

St. Nicholas Parish President's Report

February 2019

The Saint Nicholas Cathedral community continued to prosper as a multi-ethnic Orthodox parish, with a common spiritual direction, as it increased its commitment the Cathedral's larger role as the Primatial Cathedral of the Orthodox Church in America and National War Memorial Shrine for Orthodox Christians.

- In 2018, St. Nicholas Cathedral sponsored tickets to the Kastalsky Requiem attended by His Beatitude, clergy and parishioners.
- The funeral of Army Sgt. 1st Class Mihail **Golin** killed in Afghanistan on January 1, 2018 took place at St. Nicholas Cathedral and Arlington Cemetery.
- St. Nicholas Cathedral served panikhida for the fallen heroes led by Metropolitan Tikhon and St. Tikhon Chamber Choir.
- We've hosted several events associated with our fallen heroes - Serbian celebration of the end of WWI, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day celebrations.
- St. Nicholas Cathedral community traditionally participated in wreath laying at Arlington Cemetery in December 2018.
- Cathedral representatives attended All American Council in St. Louis, MO, where they shared the outreach work of the Cathedral.
- Hosted dinner for St. Tikhon and St. Vladimir seminarians after The Annual March for Life event in Washington, DC.
- Cathedral community met with the representatives of the Mayor's Office, where our parishioners and neighbors had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss various District-related issues.
- St. Nicholas Cathedral welcomed many visitors during The Walk along the Massachusetts Avenue, as well as participated in an interfaith program of protecting places of worship in DC.
- St. Nicholas Cathedral hosted a farewell celebration for its longtime custodian Sasha. Our community came together to express its love and appreciation to Sasha and his family.

We hosted the following presentations and events throughout the year:

- Talk with Protodeacon Peter Danilchik, Board member for the FOCUS North America – Pan-Orthodox Charitable organization
 - Fr. Iona Zaimovski, head of rehabilitation program Metanoya at Danilovski Monastery Moscow, about his work with recovering addicts, alcoholics and members of their families.
 - Jonathan Russin, Board member of largest Pan-Orthodox Charitable organization in the world--IOCC, about their programs all over the world.
 - Myrrh-streaming icon of St. Anna visit at the Fall Festival
 - St. Nicholas Cathedral Fall Bazaar – another successful community event was hosted by the Cathedral in September 2018. The St. Nicholas Bazaar attracted many visitors, neighbors and other Orthodox faithful.
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- Stairs renovation - St. Nicholas Cathedral community has begun working on its stair renovation project. That included the following steps: creating a committee, drafting and posting Request for Proposal, bid review and evaluation. This project is still ongoing.
 - Choir – Elena Forest took special choir director certification courses in Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, N.Y.
 - St. Nicholas Choir participated in a choir workshop on February 8-10, 2019 presented by Benedict Sheehan.
 - St. Nicholas Cathedral continued providing mission support to other Orthodox communities in the US and overseas.
 - Weekly iconography classes were offered by Irena Beliakova. Our rich liturgical life, Cathedral tours, adult education classes, weddings, pastoral counseling, and stewardship efforts continued to grow and strengthen St. Nicholas Cathedral.