day: Friday 20 February).

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:

Sunday 8 March – Daylight Time begins

Sunday 8 March – Annual General Parish Meeting

Saturday 28 March – Children’s Lenten Retreat

Sunday 29 March – Children’s Communion Breakfast

Sunday 5 April – Palm Sunday

Friday 10 April – Good Friday

Sunday 12 April - Pascha



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Feb (19 Jan) Beginning of Triodion, Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Tone 1 Liturgy 10 am	2 (20) Fast-Free Week	3 (21) Fast-Free Week	4 (22) Fast-Free Week	5 (23) Moleben to St Xenia 6:30 p Fast-Free Week	6 (24) St Xenia Fast-Free Week	7 (25) Vigil 5 pm
8 (26) Sunday of the Prodigal Son New Martyrs of Russia Tone 2 Liturgy 10 am	9 (27) Fast-Free Week	10 (28) Fast-Free Week	11 (29) Fast day	12 (30) Three Hierarchs Lincoln's B'day Moleben 5:00 pm	13 (31) Fast day	14 (1 Feb) Soul Sat. Gen Pannychida 3 pm Vigil of Presentation at Presentation Church 6:30 pm No services at St Nicholas
15 (2) PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (Candlemas) Meat-Fare Sun (Last Judgement), last day of meat before Lent, T3 Liturgy 10 am Bliny 12 noon	16 (3) Cheese-Fare (Maslenitsa) Presidents' Day Civil Holiday	17 (4) Cheese-Fare	18 (5) Secular Ash Wed Cheese-Fare	19 (6) Cheese-Fare	20 (7) Cheese-Fare	21 (8) Cheese-Fare Vigil 5 pm
22 (9) Cheese Fare (Forgiveness) Sunday, Tone 4 Liturgy 10 am Forgiveness Vespers 11:30 a	23 (10) Clean Monday, First day of Great and Holy Lent Great Canon I 6:30 pm Fast day	24 (11) Clean Tuesday Great Canon II 6:30 pm Fast day	25 (12) Clean Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy 9:30 am Great Canon III 6:30 pm Fast day	26 (13) Clean Thursday Great Canon IV 6:30 pm Fast day	27 (14) Acahist I (in English) 6:30 pm Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	28 (15) St Theodore Saturday Blessing of Kollyva 3 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day
1 Mar (16) 1 st Sunday of Great Lent, Triumph of Orthodoxy Tone 5 Liturgy 10 am Procession with Icons 12 noon	2 (17) Fast day	3 (18) Fast day	4 (19) Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 pm Fast day	5 (20) Fast day	6 (21) Acahist II (in English) 6:30 pm Lenten Pot Luck Supper 7:30 pm Fast day	7 (22) Daylight time begins tonight Memorial Saturday I General Pannychida 3 pm Vigil 5 pm Fast day

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

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

Sunday 8 March – Daylight Time begins
Sunday 8 March – Annual General Parish Meeting
Saturday 28 March – Children's Lenten Retreat
Sunday 29 March – Children's Communion Breakfast

Sunday 5 April – Palm Sunday
Friday 10 April – Good Friday
Sunday 12 April – Pascha

Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Календарь – Февраль 2015 г.

