

St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – April 2015

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Announcements

Verse: *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.. – 3 John 1:4.*

Стіхъ: БО́ЛШИНЪ СЕДѢ НЕ ЇМАМЪ РАДОСТИ, ДА СЛЫШУ МОЎ ЧѢ ДА ВО ИСТИНѢ ХОДЯЩА.. – **ѿ Поѣлѣ Іѡанна глѣ ѡ, вѣѣ ѡ.**

Стихъ: *Для меня нѣтъ большей радости, какъ слышать, что дѣти мои ходятъ въ истинѣ. – 3 Іоанна 1:4.*

This Bulletin

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

The Kendall & Callaghan Families

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General Parish Meeting

As of this writing the *Annual General Parish Meeting*, scheduled for the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, 29 March, has not yet been held. The election of the new Parish Council and other results will be posted in the next issue of this Bulletin.

Inauguration: The new Parish Council to be elected on Sunday 29 March will be inaugurated the following week at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, 5 April. The new Parish Council officers should prepare to receive Holy Communion that day before taking the Oath of Office.

Services

Great Lent: Let us remember that the Fast continues until the Midnight Service on Pascha night, Saturday 11 April. We abstain from meat (including chicken), eggs, dairy products, and fish. On

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

Presanctified Liturgy: Our last Presanctified Liturgy will be held at 9:30 in the *morning* on **Wednesday 1 April**.

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.

Lazarus Saturday: There will be no services for Lazarus Saturday, 4 April, this year.

Palm Sunday: One of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church Year, this celebrates the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem six days before His Passion. Vigil with Litya and the blessing of palms (and pussy willows) will begin at 5 pm Saturday 4 April, and Divine Liturgy for the Feast, at the usual time, 10 am Sunday 5 April. Fish, wine and oil are permitted on this day for the sake of the Feast. There will be a collection for the Holy Land at the end of the Liturgy.

Holy Unction in Nyack: Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan will serve Holy Unction at the Holy Virgin Protection Church, 51 Prospect St, Nyack NY at 4 pm on Palm Sunday, 5 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 6:30 pm, Holy Wednesday, 8 April.

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.

No Bridegroom Matins: Because the Feast of the Annunciation falls on Tuesday of Holy Week it pre-empts the Bridegroom Matins for Holy Tuesday and Wednesday.

Confession During Holy Week: Those who wish to receive Communion during Holy Week and Pascha and Bright Monday should go to confession during the appointed times before, during or after the services, and not wait till the last minute before the beginning of the Divine Liturgy. 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.

Annunciation: One of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church Year, the Annunciation celebrates the glad tidings given to the Theotokos, the Ever-Virgin Mary, that she should bear the Saviour of the world. Vigil with Great Compline and Litya begins at

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6:30 pm on Holy Monday, 6 April, and the Vespers Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom begins at 6:30 pm on Tuesday 7 April. Fish, wine and oil are permitted on this day for the sake of the Feast. Those who wish to receive Communion on that day should prepare by prayer, fasting and confession.

Holy Unction at St Nicholas: We will serve Holy Unction at St Nicholas Church as usual at 6:30 pm, Holy Wednesday, 8 April. Those who attend should prepare by Confession, prayer and fasting. Please know that we do not receive Unction again if we have already been anointed this year at another Unction service.

Holy Thursday: The Vespers Divine Liturgy of St Basil on Holy Thursday begins at 9:30 am 9 April. This celebrates the Institution (foundation) of the Sacrament (Holy Communion) at the Mystical Supper in that Upper Room in Jerusalem on the eve of our Lord's Passion.

12 Passion Gospels: Matins for Good Friday with the 12 Gospel readings of the Passion of our Lord will begin at 6:30 pm Holy Thursday 9 April. This is one of the most profound and meaningful services of the Church year, and it is a pity that many of our parishioners have missed it in the past. Although it is a long service, we should unfailingly attend out of gratitude to our Lord for saving us, and to learn about the events that took place in that fateful night and day that changed the world forever.

Vespers of the Plaschanitsa: Vespers of Great and Holy Friday marks the end of our Lord's Passion, and His Burial. This is a very beautiful service, during which we bring out the Plaschanitsa (Winding Sheet) of our Lord. The service begins at 2 pm Friday 10 April.

