

St Nicholas Parish Bulletin – September 2015

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Announcements

Verse: For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God – 1 Corinthians 1:18.

СѢДЦА: СЛОВО КО КРЕСТНОЕ, ПОГИБАЮЩИМЪ ОУЖЕ ПРОВАДИТЕЛСТВО
СЪДЕТЬ, А СПАСАЕМЫМЪ НАМЪ СИЛА БОЖІА СЪДЕТЬ – **1 КЪ КОРИНѢ-
НЦОМЪ ГЛА 1, СѢ 18.**

Стихъ: Ибо слово о крестъ для погибающихъ юродство
есть, а для насъ спасаемыхъ, сила Божія – **1 къ Коринѣ-
намъ 1:1-18.**

This Bulletin

Going Electronic: In order to save expenses, beginning with this issue, September 2015, the St Nicholas Parish Bulletin will be distributed electronically. Most of our parishioners have email accounts, and half of our subscriptions are already by email. Additionally, our Bulletin is also available for download from our website, www.StNicholasStratford.org.

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Submit an Article: We invite our parishioners, members of our greater community as well as all our readers to contribute to the St Nicholas Bulletin. We are looking for historical reminiscences, vignettes of notable personalities in our parish, celebrations, thoughts, joys and sorrows, notes and pictures. Your submission should be of general interest rather than strictly personal. All articles will be evaluated for appropriateness and subject to editing for length. Please submit your contributions by email to

Fr George at his email address, frglardas@gmail.com, and put **Submission for the Bulletin** in the subject line.

We are on Facebook: We wish to invite our readers to visit our Parish's Facebook page. It can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Nicholas-Russian-Orthodox-Church/207173962814628>

We thank Reader Peter Romanovsky who took the initiative and created the page last year.

A Thought

New Beginnings: September is the beginning of both the school year and the Church year, and so marks a time of new beginnings. Let us resolve to improve our spiritual lives. We are never too old to learn our Faith. Let us learn along with our children this new Church School year.

Services

Fall Hours: Summer hours are in effect up through the Sunday before Labor Day. As of Sunday 13 September, Divine Liturgy will be according to the winter schedule: The hours will begin at 9:30 am, and the Liturgy at 10 am.

Moleben for the New School Year: A prayer service for the beginning of the school year and for the good success in studies of all our children and young people in all schools will be held at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 6 September. Please write the names of all students (yourself and your children!) on the School Year Commemoration List at the Candle Desk before the service.

9/11 Memorial: To commemorate the 14th Anniversary of the attacks on New York and Washington, we will serve a Memorial Service at 5 pm on Friday 11 September for those that perished. Some of the victims were Orthodox Christians.

Beheading of St John the Baptist: We will serve the Moleben to the Beheading of St John at 6:30 pm Friday 11 September. Please remember that this is a fast day. We abstain from meat, eggs, dairy products and fish.

Church New Year: A Moleben for the Church New Year 7524 will be served on the Eve of the New Year at 6:30 pm Sunday 13 September.

Nativity of the Theotokos: This is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church year, and celebrates the birth of the Most-Holy Theotokos. Vigil with litya will be at 6:30 pm Sunday 20 September on the Eve of the Feast. The Divine Liturgy for the Feast will be held early in the morning, at 7 am Monday 21 September. We will announce any changes to this schedule.

Holy Cross: This is both a great feast and also a fast day. On

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this day we abstain from meat, eggs, dairy products and fish. This year the Feast falls on a Sunday and completely replaces the Resurrectional service for that Sunday. Vigil with Litya is at 5 pm Saturday 26 September and Divine Liturgy is at the usual time, 10 am Sunday 27 September.

Molebens: To mark lesser holy days in September, we will serve the following molebens: *Beheading of St John the Baptist*, Friday 11 September; and *Martyrs Sophia and her Three Daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity (Vera, Nadezhda and Ljubov)*, Wednesday 30 September. Both of these molebens begin at 6:30 pm.

Prosporas

Update Your Commemoration Lists: The beginning of the Church year is a good time to take a moment to look over your Commemoration Book (*Pomjannik*). Are there any changes? Do you wish to add any names For Health and Salvation? Have any of your relatives reposed? Are all the names Orthodox?

