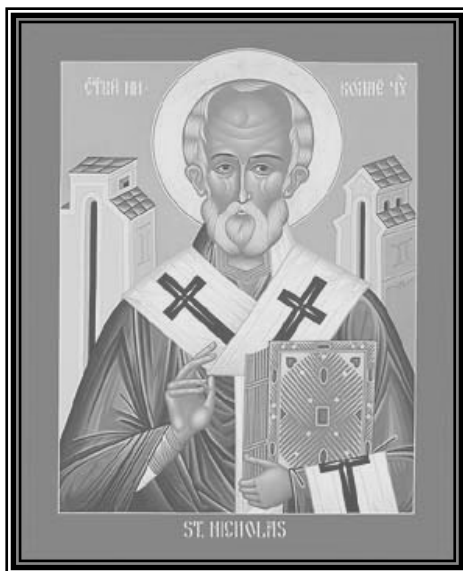


Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

FEBRUARY 2011 Issue



Upcoming Events

Feb. 1 - Presentation of The Lord Vesperal Liturgy
w/potluck (6:30 pm)

February 20 - Open House Sunday

March 6 - Forgiveness Sunday Vespers (7:00 pm)

March 12 - Lenten Retreat with Father Gillquist

March 13 - Pan Orthodox Vespers @ St. Nicholas (7:00 pm)

March 27 - Pan Orthodox Vespers @ St. John Chrysostom (7:00 pm)

Regular Weekly Schedule:

Memorials	By Appointment
Moleben (Prayer Service)	Thursdays @ 11:00 a.m.
Vespers	Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m.
Confession	Saturdays following Vespers
Divine Liturgy	Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour following Divine Liturgy	
(September - May)	
Orthodox Education Adults	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Children	after Liturgy

Holiness

We will soon find ourselves again in the season of Great Lent, the 40-day fast before Holy Week and Pascha. Great Lent is a time for focusing on our spiritual journey. It is a time for dedicating ourselves in the struggle for holiness. But, let us ask ourselves, "What does it mean to be holy?"

In our modern minds, we often think of holiness as something possible only for people with special gifts. Alternately, holiness can be understood as something ancient, no longer having a place in the modern world (or some might say no longer needed in the world). If we look at the Sacred Tradition of our Church, beginning with the Bible, we will see that holiness has a much broader scope than how many people imagine it today.

In ancient times, when something was said to be "holy" it meant that it had been set apart for the singular purpose of glorifying God and serving His Will. This is the same understanding that we have in the Orthodox Church today. When something is sanctified, "made holy," it is set apart to exclusively serve and glorify God. For example, vestments are worn only during Divine services, a chalice only carries the Eucharistic gifts, a censer is used to offer incense to God in prayer.

Sanctifying something is not magic. It is the act of lifting an object up to the Lord and celebrating the integral holiness that that it has as a creation of the Most-Holy God. In other words, holiness points to the integral value of a given thing, as seen in the eyes of God.

This understanding of holiness also applies to people. A holy person is one who is dedicated to -- "set apart" for -- glorifying God and serving His will. This is the essence of that call that we here over and over again in our services: "...let us commend our selves, and one another, and our entire life to Christ our God." And let us remember that this call goes out to all of us, clergy and laity, men and women, adults and children.

In response to this singular commitment to God, the Lord touches us -- in spite of our faults and fears. He heals us, teaches us,

strengthens us and forms us into the fullness of who He made us to be.

A true Saint is not a spiritual super human. A true Saint is an everyday person. But a person whose intrinsic, God-given value and beauty have been voluntarily lifted up to God, and in receiving blessings for this, all may behold and be blessed as well.

Such a commitment to glorifying and serving the Lord will make this world a better place, and will open for us a place in the world to come.

Blessings,
+fr. andrew

In Memoriam: Very Reverend Father George Nedelkoff

Archpriest George Nedelkoff, retired pastor of Saint Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, in Fort Wayne, IN, and former Chancellor of the Bulgarian Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America, fell asleep in the Lord in Sydney, OH on Thursday, December 30, 2010.