Burial of our Lord: Matins for Holy Saturday with the Lamentations of the Burial of our Lord will begin at 6:30 pm Friday 10 April. This service includes a funeral procession for our Lord, and concludes with the Prophecy of Ezekiel of the Resurrection over the dry bones. This service is not as long as the 12 Passion Gospels, and is now sparsely attended. We need people for banners, icons, candles and bearers to carry the Plaschanitsa as we go around the church in the procession.

Holy Saturday: The Vespers Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great for Holy Saturday with the 15 Old Testament readings begins at 9 am on Saturday 11 April. In the ancient times this was the Paschal Liturgy. The Old Testament readings are foretellings of the salvation of the world, and foretypes of the Resurrection. The service is marked by a transition from sadness to joy. The readings are taken in turn by our children and other volunteers.

Paschal Vigil: This includes the Paschal Nocturnes, Paschal Matins, Paschal Hours and Paschal Divine Liturgy. The Vigil begins at 11:30 pm Saturday 11 April with Nocturnes (Midnight Office) that echoes the Canon of Holy Saturday, *In the waves of the sea (Volnoju morskiju)*, during which we gradually dim the lights, and bring the Plaschanitsa into the Altar. At midnight we begin Matins with a procession celebrating the Resurrection of our Saviour. Immediately following the Matins, we have the Paschal Hours (very short) and the Paschal Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy begins around 1:30 am, and we finish about 3 am. This is the most festive Divine Liturgy in the whole year, and all Ortho-

dox Christians should strive to be present at it and share the joy of the Resurrection. A Paschal breakfast follows at which we eat the blessed Paschal foods.

Blessing of Paschal Foods: The Paschal foods (kulichi, meat, eggs, cheese) are supposed to be blessed at the end of the Paschal Liturgy (around 3 am on Pascha night), and with the singing of *Christ is risen (Khristos voskrese)*. However, since not everyone can be present at that time, we have appointed the following times for blessing the Paschal foods on Holy Saturday, 11 April:

- At the end of Holy Saturday Liturgy, about 2 pm
- At 5 pm
- Before the Paschal Vigil, at 11 pm

All blessings will be downstairs in the Church Hall, and without singing of *Christ is risen*, since this is before midnight. Please do not bring foods (especially flesh-meats) into the church itself. This is not permitted.

Paschal Vespers: There will be no Divine Liturgy on Pascha Day itself, Sunday 12 April, since it will have already been served earlier, in the middle of the night. Instead, Paschal Vespers will be served at the usual time of the Sunday service, 10 am.

Bright Monday: Divine Liturgy for the second day of Pascha will begin at 10 am Monday 13 April. This service is for those children (and others) who cannot come to the Midnight Service on Pascha, and will include a procession by the children with Icons, a festive Trapeza, and an Easter egg hunt.

Blessing of Graves: This will be on St Thomas Sunday and Monday of St Thomas Week:

- **Sunday 19 April** – 2:30 pm, *St Joseph's Cemetery* in Lordship; 3:30 pm, *Union Cemetery* in Stratford; and 4:30 pm, *St John's Cemetery* in Stratford.
- **Tuesday 21 April** – 4:00 pm, *Old Milford Cemetery*; 5:00 pm, *King's Highway Cemetery* in Milford.
- **Wednesday 22 April** – 10:00 am, *St John's Cemetery* in Monroe; 12:00 noon, *Lakeview Cemetery* in Bridgeport.

At the appointed time we will serve a general Pannychida at the Chapel (St John's), at the flagpole in the middle of the cemetery (King's Highway), at the main entrance (Lakeview), or at the main Cross (St John's Monroe), and then we will bless the individual graves. 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.

Blessing of Homes: If Fr. George was unable to bless your home before Lent and you still wish to have your house blessed, please contact Fr George and set up an appointment.

Chronicle

Pan Orthodox Vespers at St Nicholas: On Sunday 22 March our St Nicholas Church hosted the *Greater Bridgeport Orthodox Clergy Association Lenten Vespers*. Serving with our Rector, Fr George, were *Fr Cornel Todeasa* of St Dimitrie's Romanian Church in Easton, *Fr David Cochran* of St John the

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was **Laura Chadwick** of St George's Albanian Church in Trumbull, and **Fr Peter Paproski** of St John the Baptist Church on Broadbridge Ave in Stratford sang with the choir. A well-attended Fellowship Hour followed in the Church Hall downstairs. Please see the section, **THANK YOU**, below for more information.