Please use proper baptismal names, and avoid nicknames or shortened pet names. If someone's secular name and baptismal names are different, use the baptismal name.

If you include non-Orthodox names, please clearly mark them as such. Prosporas should not be given for the unbaptized or for non-Orthodox. For non-Orthodox loved ones it is proper to light candles before the icons and to pray that the Lord enlighten them and have mercy on them.

Проверьте Ваши Помяники: Пересмотрите ваши помяники. Есть ли какие-нибудь перемены, новые имена за здравие или за упокой? Пишите пожалуйста только крещенные имена, а не ласкательные или светские, и только православных христиан. Можно зажигать свечки и молиться за некрещенных и неправославных перед иконами. Частицы с именами на поминовение идут во Святую Чашу, а это для тех, которые могут причащаться. Пишите пожалуйста все имена четко и в том же падеже (т.е. все имена в родительном падеже: за здравие чье? За упокой чей?).

Calling for Prospora Bakers: We have a continuing need for prosporas. We use about 25 to 30 each Sunday, so we need approximately 120 a month (or 360 quarterly). While we do have one person who bakes prosporas, we are looking for more volunteers. Without prosporas we cannot serve the Divine Liturgy. On a few occasions we have had to ration the prosporas that we give out at the end of the Liturgy.

A Reminder – No More Subscriptions for Prosporas: As announced in our February Bulletin, we are no longer taking subscriptions for prosporas. Until we have a steady, reliable source of prosporas we will follow these rules:

- No new subscriptions for prosporas will be accepted.
- The current subscriptions are now lapsed.
- We will limit the number of prosporas to be returned to two prosporas for each person unless that person brings his own prosporas to the service (i.e. we will not give out four or seven prosporas to those who ask).

- All submitted commemoration lists will be read over the loaves for the living and for the departed even when we do not give out a separate prosporon.
- Because all the names are read together, and all the prosporas are cut together, we will return the commemoration books separately from the prosporas when there are not enough Altar Boys in the Altar to handle the prosporas.
- If there are not enough prosporas 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 prosporas 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

Our Parish

90th Birthday Celebration: The Peavy family invites the entire parish to a Moleben to be served at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 13 September, followed by a Coffee Hour luncheon to honor Walter Wolog and Leo Wologodzew, and in thanksgiving for attaining their 90th year.

Picnic: The Sisterhood invites all parishioners to a Church School kickoff hot-dog and hamburger picnic to be held outdoors, weather permitting, after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday 27 September**.

Icon of St Panteleimon: Please do not put candle lamp inserts on the shelf in front of the icon of St Panteleimon; the heat from the flames causes the glass of the frame to crack, and this is the second time in the past few years this has happened

If you wish to light a lamp to St Panteleimon, put it in one of the three lamp holders that are on the shelf, or on a round flower stand, or on the candle stand to the left or in the cross-shaped stand on the right

Fr George's Work Hours: Fr George will be teaching at the University of New Haven, where he will teach Physics, and at the University of Bridgeport, where he will teach Algebra. In addition he will be tutoring Mathematics and Physics at the University of New Haven. His hours are as follows:

- Monday: 9 am to 5 pm
- Tuesday: 2 to 6 pm
- Wednesday: 9 am to 2 pm
- Thursday: 2 to 6 pm
- Friday: 9 am to 3 pm

In case of pastoral emergencies during those hours, please call and leave a message at 203 209-9374, and Fr. George will return your call at the earliest convenient opportunity.

Lampada Sponsorship: Offerings may be made to sponsor the lighting of the lampadas at the Divine Liturgy, either in

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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

Volunteer to Host the Coffee Hour: The sisterhood is continues to need volunteers to sponsor the coffee hour each week. We now have an online signup sheet. Please log on to the website signupgenius.com. Please contact Kelley Kendall at [203 218-5767](tel:2032185767) or at kellykndll@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

Our Children

Church School Teachers: We thank those who conducted the Church School this past year: Maria Peavy and Mary Coroneos. We also thank Elena Curran for supervising the Children's Choir.

