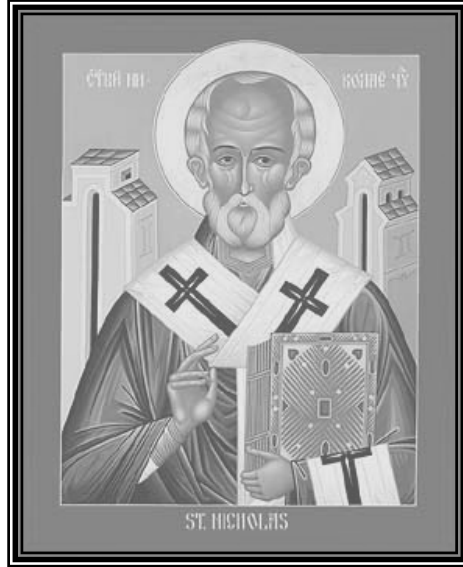


# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

JUNE, JULY 2011 Issue



## Upcoming Events

- June 1 - Ascension Vespers Liturgy w/potluck (6:30 pm)
- June 2 - Monthly get together and potluck (11:30 am)
- June 11 - All Parish Memorial (5:00 pm)
- June 21 - Summer Reading Group (7:00 pm)
- June 28 - Sts. Peter & Paul Vespers Liturgy and Potluck (6:30 pm)
- July 8,9,10 - Diocesan Conference and Congress Sobor

## 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	
<b>(September - May)</b>	
Orthodox Education Adults	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Children	after Liturgy

## **Fr. Andrew's Message**

### **"I," "You" and "We"**

In our society, the individual holds a high place. We value our individual rights and good citizens seeks to fulfill their individual responsibilities in our communities. We guard the voice of the individual, giving it a vehicle of expression whenever possible. Many of our heroes and cultural icons are people who — as individuals — single-handedly take on injustice, intolerance and the likes. One of the most well-known themes in our popular story-telling is the “David and Goliath” story where the lone under dog triumphs over the corporate giant.

Our Holy Church also stresses the unique beauty and value of each human person. There never has been, and never will be, another me or you. We are singularities. However, whereas our culture tends to look upon the value of the human person in and of themselves, our Faith always places value on the human person's capacity to enter into relationships with other persons. Without intimate interpersonal relationships with both other humans and with God, a person's life is not fulfilled. Thus, for the Orthodox, the “I” is important, but only insofar as it relates to the “you” (and the “You” with a capital “Y”).

In our life, we must always be aware of our connections with others. Our lives are integral parts of the lives of other people. Marriage and family therapists who use the Systems Theory in their work like to say that when a couple comes for counseling, although three people are present in the office (the couple and the counselor), a myriad of people are brought in to the session, since each person is effected by their relationships with countless family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

The Holy Scriptures also speak of our inter-dependence upon other people; consider, for example, the second great commandment “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Furthermore, the Holy Apostle Paul reminds us that our lives are not our own,

but have been “bought for a price” — the broken body and the shed blood of our Saviour; we belong to Him.

Likewise, our very worship services remind us that when we come before God as a congregation in thanksgiving and praise, we do so, not as a group of isolated individuals that happen to be gathered under the same roof, but as a collective Body: “We praise You; we bless You; we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, our God.” [from the Divine Liturgy] — even the original form of the Creed began, not with “I believe...”, but “We believe...”.

As we make choices in our lives, we must always be aware of these connections with, and responsibilities to, our fellow human beings and to our Lord and Saviour. I must not only consider what I want as an individual, but how my desires effect those around me. I must not seek out to fulfill my will, but the will of God for me.

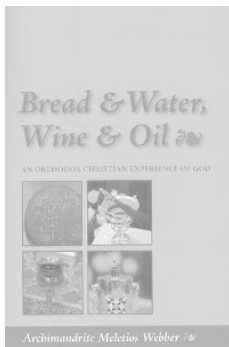
It is no coincidence that one of the Biblical names for the devil is the “divider” or “disturber”; the devil wants us to make choices that disturb the significant relationships in our lives, dividing us and cutting us off from those who give our lives fullness and value — and eventually even cutting ourselves off from our true selves, as God intended us to be. Sin divides and virtue unifies.