Pan Orthodox Vespers Elsewhere: Fr George concelebrated with local Orthodox clergy at the **Pan-Orthodox Vespers** at **St George's Albanian Church** in Trumbull on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, 8 March, and at **St Nicholas Antiochian Church** on Holy Cross Sunday, 15 March. He missed the first Pan-Orthodox Vespers on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, 1 March, due to hazardous driving conditions that afternoon.

Acathist, Shared Service: At a suggestion by a parishioner of that church Fr George arranged to hold the Acathist with Small Compline Part IV jointly with Fr Romanos Malouf at **St Nicholas Antiochian Church** on Park Avenue in Bridgeport on Friday 20 March. This was the first time we served together and we hope that there will be more opportunities in the future. Attendance was, however, sparse due to a heavy snowfall that day.

Lenten Pastoral Retreat: Fr George and Matushka Ann attended the **Eastern American Diocese Annual Lenten Pastoral Retreat** at St Alexander Nevsky Diocesan Cathedral in Howell NJ from Monday 16 March through Wednesday 18 March. The Retreat was an opportunity for priests and their matushkas to get together for prayer, fellowship and confession. Presiding over the Retreat were Bishop George of Mayfield and Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan. The Retreat was blessed with the presence of the Wonder-Working and Myrrh-Streaming Icon of the Mother of God Softener of Evil Hearts, which is on tour from Russia. This same Icon came to our parish twice in the past several years.

The keynote speaker was Archimandrite Demetrios Carellas, the Chaplain of the Nativity of the Mother of God Greek Convent in Saxonburg PA. He spoke on the role of faith in the labors of the Holy Fathers. The Retreat ended with the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, followed by group picture and adoption of a resolution. At one of the panel discussions, Matushka Ann raised the question of widowed matushkas and their lack of visibility in our Diocese. She was then asked to put together a recommendation for inclusion in the Diocesan website.

As Bishop George is being transferred to Australia as of Bright Tuesday, April 14, On behalf of the Diocesan Council, clergy, matushkas, and parishioners, diocesan secretary Archpriest Serge Lukianov sincerely thanked His Grace for his archpastoral labors to the benefit of the clergy and faithful, and presented Bishop George with a palitsa bearing an icon of the Holy Trinity, as "a spiritual shield, a defense and fortification, in memory of the Diocese." His Grace assured the clergy and faithful of his prayers.

Baptist Church on Mill Hill Ave in Bridgeport, and **Fr Stephen Masliuk** of St Mary's Ukrainian Church in Bridgeport. The Director of the Pan-Orthodox Choir

A prime focus of the discussions at the Retreat was the need to involve our youth in the work of the church, for without them our Church has no future. A concrete effort to this end is to encourage participation in the St Herman Youth Conferences and in our various summer camps, as well as active engagement in our parishes and a renewed focus on religious and parish education. This is also reflected in the text of the Resolution adopted by the attendees.

At the Presanctified Liturgy, in accordance with the resolution of the Synod of Bishops and with the blessing of Metropolitan Hilarion, Bishop George bestowed awards upon several clerics of the Eastern American Diocese:

- Abbot German (Ciuba; rector of St. Stephen Church in Old Forge, PA) was awarded the right to wear the palitsa and jeweled cross.
- Archpriest Alexander Donchenko (rector of St. Nicholas Church in Poughkeepsie, NY) was awarded the right to wear the jeweled cross.
- Archpriest Alexis Duncan (rector of Nativity of the Mother of God Church in Albany, NY) was awarded the right to wear the jeweled cross.
- Archpriest Seraphim Stephens (former rector of St. Joseph of Optina Church in Virginia Beach, VA) was awarded the right to wear the jeweled cross.
- Priest Paul Ivanov (rector of Holy Myrrhbearers Church in Brooklyn, NY) was elevated to the rank of archpriest.
- Deacon Alexander Doohovskoy (cleric of St. Xenia Church in Methuen, MA) was awarded the right to wear the double orarion.

Fr George and Matushka Ann found the Retreat spiritually uplifting and a renewal of strength for the work of the Church. Details of the Retreat can be found at the Diocesan website:

<http://eadiocese.org/en.index.htm> (in English)

<http://eadiocese.org/index.htm> (по-русски)

The text of the Resolution and a group picture can be found at:

<http://eadiocese.org/News/2015/mar/resolut.en.htm> (English)

<http://eadiocese.org/News/2015/mar/resolut.ru.htm> (русски)

Thank You

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I wish to thank all those who worked to prepare for the Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers at St Nicholas on Sunday 22 March: all who cooked, all who sang, who set up and all who cleaned up afterwards.