Altar Boys' Workshop: This will take place on Sunday 6 September after the Coffee Hour. We ask all Altar Boys to attend. Any young man in the parish who wishes to serve in the Altar, even if he is not able to attend every Sunday, is welcome to join and to participate in the Workshop.

Church School Begins: The first day of classes will be on Sunday 13 September. This year's curriculum will be a continuation of those of the previous years, with new material. Class begins immediately after Holy Communion, when the teachers lead their pupils downstairs to the church hall. Lessons will continue until after the kissing of the Cross, when Fr George comes downstairs to bless the food. Please enroll your children. Many parents have their children engaged in sports, music and foreign languages; but spiritual education is far more important.

Choir

Come, Join the Choir: We always appreciate having new people in the choir. Don't be shy – come join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Our Diocese

Norwich Russian Festival 2015: Our sister parish of the *Holy New Martyrs Church* will hold this from 9 am to 4 pm on *Saturday 3 October* at 364 Canterbury Turnpike, in Norwich.

There will be a variety of foods, bake sale, tag sale, Silent Auction, bookstore, country market, basket raffle, kids activities, live entertainment and more! For more information visit the website, www.holynewmartyrs.org or call 860 822-9955.

Our Children Belong in Church (Fall Activities): Let us remember that attendance and participation in the Divine Services on the Lord's Day is a duty and not optional.

If extracurricular activities prevent your children from regular attendance in church, know that you are harming their souls and yours. Occasionally, an event might be inescapable and excusable, but if it becomes a general rule, it is wrong. Please keep this in mind when planning children's school-year activities. No activity is more important than our duty to God. There is enough time in our week for everything: *Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work* (Exodus 20:9, 10).

Our children belong in church. There is no better place for them to be. If we do not bring them to church regularly, they will never become attached to the services, and will fidget and be bored. By coming to church every Sunday they will become accustomed to receiving Communion, and come to know that the church is the House of the Lord, and that it is their home too.

When we do not go to church, we weaken our attachment to the Body of Christ, which is the Church. We are not Christians individually, but we are all part of a living community. We deprive ourselves of the grace of the Holy Spirit, which is in the prayers of our common worship and in the Sacraments, and we deprive ourselves of the opportunity to work for God as a community, as a body.

If we bring our children regularly they will meet and know other Orthodox Christians, and they will know that they are not alone in the world. They will not grow up thinking that church is something odd that parents do rarely.

Children learn by example. If we put sports, or ballet, or Russian lessons ahead of church, they will know that we do not value the Church – it is merely secondary and unimportant to us. We will then become agents of the destruction of our children's souls, and be answerable to God for this.

What better way to spend time as a family than praying together and preparing and receiving the Sacraments together? We should come to church as a family, pray as a family, and break bread with our fellow parishioners as a family. We will become no longer strangers, but rather brothers. *By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another* (John 13:35).

Let all parents know that ***they commit a sin when they put their children in activities that take them away from the Church.*** There are times when an occasional event might be inescapable, but when it becomes the general rule, it is wrong. Absence from church on Sundays and holy days is a sin that must be confessed and repented of.

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Orthodox Neighbors

Odyssey Greek Festival: St Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Rd, Orange, is holding their 35th Annual Odyssey Greek Festival over Labor Day weekend, from 12 noon through 10 pm, Friday 4 through Monday 7 September (ending at 8 pm on Monday). The festival will feature a wide variety Greek foods and outdoor grills, the youth of the parish performing Greek dances (they are excellent!), a well stocked religious book store, carnival rides and children's games, church tours and a raffle. Off-site parking is provided with a shuttle. For more information go to the website,

http://saintbarbara.org/our_parish/odyssey_festival/

Romanian Food Festival: St Dimitrie's Romanian Orthodox Church at 504 Sports Hill Rd in Easton CT is holding a Food Festival on Friday September 11 from 4 to 10 pm and on Saturday September 12 from 12 noon to 11 pm. The Festival will feature church tours, delicious ethnic foods, homemade pastries, a cake walk, take-a-chance, religious booth, outdoor cafe, music all day long, dancing to our DJ, folk dancing, children's activities and rides. Free parking and admission, rain or shine. Indoor dining room, dinners *a la carte*, and beverages. For more information call 203 268-8237.