О. Георгий Лардас, Настоятель – Телефон 203 / 209-9374

Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
1 Фев (19 Янв) Начало Триоди Постной, Неделя о Мытаре и Фарисее Глас 1 Литургия 10 ч утра	2 (20) Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	3 (21) Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	4 (22) Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	5 (23) Молебен Бл Ксении 6:30 ч веч Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	6 (24) Св Бл Ксении Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	7 (25) Всенощная 5 ч веч
8 (26) Неделя о Блудном Сыне, Свв Новомучч Российских Глас 2 Литургия 10 ч утра	9 (27) Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	10 (28) Сплошная седмица – Поста нет	11 (29) День постный	12 (30) Трех Святителей Молебен 6:30 ч веч	13 (31) День постный	14 (1 Фев) Родительская Суббота Общ Панихида 3 ч дня Всенощная в Сретинской Церкви 6:30 ч веч
15 (2) СРЕТЕ- НИЕ ГОСПОДНЕ Мясопустная Нед (о Страш- ном Суде), Гл 3 последний день мяса до Пасхи Литургия 10 утр Блины 12 ч дня	16 (3) Масленица <i>Гражданский праздник</i>	17 (4) Масленица	18 (5) Масленица	19 (6) Масленица	20 (7) Масленица	21 (8) Масленица Всенощная 5 ч веч
22 (9) Сыропустная (Прошѣная) Не- деля, Глас 4 Литургия 10 ч утр Прошѣная Вечерня 12 ч	23 (10) Чистый Понедельник, Первый день Великого Поста Великий Канон I 6:30 веч День постный	24 (11) Чистый Вторник Великий Канон II 6:30 в День постный	25 (12) Чистая Среда Литургия Преждеосвя- щенных Даров 9:30 ч утра Великий Канон III 6:30 в День постный	26 (13) Чистый Четверток Великий Канон IV 6:30 в День постный	27 (14) Акафист I (по-английски) 6:30 ч веч Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	28 (15) Феодоровская Суббота, Освящение Колливы 3 ч д Всенощная 5 ч веч День постный
1 Мар (16 Фев) 1 ^{ая} Неделя Вел Поста, Торжест- во Православия Глас 5 Литургия 10 утр Крестный Ход с Иконами 12 ч	2 (17) День постный	3 (18) День постный	4 (19) Литургия Преждеосвя- щенных Даров 6:30 ч веч День постный	5 (20) День постный	6 (21) Акафист II (по-английски) 6:30 ч веч Великопостный Ужин 7:30 ч веч День постный	7 (22) Родительская Суббота I Общая Панихида 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 8 Марта – Начало летнего времени
Воскресенье 8 Марта – Годовое Общее Приходское Собрание
Суббота 28 Марта – Детское Великопостное Говение
Воскресенье 29 Марта – Детское Причастие

Воскресенье 5 Апреля – Вербное Воскресенье
Пятница 10 Апреля – Великий Пяток
Воскресенье 12 Апреля – Пасха Господня

St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
Schedule of Services
February 2015

Fr George Lardas, Rector; Telephone: 203 / 209-9374

Day	New Style	Old Style	Time	Service
Beginning of Triodion, Sun of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 1				
Sat	31 Jan	18 Jan	6:30 pm	<u>Late Vigil</u>
Sun	1 Feb	19 Jan	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy

Fast Free Week – No fasting during the week of 1-7 Feb (Old Style 19-25 Jan); Wednesday and Friday are fast-free

St Xenia

Thu 5 Feb 23 Jan 6:30 pm Moleben

Sunday of the Prodigal Son, New Martyrs of Russia, Tone 2

Sat 7 Feb 25 Jan 5:00 pm Vigil
 Sun 8 Feb 26 Jan 9:30 am Hours and Confession
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Three Hierarchs

Thu 12 Feb 30 Jan 6:30 pm Moleben

Soul Saturday – General Commemoration of the Departed

Sat 14 Feb 1 Feb 3:00 pm General Pannychida

PRESENTATION of our Lord in the Temple, Sunday of Meat-Fare, of the Last Judgement, Tone 3 – Parish Feast of our Sister Parish, Presentation of the Lord, *last day of meat before Great and Holy Pascha*

Sat 14 Feb 1 Feb 6:30 pm Vigil at Presentation Church, no service at St Nicholas
 Sun 15 Feb 2 Feb 9:30 am Hours and Confession at St Nicholas
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 12:00 pm Sisterhood *Bliny*

Cheese-Fare Week – All foods except flesh-meat permitted during the week of 16-22 Feb (Old Style 3-9 Feb), including Wed and Fri

Cheese Fare (Forgiveness) Sunday, Tone 4

Sat 21 Feb 8 Feb 5:00 pm Vigil
 Sun 22 Feb 9 Feb 9:30 am Hours and Confession
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 12:00 pm Forgiveness Vespers