I received many compliments which I wish to pass on to you about how beautiful the church looks and how wonderful the food was, how our ladies really put on a good table.

*I especially wish to thank **Greg Romanovsky** who within one week nearly single-handedly (with help from **his son Alex** and some others) brought in and set up the new counters and cabinets and did many repairs and touch-ups that transformed*

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the entire downstairs.

I thank **Maria Peavy** and **Kelly Kendall** for their efforts in coordinating and planning the fellowship hour, to **Maria Peavy** for the actual setup and greeting and welcoming guests, and **Mary Madzik** for her work and faithful labors, from before the Liturgy till long after the guests left. I thank **Andrew Warth** for all his help with set up and clean up. I also thank **all the ladies** who prepared and contributed dishes. I thank **Fr Deacon Paul Giatas** for his service at the Vespers, and for his help and assistance with the cleanup, and **John Lardas**, who came from out of town by train at the last minute, in time to wash pots and pans.

It was a great blessing to all of us that we could get together with our fellow Orthodox Christians and pray together and get to know each other better and to share in hospitality.

Since these renovations are ongoing, our church will be even more beautiful on Pascha.

God bless you all!

– Fr George Lardas, Rector

Prosporas: We thank **Tatiana Stettinin** for the prosporas she baked in March for the Divine Liturgy. We also thank **Valery Petrov** for bringing prosporas from Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, and **John Lardas** for baking prosporas. God bless you!

Painting: We thank **Greg Romanovsky** for the many hours he spent painting the Church Hall and for continuing repairs and renovations on the church building, especially downstairs. This work involved moving cabinets and rewiring the outlets to make them accessible when the new cabinets are permanently installed. We look forward to how beautiful everything will look on Pascha!

Lamps: We thank **Adrew Warth** and **Fr Deacon Paul Giatas** for undertaking to change the lamps in the Altar, on the Iconostasis, and on the candle stands from paraffin wax to oil. They cleaned the glasses, obtained the wicks and wick holders and supplied the olive oil for the lamps. These will be easier to clean than the wax inserts that we have been using before, and brings a quiet beauty to the appearance of the church. God bless you!

Prospora Baking

Calling for Prospora Bakers: We have a continuing need for prosporas. We use about 30 to 35 each Sunday, so we need approximately 150 a month. While we do have one person who bakes prosporas, we are looking for more volunteers. Without prosporas we cannot serve the Divine Liturgy.

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.

Call for Pussy Willows: Palm Sunday is 5 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) 4 April.

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, 5 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.

Lampada Sponsorship: Offerings may be made to sponsor the lighting of 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.

Preparations for Pascha

Church Cleanup: There will be a church cleanup on Good Friday morning, 10 April. We request that all Altar Boys help clean the Altar. We welcome all volunteers.

Holy Week Volunteers: We need volunteers for:

- **Plaschanitsa Setup** – Good Friday morning, 10 April.
- **Plaschanitsa Watch** – Good Friday and Holy Saturday, 10 and 11 April. The sign-up sheet is at the Candle Desk.
- **Red Eggs** – Boil and dye red eggs to be ready for the Paschal Vigil on Holy Saturday night, 11 April. 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.

Our Children

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

ST. NICHOLAS PASCHAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN:

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Divine Liturgy – Holy Saturday, 11 April – Older children are invited to do readings. Please see Matushka Ann for a reading assignment.

Children's Paschal Liturgy – Bright Monday, 13 April – Children carry icons during the procession (*krestnyj khod*) around the church, followed by an **Easter egg hunt and lamb dinner for all parishioners**.

Excuse Notes for School: Parents, please bring your children to church on these important holy days: Holy Thursday morning 9 April; Good Friday afternoon, 10 April; Holy Saturday morning, 19 April; and Bright Monday to the Children's Paschal Liturgy, 12 April. 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.

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.

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.

Choir

Come, Join the Choir: With Lent, we have many, many more services, and we 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.

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.

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 Lazarus Saturday on Friday evening (6:30 pm) 3 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 4 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.

Blue: Before the Vigil of Annunciation, 6:30 pm Monday 6 April, blue cloths are placed on the black altar cloths, and blue vestments are used. On Wednesday morning 8 April, the blue cloths and vestments are put away, and the red ones are used.