Middle Eastern Food Fest: St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church, 5458 Park Ave, Bridgeport, will be holding their annual Middle Eastern Food Fest from 11 am to 4 pm Saturday 19 September. They will be serving lunch and dinner: baked goods, shish kebab, kibbe, falafel, tabouli, grape leaves, gyros (shawarma), and vegetarian specialties. Great food, music, fun and games. Silent auction, kid's games and activities. Great Vespers are at 4 pm.

Thank You

Prosporas: We thank Tatiana Stettinin and John Lardas for baking prosporas in July and August.

Incense: We thank Fr Deacon Paul Giatas for his gift of incense for use at the Divine Services.

Liturgical Notes

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.

Blue: On the eve of the Forefeast of the Dormition, Thursday 27 August, the altar cloths and vestments are changed back to blue. The blue remains until the apodosis or leave-taking of the Feast of Dormition, Saturday 5 September.

Gold: On Saturday 5 September, the altar cloths and vestments are changed to Gold (when the blue is removed, the gold will show beneath).

Blue: On Saturday 19 September, the altar cloths and vestments are changed to Blue for the Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. The blue remains until the apodosis of the Nativity, Friday 25 September.

Red: Before Vigil on Friday 25 September the altar cloths and vestments are changed to Red for the Forefeast of Holy Cross. The red cloths are placed over the gold. They remain until the apodosis of the Feast, Sunday 4 October.

Gold: After Liturgy on Sunday 4 October, the altar cloths and vestments are changed to Gold (when the red is removed, the gold will show beneath).

Did You Know?

The Six Psalms: The Vigil service that we serve every Saturday night, and on the eve of major holy days, is composed of Vespers, Matins, and First Hour. The Matins begin with the solemn reading of the Six Psalms. The reading begins with the threefold repetition of the words, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men* (Luke 2:14) followed by Psalms 3, 37, 62, 87, 102 and 142 (Septuagint numbering; 3, 38, 63, 88, 103 and 146 in the King James Bible). During this time the lights are put out, and the church is in darkness to remind us of how our Lord came to be born quietly in the night, and to help us concentrate on our prayers more fervently. At the end the Six Psalms are followed by the Great Ectenia (the Litany, *In peace let us pray to the Lord*), and the lights are again lit.

The appointed Psalms encompass the entire range of experience in the Christian life, both joy and sorrow. Furthermore, we stand still and do not move around. At the beginning of Psalm 87, the priest leaves the Altar and stands before the Royal Doors and continues reading the appointed prayers which he began inside the Altar.

These prayers include petitions for the people standing in church, that they be forgiven their sins, that they be given true faith and sincere love, that their works may be blessed, and that they be made worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The time of the reading of the Six Psalms also represents the that great and fearful Last Judgement, and tradition holds that the Last Judgement will take no more time than the reading of the Six Psalm. For this reason we should stand with attention and deep reverence, and not move about in the church, or light candles.

On the Christian Life

Our Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Part 3 – Transgender

In the news recently we have read with sadness that a few celebrities have revealed that they had decided to change from being a man to being a woman, a process that involves surgery and powerful hormones. In normal times (and these are not!) such a thing would have been completely unthinkable. But since some have raised the question of what the Orthodox Church has

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to say about this matter, here is an attempt at a summary (I apologize in advance if this is uncomfortable reading):

The Scripture says, *God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them* (Genesis 1:27). So somehow the fact that we are created male and female is a reflection of the image of God in us. Apart from rare genetic anomalies, we are all born either male or female, and this is part of God's purpose for us. Being baptized in Christ, we begin to participate in divine grace as members of Christ. Part of the purpose that we seek to fulfill by God's providence in our lives has to do with our sex, male or female. This does not necessarily mean procreation or raising a family, but there is a purpose to our being created male or female, and it is not pleasing to God for us to try to change this. Our bodies are not our own, but God's, and they are holy.