Although it might seem like our choices have no bearing on others, and are not the concern of others, everything we do in some way effects our relationship with God and neighbor, either hurting or nurturing these relations. While it is natural to ponder on the “I”, it is in the “we”, the “us”, and the “our” that our lives find true fulfillment and meaning.

## Summer Reading Group

This summer join Fr. Andrew for a study of the book "Bread and Water, Wine and Oil: An Orthodox Christian Experience of God" by Fr. Meletios Webber, abbot of St. John of Shanghai Monastery in Manton, CA.

In this unique and accessible book, Fr. Meletios first explores the role of mystery in the Christian life, and then walks the reader through the seven major Mysteries (sacraments) of the Orthodox Church, showing the way to a richer, fuller life in Christ.



Sessions will be held every other Tuesday evening, @ 7:00 PM, from June 21 to August 30. Participants are asked to have chapters one and two read before the first meeting.

A limited number of copies of "Bread and Water, Wine and Oil" will be available for purchase at church. It may also be purchased through most Orthodox book stores and online at outlets such as Amazon.com. For more information on the Summer Reading Group, please speak with Fr. Andrew directly.

## Monthly Luncheon Get Together

St. Nicholas is now hosting a monthly Get Together on the first Thursday of the month. Parishioners and friends are invited to bring a dish to share for a luncheon potluck and fellowship with different activities.

The potluck begins @11:30 am.

All are welcome to come @ 11:00 am for the Moleben Service. The first potluck will be on Thursday June 2nd. Please call Dorothy Lazoff @ 625-4509 or Rosie Lebamoff @ 485-2696 if you have any questions.



## Fellowship

## ***Parishioner News***

*Congratulations to Zeleke Kassa and Mekidm Girma on the baptism of their son, Matthew. Matthew was baptized on March 27th. Many Years!*

*Congratulations to Andrew and Julie Knuth on the baptism of their son, Elijah. Elijah was baptized on May 1st. Many Years!*

*Congratulations to Tristan Lomont and Hana Menkir on the baptism of their son, Tristan. Tristan was baptized on May 8th. Many Years!*

*Congratulations to Robert and Milinda Abel on the baptism of their daughter Camille. Camille was baptized on May 15th. Many Years!*

*Saint Nicholas mourns the loss of one of our members. Vasilka Nanchoff fell asleep in the Lord on May 16th. Memory Eternal!*

## ***Prosphora***

*The bread for Holy Oblation will be prepared by:*

*June 5 - Mila Nanchoff in memory of Lazar Nanchoff, 23 years*

*June 12 - Roza Minga for family health*

*June 19 - Open*

*June 26 - Jessica Keathley for family health*

*July 3 - Roza Minga for family health*

*July 10 - Connie Burnett with prayers for safe travel and a successful Diocesan Conference*

*July 17 - Larry Evans for Barb Evans' birthday*

*July 24 - Dorothy Stephanoff in memory of sister Mary, and for family health*

*July 31 - Anthoula Skimos for family health*

*If you would like to prepare bread please contact Connie Burnett 489-1371. You may also schedule online at [www.saintnickschurch.com](http://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.*

# June 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
			ASCENSION VESPERAL LITURGY w/ POTLUCK (6:30 PM)
5 BAPTISMAL LITURGY (10:00 AM)	6	7	
12 PENTECOST DIVINE LITURGY (10:00 AM) KNEELING PRAYERS FOLLOWING	13	14	
19 BAPTISMAL LITURGY (10:00 AM)	20 APOSTLES FAST BEGINS	21 SUMMER READING GROUP MEETING (7:00 PM)	
26 BAPTISMAL LITURGY (10:00 AM) PARISH GENERAL MEETING DURING COFFEE HOUR	27	28 STs. PETER AND PAUL VESPERAL LITURGY w/ POTLUCK (6:30 PM)	