Born in Varna, Bulgaria, on August 16, 1926, he studied for five years at Saint John of Rila Seminary, Sofia, Bulgaria, but emigrated to Vienna, Austria, before the Red Army entered his homeland. He continued studies at the Catholic seminary in Salzburg for one semester. With the end of World War II and the events that followed, his studies were interrupted. He later studied at the Ukrainian Husbandry University, Regensburg, Germany, before emigrating to England, where he continued studies at the University of Nottingham while working.

After arriving in the United States, he married Maria (Marilyn) Theodoroff of Youngstown, OH on December 18, 1949. In June and July of the following year, he was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood by His Eminence, Metropolitan Andrey of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. Father Nedelkoff served Holy Ghost Church, Youngstown, OH; Saint Elia the Prophet Church, Akron, OH; and Saint Nedelia Church, Pittsburgh, PA before assignment to Saint Nicholas Church, Fort Wayne, IN, where he served for 36 years until his retirement in 1992. *(continued on page 4)*

In honor of his years of tireless, dedicated service in the priesthood, His Eminence, Archbishop Kyrill elevated Father Nedelkoff to the rank of Archpriest on September 27, 1964.

Father George authored many articles, pamphlets, and booklets on the Orthodox faith, and in retirement published a bi-monthly bulletin for Bulgarian immigrants in the US, Canada and Europe, endeavoring to teach them about the Orthodox Christian faith.

During the cold war years, he helped many refugees from Bulgaria and Macedonia find work and lodging in the US.

Father Nedelkoff is survived by: his loving wife, Popadia Marilyn, one daughter-in-law, Becky Richards of Tampa, FL; special family friends, Dr. Miguel and Michaela Topalov and their son, Paul Anthony, of Sidney, OH, and many other friends and former parishioners whose lives were touched by Father George's ministry.

Funeral services for Father Nedelkoff began in Sydney, OH, on Thursday, January 6, with a Memorial Trisagion at Adams Funeral Home, served by Father Theodore Bobosh of St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church in Dayton, OH. Father and Popdia Nedekoff made St. Paul Church their parish home during their years living in Ohio.

The Funeral Service for a Priest was celebrated on the evening of Friday, January 7, at St. Nicholas Church in Fort Wayne, by His Grace, Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania. The following morning, Saturday, January 8, Bishop Tikhon celebrated the Divine Liturgy. Joining His Grace for these services were Archpriest Don Freude, Chancellor of the Bulgarian Diocese, Archpriest Andrew Jarmus and Protodeacon Michael Myers, St. Nicholas clergy, together with other diocesan clergy and local Orthodox clergy from Fort Wayne.

Fr. Nedelkoff was interred at Lindenwood Cemetery, next to his son, Dimitar Dan, who preceded him in death in 1979. A mercy meal followed the interment at the Marriott Hotel.

May Father George's memory be eternal!

**RETREAT WITH FR. PETER GILLQUIST:
“STRAIGHT ANSWERS TO TOUGH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
ORTHODOX CHURCH”**

Fr. Peter Gillquist, a priest in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of America, will be joining us to give a Lenten retreat on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 & 13, 2011.

Fr. Peter was at one time the second-ranking director of Campus Crusade for Christ, a Protestant “para-church” organization whose mission was to bring Christ to college students. He and his colleagues in those days could honestly say, “We are Christian;” eventually, they had to ask themselves, “Why aren’t we church?” That was how they began a journey from being evangelical Protestants to over 2,000 former evangelical Protestants who joined the Orthodox Church in 1983. Fr. Peter’s recounting of this story can be read in his book, *Becoming Orthodox*, which is available in our parish library.

The schedule for our weekend with Fr. Peter is:

-Saturday, March 12, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., retreat followed by a light meal and Great Vespers

-Sunday, March 13, 10:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy with Fr. Peter as homilist.

Sunday, March 13, 7:00 p.m., Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Nicholas with a message from Fr. Peter followed by Lenten snacks.

Mark your calendars now! This will be a fascinating and spiritually fulfilling weekend.

Greeters

***February** George Gosheff & Ron Weaver*

***March** Gloria Shamanoff and Faith Evans*

***April** Jason & Connie Burnett*

Parishioner News

St. Nicholas mourns the loss of two members of our parish. Wendel Hicks fell asleep in the Lord on December 18th, 2010 and Archpriest George Nedelkoff fell asleep in the Lord on December 30th 2010. Memory Eternal!