Providence does not make mistakes – there is a purpose to all circumstances in our life, even the difficult and seemingly permanent ones. Whatever we may feel, we cannot be “a woman trapped in a man's body” or vice-versa. Our maleness or femaleness is a fact, biological, psychological and spiritual, rooted in our very being, and it is up to us to understand this as we work out our salvation with patience and humility.

No amount of surgical modification of our plumbing can change the fact that every cell in our body is either XX (female) or XY (male), and that we will remain so until the day we die. No hormone enhancement can change the fact that these new breasts can never nurse a child, and these reshaped organs can never create a new life. “Gender reassignment” can only change the outward appearance, but not the essential nature of who we are from the day we were born. The desire to change this is a self-willed search for self-definition that contravenes the will of God and is alien to the Christian life.

Transgender surgery is mutilation. The canons of the Church forbid Christians to castrate or mutilate themselves. And according to the Canons of the Church, such people are ineligible for marriage and for the priesthood.

Do we say all this because we hate transgendered people? Of course not! But we urge Orthodox Christians that are considering this step to turn back before it is too late. Whatever has moved them to begin going down that path, we urge them that they remain in their former state, and with spiritual guidance to endure patiently the trials that brought them to that point.

Is salvation possible for already transgendered people to be saved? Of course it is! Where there is repentance there is salvation. However, each case must be handled compassionately and individually under pastoral guidance. Nevertheless, this practice can never be approved by the Church.

Because of the extreme novelty of this phenomenon, I have no articles to refer you to on this topic. (However, the Church has dealt with this problem under pagan Roman rule in the Apostolic times. In those days there were men – not Christian! – who chose to become women and underwent “surgery” for it. Hence the Canons on mutilation.)

To be continued.

Milestones

Baptism: On Saturday 15 August, *Larisa* (Lara), daughter of *Sergey and Mariamna (Marianna) Osadchy*, was baptized into the Orthodox Christian Faith. Her sponsors were Natalia Pogosian and Maksim Kravtsov by proxy (Nikolai Kravtsov answered for him).

Baptism: On Saturday 15 August, *Sophia*, the daughter of *Alexandra (Sasha) and Keith McCabe*, was baptized into the Orthodox Christian Faith. Her sponsors were Vera McGrath and Sergey Astakhov.

Baptism: On Saturday 15 August, *Anastasia*, the daughter of *Alexandra (Sasha) and Keith McCabe*, was baptized into the Orthodox Christian Faith. Her sponsors were Marina Mikiashvili and Sergey Astakhov. Sophia and Anastasia are twins.

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

Golden Anniversary of Ordination: We congratulate the Rector of our sister parish in Stratford of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, the *Mitered Archpriest Andrei Semyanko* with the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. He was ordained on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos on 28 August 1965, and this year's Feast marks 50 years in the Priesthood. *Многая льта! Спаси Христе Боже!*

Birthdays and Anniversaries: In the Orthodox Church we celebrate our Saints' Days more than we celebrate our earthly birthdays. However, beginning with this issue of this Bulletin we will mark milestone birthdays, in thanksgiving for many years of earthly pilgrimage, and wedding anniversaries. If you wish your event to be noted, please contact Fr George, and we will put it in the Bulletin. *Accordingly we note:*

90th Birthday: *Vera Peebles*, Friday 21 August; *Walter* (Vladimir) *Wolog* and *Leo Wologodzew*, Sunday 13 September.

Многая льта! Many years! God bless you!

Memory Eternal: On Saturday 15 August our long-time parishioner, *Valentina Zimbalkin*, age 81 of Milford, reposed in the Lord at Milford Hospital. Her funeral was at St Nicholas Church on Thursday 20 August, followed by burial at King's Highway Cemetery in Milford. Her Fortieth Day is Wednesday 23 September.

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

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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, Archpriest Justin McFeeters (Antiochian), 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, Denis Zimbalkin.

Ailing Orthodox: Reader John, Uliana Drobot, 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: Reader Paul, Anatole, 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: Valentina Zimbalkin, 40th Day Wednesday 23 September.