1st Week of Great and Holy Lent

Mon 23 Feb 10 Feb 6:30 pm Great Canon, Part I
 Tue 24 Feb 11 Feb 6:30 pm Great Canon, Part II
 Wed 25 Feb 12 Feb 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy
 6:30 pm Great Canon, Part III
 Thu 26 Feb 13 Feb 6:30 pm Great Canon, Part IV
 Fri 27 Feb 14 Feb 6:30 pm Acathist Hymn, Part I
 7:30 pm Lenten Tea & Talk

St Theodore Saturday

Sat 28 Feb 15 Feb 3:00 pm Blessing of Kollyva

1st Sunday of Great Lent, Triumph of Orthodoxy, Tone 5

Sat 28 Feb 15 Feb 5:00 pm Vigil
 Sun 1 Mar 16 Feb 9:30 am Hours and Confession
 10:00 am Liturgy of St Basil
 11:30 am Moleben of Orthodoxy, Procession with Icons

Свято-Николаевская Церковь
Расписание Богослужений
Февраля 2015 г.

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День	Новый Стиль	Старый Стиль	Время	Служба
Начало Триоди Постной, Неделя о Мытаре и Фарисее, Глас 1				
Суб	31 Янв	18 Янв	6:30 ч веч	<u>Всенощ, позд служба</u>
Вос	1 Фев	19 Янв	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Бож Литургия

Сплошная Седмица – В этой недели, 1-7 Фев (Ст Ст 19-27 Янв), поста нет; в Среду и Пятницу разрешаются все пиши.

Св Блаж Ксени

Чет 5 Фев 23 Янв 6:30 ч веч Молебен

Нед о Блудном Сыне, Свв Новомчк и Испов Российских, Глас 2

Суб 7 Фев 25 Янв 5:00 ч веч Всенощная
 Вос 8 Фев 26 Янв 9:30 ч утра Часы и исповедь
 10:00 ч утра Бож Литургия

Свв Трех Святителей

Чет 12 Фев 30 Янв 6:30 ч веч Молебен

Родительская Суббота – Общее Поминование Усопших

Суб 14 Фев 1 Фев 3:00 ч веч Общая Панихида

Сретение Господне, Мясопустная Неделя (о Страшном Суде), Глас 2 – Пристольный праздник Сретенского Прихода, *последний день мясоеды до Великой и Святой Пасхи*

Суб 14 Фев 1 Фев 6:30 ч веч *Всенощ в Сретенской Церкви, в Никольской Церкви службы нет*
 Вос 15 Фев 2 Фев 9:30 ч утра Часы и исповедь в Никольской Церкви
 10:00 ч утра Бож Литургия
 12:00 ч дня Блины от Сестричества

Масленица – В этой недели, 16-22 Фев (Ст Ст 3-9 Фев), все пиши разрешаются кроме мяса, и в Среду и в Пятницу

Сыропустная Неделя (Прощенное Воскресенье), Глас 4

Суб 21 Фев 8 Фев 5:00 ч веч Всенощная
 Вос 22 Фев 9 Фев 9:30 ч утра Часы и исповедь
 10:00 ч утра Бож Литургия
 12:00 ч дня Прощенная Вечерня

1^{ая} Седмица Великого Поста

Пон 23 Фев 10 Фев 6:30 ч веч Великий Канон, Ч I
 Пон 24 Фев 11 Фев 6:30 ч веч Великий Канон, Ч II
 Сре 25 Фев 12 Фев 9:30 ч утра Лит Преждеосв Даров
 6:30 ч веч Великий Канон, Ч III
 Пон 26 Фев 13 Фев 6:30 ч веч Великий Канон, Ч IV
 Пят 27 Фев 14 Фев 6:30 ч веч Акафист, Часть I
 7:30 ч веч Великопостный Ужин

Феодоровская Суббота

Суб 28 Фев 15 Фев 3:00 ч дня Освящение Колливы

1^{ая} Неделя Вел Поста, Торжество Православия, Глас 5

Суб 28 Фев 15 Фев 5:00 ч веч Всенощная
 Вос 1 Мар 16 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