Women's Guild News

The funding for our chairs is progressing nicely. After being ordered locally from Atlas Restaurant Supply on December 20, 2010; they will be delivered in four to six weeks from the Michigan manufacturer. We are still taking donations for the chairs.

Thank you to the following members and friends of our parish who so graciously donated the cost of a chair, or two and even more.

<i>Dorothy Lazoff</i>	<i>Vangel & Lupka Baloski</i>
<i>Marvin & Sarah Stoner</i>	<i>Bill & Anthoula Skimos</i>
<i>George & Rosie Lebamoff</i>	<i>Carl & Jaci Reuter</i>
<i>Mike & Shirley Panchev</i>	<i>Geoffrey & Roberta Evans</i>
<i>Judy Choker</i>	<i>Kosmas & Milka Skembos</i>
<i>Jeanine McComb</i>	<i>George & Marianthi Mangos</i>
<i>Ginny Hoover</i>	<i>Tom & Dorothy Stephanoff</i>
<i>Chris & Dorothy Stavreti</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Shamanoff</i>
<i>Dr. & Connie Slyby</i>	<i>Chris & Dina Pentsos</i>
<i>Dr. & Fran Pasalich</i>	<i>George & Valentina Bachnivsky</i>
<i>Chris & Ruthie Traycoff</i>	<i>George & Donna Gosheff</i>
<i>Hope Corson</i>	<i>Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff</i>
<i>Father & Popadia Christie</i>	<i>Millie Danianov</i>
<i>Paul Underwood</i>	<i>Maria Tschebykin</i>
<i>Jim & Nina Skimos</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Paunko Krleski</i>
<i>Dan & Julie Replogle</i>	<i>Steve & Sheila Underwood</i>

Thank you to the following women who cleaned the kitchen January 15, 2011: Judy Choker, Jeanine McComb, Sarah Stoner, Rosie Lebamoff, Dorothy Stavreti, Connie & Jason Burnett and Shirley Panchev.

Our first raffle on January 16, 2011, was a great success and the winner of the angel statue was Jeanine McComb.

I will again be taking orders for fillo at \$2.75 per package Mar. 20.

Our parish will be hosting a Lenten Retreat, March 12, 2011, with author Father Peter E. Gillquist as speaker and the Guild will be providing a Lenten meal.

Please remember we will be coloring the Easter eggs on April 21.

Our meetings are always open to all ladies who would like to join us. You are always welcome.

Please check with treasurer, Ginny Hoover, if you have paid your dues for this year.

Our next meeting will be February 13, and March 13, 2011.

Shirley Panchev, President

Prayer List

The following people are in need of our prayers this month:

Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff

Luba Evans

Maria Bliznoff

Christine Demetre

Stephanka Gosheff

Ed Roth

Ketta Keller

Ewgenia Kowal

Susan Kiproff

Violet Christoff

Stephanie Papagiannis

Tom Lebamoff

Nina Kowton

Victor Berko

George Ognenoff

Nick Bellio

Victor Kowal

Zoya Kowal

Cliff Racz

Please contact the office if you have an illness or hospitalization and would like a visitation or to be placed on the Prayer List. The hospital and other sources are not consistent so please contact us directly.

Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour Hosts scheduled at this time are:

January 30 - Dianne Hicks in memory of Wendel Hicks, 40 days

*February 6 - Dorothy Lazoff in memory of Helen George (1 year)
and Luben Lazoff (4 years)*

*February 13 - Judy Choker & Jeannine McComb in memory of Ed
Choker (6 months)*

February 20 & 27 - Open

March 6, 13, 20 - Open

*March 27 - The Gosheff & Reuter Families for the birthdays of
Mike, Alaina and Lily*

*If you would like to host a coffee hour please see the available
dates on the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board or contact
the office (484-2277), Donna Tigulis (672-8147) or
www.saintnickschurch.com*

*Many thanks to those who host a coffee hour and the support
given to Charity and Benevolence through the free will offerings
collected . Your generosity is needed and appreciated.*

