

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY NEWS

A Diverse Community Connected by Faith

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CHRIST HAS RISEN!

PROLOGUE

Dormition Guild

"Thank You" to everyone for your support of the Dormition Guild Paschal Bake Sale. With everyone's help, this has been our most successful fund raiser. Special appreciation goes to members who helped make and sell the baked goods and also to "friends" of the Guild for their assistance.

The new Icon of the Ascension will arrive for the Festal Vigil on May 23. This icon is sponsored by the Zoltan Family "To the Glory of God" and is written/painted by Maria Manley. Thank you to the Zoltan Family! Betty and John Slanta have sponsored an icon of Saint Mary of Egypt in memory of Betty's Mother, Marie Yanowsky. The icon will be written/painted by Maria Manley in 2013. John and Betty also made a donation to the Guild's "Donor" icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Thank you Betty and John! An additional \$760 is needed for this icon. Please consider a tax deductible donation to "Dormition Guild" for as little as \$25 toward the icon. See inside for an update of all the Feast Day icons.



INDEED HE HAS RISEN!!!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who serve St Nicholas Cathedral community in so many ways: the choir, the altar servers, those who helped to clean the church before Pascha, those who helped to decorate the church with palms and flowers; for wonderful children's event on Lazarus Saturday; those who worked to put together the Paschal Baskets for the Parish Shut-ins; those who organized and participated in the Pajama program; for the luncheon on Palm Sunday and for the bake sale; for joyful and friendly Paschal Breakfast who helped by donating food and wine, and by making monetary contribution, for cooking and serving during Paschal night and morning breakfast, and helped to clean up afterwards. Thanks to all for your presence and prayers and for everything else that helps our diverse community to be brothers and sisters in Christ. Glory to God for all things!

Father Valery
Acting Dean

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the clergy, the Parish Council and myself, thank you all for your generosity during Holy Week, Pascha and Bright Week. Your generosity has resulted in a collection of over \$29,000 for the Operating Fund.

Sincerely,
Barbara Rhenish
President Church Council



ICON PROJECT UPDATE

May 2012

Feast Day	Iconographer	Expected Completion Date	Sponsor(s)
Annunciation	Maria Manley	Received March 2011	Joseph Erbal Konrad In Memory of Howard Joseph Erbal Maria Hausberger Erbal Johanna Kneissl Hausberger
Transfiguration	Colette Kalvesmaki	Received May 2011	Andrea & Paul Lutov In Memory of Patricia A. Shaw, Choir Director
Nativity of the Theotokos	Colette Kalvesmaki	Received October 2011	Donors* \$590 is funded to date with \$760 remaining
Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple	Maria Manley	Received Nov. 21, 2011	Barbara Rhenish In Memory of Mother Irene Rhenish
Ascension	Maria Manley	Ascension 2012	To the Glory of God from the Zoltan Family
Exaltation of the Cross	Maria Manley	September 2012	Rich Smith In Memory of John William Fair and John Matthew Rhenish
Dormition	Nadine Kastelan Thola	October 2012	Marti Evanoff In Memory of James Dimitri Metody Evanoff Co-sponsored by Dormition Guild
Theophany	Mat. Anna Danylevich	Fall 2012	Mat. Anna Danylevich In Memory of Schema-Abbess Theodora (France) Archbishop Antony (Geneva)
Meeting of Christ in the Temple	Nadine Kastelan Thola	December 2012	Anna DeKonschin Mighell In Memory of Grandmothers Anna Stadnichenko and Irina Konshina
Entrance into Jerusalem	Maria Manley	For the Feast Day 2013	Nina Shafran

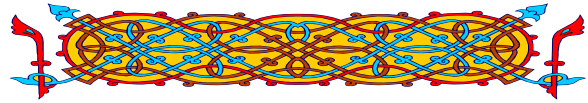
* The Guild is seeking donations toward this icon (Nativity of the Theotokos). Donors to date: Alla Lowe, Paulette Marko, Anya & Adrian Gan, Mary Mitchell (Patricia Shaw's sister), Leilani Newton, Eugene Osolinsky, Betty & John Slanta.

Why We.....

Antipascha is the name given to the eighth day of Pascha (Easter) in the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

According to the Synaxarion, "On this Sunday, the second Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the Antipascha, that is to say the re-dedication of the Resurrection of Christ, and also commemorate the event of the Holy Apostle Thomas' touching the wounds of Christ." [5] Thomas Sunday and Renewal Sunday are other names by which this Sunday is known. The former name refers to the event commemorated that day, described in the Gospel passage read that day at the Divine Liturgy, (John 20:19-31), which recounts the story of Christ appearing to the Apostle Thomas in order to dispel the latter's doubt about the Resurrection. [6] Among Eastern Christians Thomas is not so much remembered as "doubting Thomas," but is rather remembered for his confession of faith: "My Lord and my God," thus being the first to publicly proclaim the two natures of Christ: human and divine. The latter name reflects that on that day the celebration of the Resurrection is repeated and renewed.