# 2011

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CONFESSION GENERAL LITURGY LUCK (6:30 PM)	2 MOLEBEN SERVICE (11:00 AM) MONTHLY GET TOGETHER AND POTLUCK (11:30 PM)	3	4 VESPERS & PRIVATE CONFESSION (5:30 PM)
8	9 MOLEBEN SERVICE (11:00 AM)	10	11 ALL CHURCH MEMORIAL (5:00 PM) VESPERS & PRIVATE CONFESSION (5:30 PM)
15	16 MOLEBEN SERVICE (11:00 AM) BOARD MEETING (7:00 PM)	17	18 VESPERS & PRIVATE CONFESSION (5:30 PM)
22	23 MOLEBEN SERVICE (11:00 AM)	24	25 VESPERS & PRIVATE CONFESSION (5:30 PM)
29	31 MOLEBEN SERVICE (11:00 AM)		



## *Women's Guild News*

*Thank you to those who colored the Easter eggs this year.*

*The new Guild officers are Shirley Panchev, president; Sarah Stoner, vice president; Jessica Keathley, secretary and Ginny Hoover, treasurer.*

*The winners of the May 22 raffle were Milka Skembos and Paul Underwood, congratulations to them both.*

*Please note that the Guild will be hosting the brunch after Liturgy July 10, for the Diocesan conference. More details will be given at our next meetings.*

*Our next meetings will be June 5 and June 26 due to the 4th of July holiday.*

*Shirley Panchev*

### **Readers Saturday Vespers & Sunday Hours**

*The Epistle reader is in bold*

*June 4&5 - Steve Underwood and Michael Baldea*

*June 11&12 - Michael Baldea and Carl Reuter*

*June 18&19 - Carl Reuter and Bruce Griffey*

*June 25&26 - Bruce Griffey and Steve Underwood*

*July 4 - Steve Underwood and Michael Baldea*

*July 9&10 - Carl Reuter and Bruce Griffey*

*July 16&17 - Bruce Griffey and Steve Underwood*

*July 23&24 - Steve Underwood and Michael Baldea*

*July 30&31 - Michael Baldea and Carl Reuter*

### **Greeters**

**June** Dave and Millie Phillips  
**July** Mark and Dianne Towelyer  
**August** Open

### *Prayer List*

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

Popadia Marilyn Nedelkoff	Tom Lebamoff
Luba Evans	Nina Kowton
Maria Bliznoff	Victor Berko
Christine Demetre	George Ognenoff
Stephanka Gosheff	Nick Bellio
Ed Roth	Victor Kowal
Andrea Skimos	Zoya Kowal
Ewgenia Kowal	Cliff Racz
Susan Kiproff	Mike Panchev
Violet Christoff	Julie Mitrevski
Chris Stavreti	Ron Weaver
Stephanie Papagiannis	

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:*

*June 5 - Open*

*June 12 - Maria Tschebykin for family health*

*June 19 - The Stavretis and the Traycoffs in memory of their parents*

*June 26 - Blagoy Nanchoff, the Harris Family and the Blake Family in memory of Vasilka Nanchoff, 40 days.*

*July 3 - Paul Underwood and the Underwood Family in memory of Vicki Underwood, 10 years*

*July 10 - Brunch for the Diocesan Conference hosted by the Women's Guild*

*July 17 - Larry & Barb Evans, Jason & Connie Burnett and Rebecca Green for Barbara's birthday.*

*July 24 & 31 - Open*

*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.*

## DONATIONS RECEIVED IN APRIL/MAY

*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.*

### **Holy Tetrapod Candles**

- *From Mike and Shirley Panchev in memory of mother, Helen L. Popoff, 20 years and Dedo Elo Popoff, 63 years.*
- *Maria Tschebykin in memory of family members.*

### **In Loving Memory of:**

***Pete Papagiannis, six months - Liz Papagiannis -Roth and family  
George & Rosie Lebamoff  
Greg & Julie Papagiannis***