Purple: Red and purple are used for the Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday. Before Holy Unction at 7 pm Wednesday 8 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 9 April. After the Liturgy, everything is changed back to black.

Plaschanitsa Flowers: On Good Friday morning, 10 April, 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, 10 April, which begins at 2 pm.

Sign: The *Christ is Risen* sign is placed over the Royal Doors on the afternoon of Holy Saturday, 11 April, in preparation for the Paschal Vigil.

White: Before the Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday morning, 11 April, 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, 8 June.

Holy Water: Before the Vespers of Mid-Pentecost, Tuesday 5 May, a vat of water is prepared for the Blessing of Waters that will take place at that service.

Carnations: Before the Liturgy on Mother's day, Sunday 10 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.

Milestones

Baptism: On Sunday 15 March, *Jazlyn*, the daughter of *Anastassia*, of the Orthodox Faith, and *Lance Delisser*, of the Baptist faith, was baptized into the Orthodox Faith with the name *Anna* by V Rev Archpriest George Lardas, Rector. Her godparents were: Svetlana Leonova, Orthodox, and Joseph Ofero, Roman Catholic (honorary).

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

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Eternal Memory: We have received word that *V Rev Archpriest Thomas Hopko*, a prominent theologian and Dean Emeritus of St Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, reposed in the Lord on Wednesday 18 March. His Fortieth Day will be Sunday 26 of April.

May the Lord receive him 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 his 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:

Ailing Clergy: Archbishop Paul (Pavlos) of Astoria (Greek Old-Calendar), Archbishop Nikon (OCA), Mitered Archpriest 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, 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). 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: Fr Matthew Baker (40th Day: Thursday 9 April, Holy Thursday), Archpriest Thomas Hopko (40th Day: Sunday 26 April).

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 10 May – Mother's Day

Thursday 21 May – Ascension

Sunday 31 May – Pentecost

Sunday 7 June – Church School Graduation

Monday 8 June – Apostles' Fast begins

Sunday 21 June – Father's Day

Sunday 12 July – Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles' Fast ends

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Mar (16 Apr) 5 th Sun of Lent, St Mary of Egypt, Tone 1 Liturgy 10 am General Parish Mtg, Fast day <i>Secular Palm Sun</i>	30 (17) Fast day	31 (18) Fast day	1 Apr (19 Mar) Presanctified Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Morning service</i> Fast day	2 (20) Fast day	3 (21) <i>Secular Good Friday</i> Fast day	4 (22) Lazarus Saturday Vigil for Palm Sunday, Blessing of Palms 5 pm Fast day
5 (23) PALM SUNDAY Liturgy 10 am Collection for the Holy Land Fast day, Fish permitted <i>Secular Easter</i>	6 (24) Holy Monday Vigil for Annunciation and Bridegroom II Matins 6:30 pm Fast day	7 (25) ANNUNCIATION Holy Tuesday Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 pm Fast day	8 (26) Holy Wednesday Holy Unction 6:30 pm Fast day	9 (27) Holy Thursday Liturgy of St Basil 9:30 am 12 Passion Gospels 6:30 pm Fast day	10 (28) Good Friday Plaschanitsa 2 pm Lamentations 6:30 pm Fast day	11 (29) Holy Saturday Liturgy of St Basil 10 am Nocturnes 11:30 pm Vigil Midnight Fast day
12 (30) PASCHA the Resurrection of our Lord Liturgy 1:30 am! Paschal Vespers 10 am	13 (31) Bright Monday 2 nd Day of Pascha Children's Liturgy 10 am Procession with Icons	14 (1 Apr) Bright Tuesday 3 rd Day of Pascha	15 (2) Bright Wednesday No fast	16 (3) Bright Thursday	17 (4) Bright Friday, Life-Giving Fount No fast	18 (5) Bright Saturday Vigil 5 pm
19 (6) 2 nd S of Pascha St Thomas Liturgy 10 am Bl of Graves: 2:30 St Joseph's 3:30 Union 4:30 St John's	20 (7)	21 (8) Radonitsa Blessing of Graves: 4 pm Old Milford 5 pm Kings Hwy	22 (9) Blessing of Graves 10 St John Mon 12 Lakeview Bpt Fast day	23 (10)	24 (11) Fast day	25 (12) Vigil 5 pm
26 (13) 3 rd Sunday of Pascha Myrrh Bearers Tone 2 Liturgy 10 am	27 (14)	28 (15)	29 (16) Fast day	30 (17)	1 May (18 Apr) Fast day	2 (19) Vigil 5 pm

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

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

Sunday 10 May – Mother's Day

Thursday 21 May – Ascension

Sunday 31 May – Pentecost

Sunday 7 June – Church School Graduation

Monday 8 June – Apostles' Fast begins

Sunday 21 June – Father's Day

Sunday 12 July – Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles' Fast ends

Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Календарь – Апрель 2015 г.