Readers Saturday Vespers & Sunday Hours

The Epistle reader is in bold

February 5&6 - Lisa Weaver and **Bruce Griffey**

February 12&13 - Bruce Griffey and **Steve Underwood**

February 19&20 - Steve Underwood and **Michael Baldea**

February 26&27 - Michael Baldea and **Carl Reuter**

March 5&6 - Carl Reuter and **Lisa Weaver**

March 12&13 - Lisa Weaver and **Bruce Griffey**

March 19&20 - Bruce Griffey and **Steve Underwood**

March 26&27 - Steve Underwood and **Michael Baldea**

April 2&3- Michael Baldea and **Carl Reuter**

Please contact the office to make schedule changes.

Prosp'hora

The bread for Holy Oblation will be prepared by:

February 6 - Dorothy Lazoff in memory of Helen George (1year)
and Luben Lazoff (4 years)

February 13 - Judy Choker in memory of Ed Choker (6 months)

February 20 - Milka Skembos for Kosmas' 80th birthday and for
family health

February 27 - Open

March 6 - Maria Juillerat in memory of Orville Juillerat (9 years)
and for Alex Shiriaev's 60th birthday

March 13 - Roza Minga in thanks for our Sunday School teachers

March 20 - The Youth Group in honor of the Lenten Season

March 27 - Open

*If you would like to prepare bread please
contact Connie Burnett 489-1371. You may also schedule online at
www.saintnickschurch.com. Please give the bread to the Clergy
before Vespers on Saturday evening. If baker is unable to attend
Vespers it may be left in the mailbox prior to Vespers.*

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

We wish to thank our members and friends for their donations made to St. Nicholas during the past two months. We apologize for any errors/omissions. Please call the office for corrections.

In Loving Memory of:

Mother and Baba Dorothy Lambroff (18 years) - Dan & Susan Reid and family

Kalopa Markoff, mother - Chris & Dorothy Stavreti

Niece, Jennifer Shopoff - Virginia (Shopoff) Hoover

Mother, Bozana Traycoff and father, Leo Demetroff - Chris & Ruth Traycoff

Daughter, Marianne Spahiev Miller - Mother, Florence Spahiev

Danica Mitrevski & Dimitar Markovski - Rodna Ivanovski Family

Ruza Markovski Family

Vangel & Goce Tragevski

Marianthi Mangos' brother, Tom Borshvou - Carl & Jean Popoff

Kalopa Gilleff (35 years since her death) - Chris Freehill

Olga Arman (28 years since her death) - Chris Freehill

Pete Papagiannis - Stephanie Papagiannis

Dina Naumcheff (Baba, 33years since her death, 1/3/78) - Edgar & Rosy Ridenour

Joe Volosin - Karen & Mel McClain

Ed Langston - Carl & Marge Lebamoff

Father Nedelkoff - Vlade & Anica Jovevski

Dan & Julie Repogle

Eleanor Hays

Father, Nickola Bliznoff - Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pentsos

Diane Tsiguloff - Nick & Virginia Tsuleff

Father, Petros Pentsios - Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pentsos

Husband, Nickola Bliznoff - Maria Bliznoff

Diane Tsiguloff (1 year) - Tom Tsiguloff

Dorothy Lazoff

Pete Papagiannis (to the Women's Guild) - Nick Roth

For The Good Health of:

The Olavet Family - The Krleski Family

The Nanchoff Family - Mila Nanchoff

The Ridenour and Freimuth Families - Edgar & Rosy Ridenour

Mother, Stephana - George N. Gosheff Family

For:

St. Nicholas Day - The Minga Family

Health and Name Day of Nick Bellio - George & Donna Gosheff

The Christmas Holidays - Bill & Anthoula Skimos

A healthy family for Marta. Good health - anonymous

Celebration of the engagement of Gregory Vasil

Ridenour & Katherine Kutanovski - Edgar & Rosy Ridenour

Birth of 5th great grandchild Caitlyn D. Richey - Carl & Marge Lebamoff

Memorials for Wendel Hicks

Chris & Ruth Traycoff
Steve & Sheila Underwood
Dan & Julie Replogle
Chris Freehill
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Memorials for Archbishop George Nedelkoff

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