The entire week from Pascha to Thomas Sunday, known as Bright Week, is considered to be one continuous day.



LITURGICAL NOTES: Bright Week having concluded, during the coming week we return to our normal weekday fasts on Wednesdays and Fridays. There remains no kneeling in private or corporate worship from Holy Pascha to the Feast of Pentecost (June 3 this year). Throughout the Paschal season, every service, meal and devotional time begins with the Paschal hymn: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death. And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

In the press:

April 15, 2012
Ann Rodgers, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Ms. Rodgers writes that Orthodox Christians have resurrected a movement toward unity in America.

All Orthodox bishops in the U.S. are working on a plan for one American Church.

A yet unscheduled Great and Holy Council of global Orthodoxy is in the works. The last such Council was held in A.D. 787.

Ann Rodgers: arodgers@post-gazette.com



PASSAGES**Happy Birthday and Many Years!**

- 02 Fr. George Kokhno
Lee White Jr.
- 05 Metro Kondratich
Rosalind Sawadogo
- 06 John Rusinko
- 08 Matushka Kathy Siljegovic
- 09 Irene Sykes
- 10 Marina Poutiatine
Protodeacon Blagoje Siljegovic
- 11 Victor Boft
Elena Gaidamakova
Bruce Suffield
- 14 John DeTrana
- 16 Barbara Sagan
- 19 David Chavchavadze
- 21 Br. Luke (Dorr)
- 23 Anna Mighell
Eugene Osolinsky
- 24 Victoria Bakhtina
- 30 Veronica Gorodetskaia

ON THE MEND

Helen Evans
Betty Slanta

SICK CALL

Irina Burwell's parents: Victor & Rufina

FUNERAL:

Renee (Irene) Robinson

Please remember to pray for our service men and women who are in harm's way.

BIRTHS

Maria Manley's first grandchild, Madeline, was born Jan.31, 2012. Many Years!

CHRISMATIONS AND BAPTISMS

- Apr 2 Victor Paul McCoy
- Apr 7 James Adam Kohlhepp (in Holy
Baptism Jacob)
Edwin Lucas Krupka (in Holy
Baptism Luke).
- Apr.8 Joseph McCrea (in Holy Baptism,
Lazarus)
- Apr 20 Daria Grishina
- Apr 21 Aleksei Lapshin Lopez
Anna Lapshin Lopez
Elizabeth Koroleva
Helen Chen (Chrismation)
- Apr 28 Kirill Kenzo Utagawa
Dean Rodion Turko
Angelica LenaTurko (in Holy
Baptism Elena)
Mark Titov

HOLY MATRIMONY: Many Years!

Vera and Nikolai Morar

HOMEBOUND

Martha Zewan, Helen Mikhalevsky, Dee Krisa, Nick Yanowsky, Marie Starn, Galina Tolliver, Olga Lyerly, Ed Rhenish, Matushka Lydia Malasch, Matushka Helen Oleynik, Lillian Tcherkassky

Apr. 8: Harry (Ignatius) Thompson Green was tonsured a reader by His Beatitude. Congratulations and Many Years!

Apr. 16: Kenneth Harrington was tonsured a reader by His Beatitude. Congratulations and Many Years!



SUMMER CAMP: Applications for St Tikhon's Summer Camp are available NOW online at stikhonscamp.org. It'll be held the week of July 1-7 for ages 7-17. Registration deadline is May 31. Plan ahead! (Space has been filling up fast the last few years!) Applications are being accepted by St Andrew's Camp in Central New York at <http://www.standrewscamp.com/>

St. Nicholas Outreach a success!

The St. Nicholas Sunday School initiated a charitable drive during Great Lent to support the Pajama Program (pajamaprogram.org). The charity, with branches in 40 states nationwide, provides new pajamas and books to children in need, many of whom are in homeless shelters or awaiting adoption from orphanages. We want to thank the Sunday School students and other parishioners who generously donated 22 sets of pajamas or nightshirts and three books!



Congratulations to our iconographer, Maria Manley!

Maria flew to England with two icons she was commissioned to paint of St. James the apostle, son of Zebedee. It was for the Greek church her mother used to attend. She presented one to the Catholic church of St. James in Reading. The Orthodox priest of Oxford, Father Ian (Bishop Kallistos' assistant), presented it to Father John.

The other St. James icon was presented by the Greek Archbishop Gregorios to the Anglican archbishop of Reading. Both icons were a gesture of friendship between the churches on the occasion of the Queen's diamond jubilee, her 60th anniversary on the throne.



from left to right: Father Ian of Orthodox Church of Oxford, Father Anthimos (behind), Andrew Bishop of Reading (Anglican) holding icon, Father Nigel, Vicar of St. Bartholomew Church (Greek Parish of St. Elias rents this church for their services, this is where the photo is taken), Archbishop Gregorios head of the Greek Orthodox Church in the UK, Father Christopher, Anglican priest of Indian origin, and his wife a convert from Sikhism. Present were more Greek and Anglican priests that are not in the viewfinder. The icon was presented at the conclusion of the Akafist hymn service to the Theotokos.