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Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
29 (16) 5 ^{ая} Нед Вел Поста, Преп Марии Египетская, Глас 1 Литургия 10 утр Прих Собрание День постный	30 (17) День постный	31 (18) День постный	1 Апр (19 Мар) Литургия Преждеосвященных Даров 9:30 ч утр День постный	2 (20) День постный	3 (21) День постный	4 (22) Лазарева Суббота Всенощная на Вербоное Вос, Освящ Ваий (Вербочек) 5 ч в День постный
5 (23) НЕДЕЛЯ ВАИЙ Литургия 10 утр Сбор для Святой Земли День постный Разрешается рыба	6 (24) Великий Понедельник Всенощная на Благовещение 6:30 ч веч День постный	7 (25) Великий Вторник БЛАГОВЕЩЕНИЕ Литургия 6:30 ч веч День постный	8 (26) Великая Среда Общее Соборование 6:30 ч веч День постный	9 (27) Вел Четверток Литургия Василия Вел 10 ч утра 12 Страстных Евангелий 6:30 ч веч День постный	10 (28) Великий Пяток Вынос Плащаницы 2 ч дня Утренняя Гроба Господня 6:30 ч веч День постный	11 (29) Вел Суббота Нач Литургии Васнлия Вел 10 ч утра Нач Пасхальн Заутрения 11:30 ч веч День постный
12 (30) ПАСХА Светлое Воскресение Христово Литургия 1:30 ч утра! Вечерня 10 ч ут	13 (31) Светлый Понедельник 2ый День Пасхи Детская Литургия 10 ч утра Ход с иконами	14 (1 Apr) Светлый Вторник 3ый День Пасхи Богослужений нет	15 (2) Светлая Среда Поста нет	16 (3) Светлый Четверток	17 (4) Светлый Пяток Живоносного Источника Поста нет	18 (5) Светлая Суббота Всенощная 5 ч веч
19 (6) 2ая Нед Пасхи Фомина Неделя <i>День Матерей</i> Литургия 10 ч у Освящ могил: 2:30 St Joseph's 3:30 Union 4:30 St John's	20 (7)	21 (8) Радоница Освящ могил: 4 ч Old Milford 5 ч King's Hwy	22 (9) Освящ могил: 10 ч St John Mon 12 ч Lakeview День постный	23 (10)	24 (11) День постный	25 (12) Всенощная 5 ч веч
26 (13) Зья Неделя Пасхи Жен Мироносиц Глас 2 Литургия 10 ч утра	27 (14)	28 (15)	29 (16) День постный	30 (17)	1 Мая (18 Apr) День постный	2 (19) Всенощная 5 ч веч

Отметьте эти наступающие события в вашем календаре:

Воскресенье 10 Мая – День Матерей

Четверг 21 Мая – Вознесение Господне

Воскресенье 31 Мая – Пятидесятница (Троица)

Воскресенье 7 Июня – Акт Церковной Школы

Понедельник 8 Июня – Начало Петрова Поста

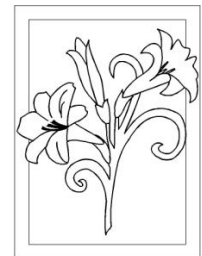
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St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church