***Father, Dedo, Peter Papagiannis - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Papagiannis***

***Grandfather, John Skimos - Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pentsos***

***Mother, Fani Pentsos - Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pentsos***

***Baba Slavka Tsintsaroff, Uncle, George Tsintsaroff and***

***Uncle, Carl Evanoff - Angela & Jeremy Freimuth***

***Marianne Miller, one year - Curtis, Linda, Monica & Sonjia Blake***

***Marianne Miller, one year passing - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Harris and family***

***Father, Peter Shopoff, 12 years - Virginia Hoover***

***Sam Christon, 2 years - Virginia Hoover***

***Sister, Meta Kircos, March 28, 2011 - Christine Demetre***

***Constance Jarmus - George & Rosie Lebamoff***

***Mike & Shirley Panchev***

***Steve Gosheff, 40 days & Pete Papagiannis, 6 months - Mike & Shirley Panchev***

***Mother, Catherine Stavreti - Mr. & Mrs. Chris Stavreti***

***Father & husband, Carl Evanoff, 18 years since his death - Luba Evanoff &  
Vicky Verplanck***

***John Freehill, 14 years since his death, and***

***Sophie Naumcheff-Hack, 9 years - Chris Freehill***

***Danica Mitrevski, 6 months since passing, memory eternal! - Mitrevski Family***

***Marianne Spahiev Miller - George & Rosie Lebamoff***

***Dimitar Markovski, 2 years since he departed -***

***Mr. Dusan Mitrevski***

***Bill & Anthoula Skimos***

***Rodna Ivanovska***

***Ruza Markovska***

***Popovski Family***

***Mr. & Mrs. Eddie York***

***Mike & Connie Skimos***

***Father & Grandfather, Dimitar Markovbski,***

***2 years since his death - Skimos Family***

***Marianne Miller - Virginia Hoover***

***In Memory of Father & Husband - The Ivanovski & Gosheff Families***

**For The Good Health of:**

*Tom Lebamoff - Luba Lebamoff*

*Chris Stavreti - Virginia Hoover*

*Family Health - Bill & Anthoula Skimos*

*Family Health - Dorothy Stavreti*

*Chris Stavreti - Chris Pentsos*

*Mike & Shirley Panchev*

*Caitlin, health and recovery from accident - Roza Minga*

*Vasilka Nanchoff - Nick & Donna Tigulis*

*Nick Tigulis & the Tigulis Family - Donna Tigulis*

*Family Health - The Minga Family*

**For:**

*All Saints Day - Christine Demetre*

*Father, Blagoy Nanchoff's 79th birthday on March 27th and mother, Vasilka's 80th birthday on April 14th - Curtis & Linda Blake and family*

*Birthdays of Michael, Alaina & Lily Gosheff - George & Donna Gosheff*

*Happy 6th birthday to Kata! We love you ! - Carrie, Chris & Alexi Harmon*

*Congratulations to Nickolas & Abby Tigulis on the birth of their daughter, Mila*

*Abbygayle Tigulis - Baba Mila Nanchoff and family*

*Health & prosperity and lots of happiness in the*

*Markovski & Cacan families - Zlatko, Jasmine & Isabella Markovski*

*Baptism of Elijah Jacob Knuth - Metodija & Cheryl Jovevski*

*Pete, Nga & Ethan Jovevski*

*Dedo Rade & Baba Donna Jovevski*

*Andy, Julie, Kayla & Lydia Knuth*

*Dedo Vlade, Baba Anica,*

*Vujce Tony & Teta Natalie*

*Jason & Nikoline Langston*

*Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bliznoff*

*God's blessings to our new granddaughter, Mila Abbygayle Tigulis, daughter of Nickolas & Abby Tigulis, April 22, 2011 - Nick & Donna Tigulis*

*The 80th birthday of mom & baba, Mila Nanchoff - Dencho, Barda, Dennis,*

*David & Dean Nanchoff*

*All mothers, Happy Mother's Day - Roza Minga*

*Birthday of Eftim Gosheff - George & Donna Gosheff*

*Congratulations on the engagement of daughter, Jaclyn Giovis to Frank Wolff from California - Chris & Jean Giovis*

*Memorials for Vasilka Nanchoff will appear in the next newsletter*

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