Lazarus Saturday Palm and goodies preparation

Thanks to everyone who participated in this wonderful event. Children and adults had a wonderful time getting things ready for Palm Sunday and Pascha.





New Sacramental Certificates Available

For the first time since the early 1970s, the Orthodox Church in America has released new sacramental and recognition certificates.

The certificates may be downloaded in PDF format from the OCA website. ...

The beautiful, full-color certificates for Baptism, Chrismation, Reception into the Faith, and Marriage feature a completely new design. The recognition certificate — a first — is appropriate for honoring faithful for outstanding efforts in ministry, teaching Church School, etc.

A limited number of printed copies will be available in the near future for those without internet access or color laser or ink jet printers. Orders for printed copies may be sent to info@oca.org. Include in the subject line "Certificate Order."

Baptism Certificate – Adult

Baptism Certificate – Child

Chrismation Certificate

Reception Certificate

Recognition Certificate



Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Group photo following the Paschal Liturgy. V. Rev. Stephen Duesenberry, LCDR, US Navy, is traveling throughout the SW portion of Afghanistan during the month of April providing Orthodox ministry to deployed personnel.



Camp Pendleton, CA: St. John the Forerunner Orthodox Chapel. Paschal Vespers at the Chapel with Orthodox Recruits from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA.



Saskatoon, SK, Canada: Holy Resurrection Sobor. The Subdeacon Leads the Paschal procession around the church.



Bishop Alejo presided the Pascha services, Mexico

May Church Service Schedule



Sunday, May 5	Vigil (E,S,G)	5pm
Sunday, May 6	Divine Liturgy (E)	9am
	Divine Liturgy (S)	10:45am
Wednesday, May 9	Divine Liturgy (E,S)	10am
	Mid-Feast Pentecost	
Saturday, May 12	Vigil (E,S,G)	5pm
Sunday, May 13	Divine Liturgy (E,S)	9am
	MOTHER'S DAY	
Saturday, May 19	Vigil (E,S)	5pm
Sunday, May 20	Divine Liturgy (E)	9am
	Divine Liturgy (S)	10:45am
Tuesday, May 22	Divine Liturgy (S)	10am
	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker (OC)	
Wednesday, May 23	Divine Liturgy(E,S)	10am
	Leave-taking of Pascha	
Thursday, May 24	Divine Liturgy (E,S)	10am
	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
Saturday, May 26	Vigil (E,S)	5pm
Sunday, May 27	Divine Liturgy (E,S)	9am

The Chapel of the Ascension in Jerusalem today is a Christian and Muslim holy site now believed to mark the place where Jesus ascended into heaven. In the small round church/mosque is a stone imprinted with what some claim to be the very footprints of Jesus. ^[1]



The Ascension rock, inside the edicule, is said to bear the imprint of Jesus' right foot.

The Orthodox doctrine of salvation points to the Ascension to indicate that the state of redeemed man is higher than the state of man in Paradise before the fall.





**Saint Nina, Equal to the Apostles,
Enlightener of Georgia.**

This icon was painted/written in Georgia for our Cathedral and given to us by Georgian parishioners, family of Irakli Chikhladze. It was blessed on the tomb of St Nina, which is still shown at the Bodbe Monastery in Kakheti, eastern Georgia. It was also blessed by Patriarch of all Georgia Ilia II and presented on April 24th, 2012 to Metropolitan Jonah here at the Cathedral.

Georgia is counted as the second oldest nation to embrace Christianity (in 330). The Church of Georgia has been independent since that time.

St. Nina, born in Cappadocia in the late third century, the only daughter of a Roman general, Zabulon, and his wife, Susanna.

On her father's side, she was related to St. George, and on her mother's, to the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

In a dream, the Theotokos came to Nina and urged her to preach the gospel in Georgia. The Mother of God assured Nina that she would protect her and as a pledge, left a cross of grape vines. Nina was so moved when she saw the cross she tied it in her hair.

Nina settled in Mtskheta, the capital, where she lived in a hut near the royal gardener and his wife, Anastasia. There Nina gained a reputation for holiness both because of her daily piety and her miraculous healings. She cured Queen Nana of a disease no doctor had been able to relieve.

The church built by her grave was dedicated to St. George and became the Bodbi metropolitanate. Her cross was sent to the cathedral in Mtskheta. During wars between the Byzantine and Persian empires, the cross was taken to Armenia and eventually to Moscow. Tsar Alexander I returned it to Georgia at the beginning of the 19th century.

Many thanks from the parishioners of St. Nicholas Cathedral for this very generous gift.