Services for Holy Week and Pascha 2015

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

Day	New Style	Old Style	Time	Service
PALM SUNDAY, <i>fish permitted</i>, collection for the Holy Land				
Sat	4 Apr	22 Mar	5:00 pm	Vigil, Blessing of Palms
Sun	5 Apr	23 Mar	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy; Collection for the Holy Land
ANNUNCIATION, <i>wine and oil permitted, but no fish because the feast falls in Holy Week</i>				
Mon	6 Apr	24 Mar	6:30 pm	Vigil with Great Compline and Litya
Tue	7 Apr	25 Mar	6:30 pm	Vesperal Divine Liturgy
Holy Thursday				
Wed	8 Apr	26 Mar	6:30 pm	Holy Unction at St Nicholas
Thu	9 Apr	27 Mar	9:00 am	Hours and Confession
			9:30 am	Liturgy of St Basil, Institution of the Eucharist
Good Friday				
Thu	9 Apr	27 Mar	6:30 pm	Matins, 12 Passion Gospels
Fri	10 Apr	28 Mar	2:00 pm	Vespers, Winding Sheet of our Lord (<i>Plaschanitsa</i>)
Holy Saturday				
Fri	10 Apr	28 Mar	6:30 pm	Matins with Procession
Sat	11 Apr	29 Mar	8:30 am	Hours and Confession
			9:00 am	Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil, 15 Old Testament Readings
			2:00 pm	1 st blessing of Paschal foods (without singing of Christ is Risen)
			5:00 pm	2 nd blessing of Paschal foods (without singing of Christ is Risen)
PASCHA, the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ				
Sat	11 Apr	29 Mar	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	12 Apr	30 Mar	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				
Mon	13 Apr	31 Mar	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 – 12-18 April (30 March-5 April), <i>no fasting on Wednesday and Friday</i>				
St Thomas Sunday				
Sat	18 Apr	5 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	19 Apr	6 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Radonitsa, Blessing of Graves				
Sun	19 Apr	6 Apr	2:30 pm	St Joseph's, Stratford
			3:30 pm	Union, Stratford
			4:30 pm	St John's, Stratford
Tue	21 Apr	8 Apr	4:00 pm	Old Milford
			5:00 pm	King's Highway, Milford
Wed	22 Apr	9 Apr	10:00 am	St John's Monroe
			12:00 pm	Lakeview, Bridgeport



Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Богослужения Страстной Недели и Пасхи 2015 г.

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День Новый Старый Время Служба
Стиль Стиль

Неделя Ваий (Вербное Воскресенье), *разрешается вино и елей, а не рыба ради Страстной Седмицы*

Суб	4 Апр	22 Мар	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная и освящение ваий
Вос	5 Апр	23 Мар	9:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утр	Божественная Литургия; сбор для Святой Земли



БЛАГОВЕЩЕНИЕ Пресв Богородицы и Приснодевы Марии, *рыба, вино и елей разрешаются*

Пон	6 Апр	24 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Всенощная с Великим Повечерием и Литией
Вто	7 Апр	25 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Вечерня с Литургией

Великий Четверток

Сре	8 Апр	26 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Общее Соборование
Чет	9 Апр	27 Мар	9:00 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утр	Литургия Василия Великого (Тайный Вечер, установление Евхаристии)

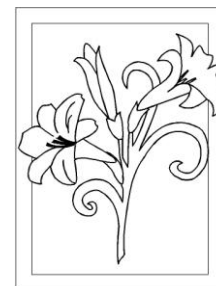
Великий Пяток

Чет	9 Апр	27 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Утреня, Последование Святых Страстей, 12 Евангелий
Пят	10 Апр	28 Мар	2:00 ч дня	Вечерня, Вынос Плащаницы



Великая Суббота

Пят	10 Апр	28 Мар	6:30 ч веч	Утреня с крестным ходом
Суб	11 Апр	29 Мар	8:30 ч утр	Часы и исповедь
			9:00 ч утр	Литургия Василия Великого, 15 паремий
			2:00 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	11 Апр	29 Мар	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	12 Апр	30 Мар	1:30 ч ноч	Пасхальная Божественная Литургия
			3:00 ч ноч	Освящение куличей с пением Христос Воскресе, Пасхальное заговение в церковном зале
			10:00 ч утр	Пасхальный 9 ^{ый} Час
			10:30 ч утр	Пасхальная Вечерня



Светлый Понедельник, Св Георгия Победоносца, Глас 2

Пон	13 Апр	31 Мар	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 – 12-18 Апреля (30 Марта-5 Апреля), поста нет в Среду и Пятницу ради Пасхи

2^{ая} Неделя Пасхи, Фомина

Суб	18 Апр	5 Апр	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	19 Апр	6 Апр	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Божественная Литургия



Радоница, Освящение Могил

Вос	19 Апр	6 Апр	2:30 ч дня	St Joseph's, Stratford
			3:30 ч дня	Union, Stratford
			4:30 ч дня	St John's, Stratford
Вто	21 Апр	8 Апр	4:00 ч утра	Old Milford
			5:00 ч утра	King's Highway, Milford
Сре	22 Апр	9 Апр	10:00 ч утра	St John's, Monroe
			12:00 ч дня	Lakeview, Bridgeport