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 1 November – Daylight Time ends

Sunday 8 November – Brotherhood Roast Beef Dinner

Thursday 26 November – Thanksgiving Day

Saturday 28 November – Brotherhood Leaf Cleanup

Saturday 19 December – St Nicholas Day, Parish Feast

Sunday 20 December – St Nicholas Day Dinner



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 (17) 13 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 4 Liturgy 9:30 am	31 (18)	1 Sep (19 Aug)	2 (20) Fast day	3 (21)	4 (22) Fast day	5 (23) Vigil 5 pm
6 (24) 14 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 5 Liturgy 9:30 am Moleben for New School Year Altar Boy's Workshop	7 (25) <i>Civil Holiday</i> Labor Day	8 (26)	9 (27) Fast day	10 (28)	11 (29) Beheading of St John the Baptist 9/11 Memorial 5 pm Moleben 6:30 pm Fast day	12 (30) Vigil 5 pm
13 (31) 15 th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6 Liturgy 10 am Church School Begins Moleben for Church New Year 6:30 pm	14 (1 Sep) INDICATION Church New Year 7524	15 (2)	16 (3) Fast day	17 (4)	18 (5) Fast day	19 (6) Vigil 5 pm
20 (7) 16 th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 7 Liturgy 10 am Vigil with Litya 6:30 pm	21 (8) NATIVITY of the Theotokos * <i>Early service: Liturgy 7 am *</i>	22 (9)	23 (10) Fast day	24 (11)	25 (12) Fast day	26 (13) Vigil with Litya 5 pm
27 (14) HOLY CROSS Liturgy 10 am	28 (15)	29 (16)	30 (17) Ss Sophia, Faith, Hope, and Charity Moleben 6:30 pm Fast day	1 (18)	2 (19 mon) Fast day	3 (20) Vigil 5 pm

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

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

Sunday 1 November – Daylight Time ends

Sunday 8 November – Brotherhood Roast Beef Dinner

Thursday 26 November – Thanksgiving Day

Saturday 28 November – Brotherhood Leaf Cleanup

Saturday 19 December – St Nicholas Day, Parish Feast

Sunday 20 December – St Nicholas Day Dinner

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Свято-Николаевская Русская Православная Церковь

Календарь – Сентябрь 2015 г.

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

Воскресенье	Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота
30 Авг (17 Авг) 13 ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас 4 Литургия 9:30 ч	31 (18)	1 Сен (19 Авг)	2 (20) День постный	3 (21)	4 (22) День постный	5 (23) Всенощная 5 ч веч
6 (24) 14 ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас 4 Литургия 9:30 ч Молебен на новый учебный год, Собрание прислужников	7 (25) <i>Гражданский праздник</i> День Труда	8 (26)	9 (27) День постный	10 (28)	11 (29) Усекновение Главы Св Иоанна Предтеча Упомят 9/11 5:00 веч Молебен 6:30 День постный	12 (30) Всенощная 5 ч веч
13 (31) 15 ^{ая} Нед , Г 6 Литургия 10 ч у Начало занятий Церковной Школы Молебен на Цер Новолетие 6:30 ч веч	14 (1 Сен) Индикт – Церковное Новолетие 7524	15 (2)	16 (3) День постный	17 (4)	18 (5) День постный	19 (6) Всенощная 5 ч веч
20 (7) 16 ^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице Глас 7 Литургия 10 ч Всенощная с литией 6:30 ч веч	21 (8) РОЖДЕСТВО Пресвятыя Богородицы * <u>Ранняя служба:</u> <u>Литургия 7 ч утра *</u>	22 (9)	23 (10) День постный	24 (11)	25 (12) День постный	26 (13) Всенощная с литией 5 ч веч
27 (14) ВОЗДВИЖЕНИЕ Честнаго Креста Литургия 10 ч День постный	28 (5)	29 (16)	30 (17) Св Софии и Веры, Надежды и Любве Молебен 6:30 ч веч День постный	1 Окт (18 Сен)	2 (19) День постный	3 (20) Всенощная 5 ч веч

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

Отметьте эти наступающие события в вашем календаре:

Воскресенье 1 Ноября – Конец летнего времени

Воскресенье 8 Ноября – Обед от Братство

Четверг 26 Ноября – День Благодарения

Суббота 28 Ноября – Уборка листьев Братством

Суббота 19 Декабря – Свят Николая, Пристольный Праздник

Воскресенье 20 Декабря – Обед Свят Николая

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

Fr George Lardas, Rector – Telephone 203 209-9374

<i>Day</i>	<i>New Style</i>	<i>Old Style</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
14th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 5				
Sat	5 Sep	23 Aug	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	6 Sep	24 Aug	9:00 am	Hours and Confessions
			9:30 am	Divine Liturgy
			11:30 pm	Moleben for the New School Year
			12:30 pm	Altar Boy Workshop
Beheading of St John the Baptist, fast day				
Fri	11 Sep	29 Aug	5:00 pm	Litya for 9/11
			6:30 pm	Moleben, fast day
15th Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 6				
Sat	12 Sep	30 Aug	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	13 Sep	31 Aug	9:30 am	Hours and Confessions
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
			12:00 pm	Church School begins
Indiction, Church New Year 7524				
Sun	13 Sep	31 Aug	6:30 pm	Moleben
Sunday before Holy Cross, 16th after Pentecost, Tone 7				
Sat	19 Sep	6 Sep	5:00 pm	Vigil
Sun	20 Sep	7 Sep	9:30 am	Hours and Confessions
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS, <u>Note: Early Liturgy</u>				
Sun	20 Sep	7 Sep	6:30 pm	Vigil with Litya
Mon	21 Sep	8 Sep	<u>6:30 am</u>	<u>Hours and Confessions</u>
			<u>7:00 am</u>	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> *
ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND HOLY CROSS, fast day				
Sat	26 Sep	13 Sep	6:30 pm	Vigil with Litya
Sun	27 Sep	14 Sep	9:30 am	Hours and Confessions
			10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Ss Sophia, Faith, Hope and Charity				
Wed	30 Sep	17 Sep	6:30 pm	Moleben

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

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

<i>День</i>	<i>Новый Стиль</i>	<i>Старый Стиль</i>	<i>Время</i>	<i>Служба</i>
14^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 5				
Суб	5 Сен	23 Авг	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	6 Сен	24 Авг	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
			11:30 ч утра	Молебен на новый учебный год
			12:30 ч дня	Собре Прислужников
Усекновение Главы Св Иоанна Крестителя, день постный				
Пят	11 Сен	28 Авг	5:00 ч веч	Поминование 9/11
			6:30 ч веч	Молебен
15^{ая} Неделя по Пятидесятнице, Глас 6				
Суб	12 Сен	30 Авг	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная
Вос	13 Сен	31 Авг	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Бож Литургия
			12:00 ч дня	Начало Церк Школы
Индикт, Церковное Новолетие 7524				
Вос	13 Сен	31 Авг	6:30 ч веч	Молебен
Нед пред Воздвижением, 16^{ая} по Пятидесятнице, Глас 7				
Суб	19 Сен	6 Сен	5:00 ч веч	Всенощная с литией
Вос	20 Сен	7 Сен	9:30 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			10:00 ч утра	Бож Литургия
РОЖДЕСТВО ПРЕСВ БОГОРОДИЦЫ, <u>Зам: Раняя Литургия</u>				
Вос	20 Сен	7 Сен	6:30 ч веч	Всенощная с литией
Пон	21 Сен	8 Сен	<u>6:30 ч утр</u>	<u>Часы и исповедь</u>
			<u>7:00 ч утр</u>	<u>Бож Литургия</u> *
ВОЗДВИЖЕНИЕ ЧЕСТНОГО КРЕСТА, день постный				
Суб	26 Сен	13 Сен	6:30 ч веч	Всенощная с литией
Вос	27 Сен	14 Сен	9:00 ч утра	Часы и исповедь
			9:30 ч утра	Бож Литургия
Свв мчц Софии, Веры, Надежды и Любви				
Сре	30 Сен	17 Сен	6:30 ч веч	Молебен

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