**St Nicholas Russian
Orthodox Church
Schedule of Services
April 2015**

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<i>Day</i>	<i>New Style</i>	<i>Old Style</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
6th Week of Great and Holy Lent				
Wed	1 Apr	19 Mar	9:30 am	Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Week and Bright Week

Sat 4 Apr (23 Mar) – Mon 13 Apr (31 Mar)

See special schedule

2nd Sunday of Pascha, St Thomas

Sat	18 Apr	5 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	19 Apr	6 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy

Radonitsa, Blessing of Graves Cemetery

Вос	19 Apr	6 Apr	2:30 ч дня	St Joseph's, Stratford
			3:30 ч дня	Union, Stratford
			4:30 ч дня	St John's, Stratford
Вто	21 Apr	8 Apr	4:00 ч утра	Old Milford
			5:00 ч утра	King's Hwy, Milford
Сре	22 Apr	9 Apr	10:00 ч утра	St John's, Monroe
			12:00 ч дня	Lakeview, Bridgeport

3rd Sunday of Pascha, Myrrh-Bearers, Tone 2

Sat	25 Apr	12 Apr	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	26 Apr	13 Apr	9:30 am	Hours and Confession
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy

**Свято-Николаевская Русская
Православная Церковь
Расписание Богослужений
Апрель 2015 г.**

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<i>День</i>	<i>Новый Стиль</i>	<i>Старый Стиль</i>	<i>Время</i>	<i>Служба</i>
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6^{ая} Седмица Великаго Поста

Сре	1 Apr	19 Mar	9:30 ч утра	Лит Прежде Даров
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Страстная и Светлая Седмицы

Суб 4 Apr (23 Mar) – Пон 21 Apr (31 Mar)

См. особое расписание

2^{ая} Недели Пасхи, Фомина

Суб	18 Apr	5 Apr	5:00 ч веч	Всеношная
Вос	19 Apr	6 Apr	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Бож Литургия

Радоница, освящение могил Кладбище

Вос	19 Apr	6 Apr	2:30 ч дня	St Joseph's, Stratford
			3:30 ч дня	Union, Stratford
			4:30 ч дня	St John's, Stratford
Вто	21 Apr	8 Apr	4:00 ч утра	Old Milford
			5:00 ч утра	King's Hwy, Milford
Сре	22 Apr	9 Apr	10:00 ч утра	St John's, Monroe
			12:00 ч дня	Lakeview, Bridgeport

3^{ья} Недели Пасхи, Жен Мироносиц, Глас 2

Суб	25 Apr	12 Apr	5:00 ч веч	Всеношная
Вос	26 Apr	13 Apr	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Бож Литургия

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*Сердечно приветствуем всех наших прихожан и друзей
с радостью Воскресения Христова*

***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: *Воскресения день, просвѣтимся людие: Пасха,
Господня Пасха! Отъ смерти бо къ жизни, и отъ земли къ
небеси, Христось Богъ насъ преведе, побѣдную поющья.*

Пѣснь 9

Ирмосъ: *Свѣтися, свѣтися, новый Иерусалиме: 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 обѣщанъ еси быти, до скончанія вѣка
Христє: Егоже вѣрніи, утвержденіи надежди имущє,
радуемся.*

*О Пасха веля и священнѣйшая, Христє! О мудростє, и
Слове Божій, и сило! Подавай намъ истѣе Тебе
причащатися, въ невечернѣмъ дни Царствія Твоего.*



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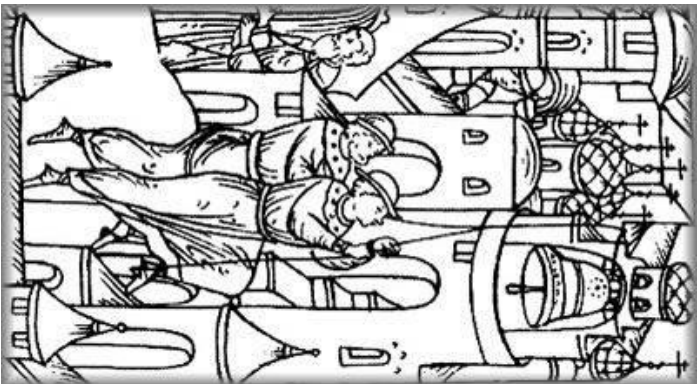
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