

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### PARISH CALENDAR HI-LITES

*Please see monthly calendar for all events*

Sun., Nov. 11 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke. Martyred Nun  
Anastasia

9:30 Divine Liturgy

Men's Club meets

Altar Society meets

3 PM Qarmout Wedding

**3 PM** 3D Dinner

Fri., Nov. 16 9:30 - 4:30 PM Pirohi Sale

Sun., Nov. 18 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke. Martyrs Galaction  
& Episteme

**9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Schedule Change!**

Church School - Elementary Classes

Parish Board meets

CALENDAR EVENTS LOOKING AHEAD

HI-SCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL Sun., Nov. 25

*Pirohi Sales* scheduled November 30 & December 14.

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL: Wed., Nov. 21. Because I will be away for my grandson's Baptism, there will be no services for St. Michael. Please make other arrangements for services. Fr. Mark welcomes everyone for services to St. George's in Taylor: Vespers Tue. 6 PM, Liturgy Wed. at 9 AM.

CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS: Wed., Nov. 28.

ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET will be Sunday, December 16.

### PEOPLE STUFF

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Metropolitan Nicholas.

*Living:* Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. John & Jen Hrywnak. Gary Joyce. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater Kathryn Stocoski. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey.

*At Home:* Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Steve & Julie Roberts. George & Anna Senich.

*In Assisted Living Homes:* Kathryn Derenick. Julie Kovacs. Irene Munchak. Julie Soares.

*Eternal Light:* Memory of Marion Pucher - Pucher & Roberts families.

*Congratulations & God Bless to* Tamara Qarmout and Michael Dib who today receive the Holy Mystery of Crowning in Marriage. May God grant them many years!

### PARISH EVENTS

*DDD Dinner* Sun., Nov. 11. *Correction: The Dinner begins at 3 PM, not 4 PM.*

**Men's Club** meets today.

**Altar Society** today. On the agenda:

- St. Nicholas Banquet menu
- *Sunday, Nov. 18* - I will be away for my grandson's Baptism. Fr. Mark Leasure will celebrate Divine Liturgy here at 10 AM.

- *Church Messenger* Christmas donation.
- *Church Cleaning* for Christmas

**Parish Board** meets next Sunday.

**Schedule Change Next Sunday!** Fr. Mark told me last Sunday that he will be able to come to celebrate Liturgy next Sunday at the usual time of 9:30 instead of 10 AM. Be there or be square.

**Christmas Cookie Walk!** The Altar Society will host a Cookie (and Treats) walk:

- Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>
- 9:30 A.M. until Sold Out
- REQUESTS!!!: We are in need of baked goods for this sale: Assorted Cookies, breads, cakes, cupcakes, sugar free items...whatever your specialty is! If we start baking *now*, we will have plenty of time to bake and set it aside!
- **Note!** If you bake ahead of time, we can keep your goodies in the freezer here at the church. See Carol Pugh about arrangements.
- It will help a lot if we know what you are bringing. There will be sign up sheets in the hall. Please watch for them.
- Please bring your bring baked goods by Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

November 4, 2012

\$ 515.00	General Collection
\$ 221.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday
\$ 67.00	7 Day Light
\$ 938.00	Pirohi
\$ 10.00	Holy Days
\$ 536.00	Church Dues
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 40.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 125.00	Heat Offering
<b>\$ 2459.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

### DDD DONORS 2012:

Frank Pucher \$100	William & Carol Wassel \$200
Steve & Julie Roberts \$250	Kathryn Stocoski \$100
The Parish \$100	Altar Society \$100
William & Beverly Thomas \$200	Stephanie Bonk \$100
John & Rosemary Hrywnak \$200	Andrew Barnett \$100
Julie Worobey \$100	Carol Pugh \$100
St. Nicholas Men's Club \$100	Nicholas & Maryann Polanichka \$200
Edward Bonk Jr, \$100	John & Donna Shimo \$100
	John & Mary Brizinski \$200

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### ACRY RE-DIRECTS ITS FOCUS!

*From Fr. Peter Paproski, Spiritual Advisor to the National ACRY, received Fri 11/9/2012 4:38 PM*

Dear Brother Priests, Youthworkers, Educators and Diocesan Faithful,

Christ is in our Midst! He is and ever shall be!

I am writing to you today with the blessing of the Diocesan Chancery, in my capacity as National Senior ACRY Spiritual Advisor.

As you may be aware, the National ACRY has been undergoing an extensive process of self-study and strategic planning over the past 3 years, to address its declining membership over the years. With the spiritual guidance of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas of thrice blessed memory, and the assistance of a professional strategic planner, the Senior ACRY has come to understand that it needs to move with the times so to speak, and be more spiritually focused and mission driven. This has been clearly articulated by its membership and in particular the diocesan youth, who are members of the Junior ACRY.

Attached, please find a beautiful letter written by the newly elected Senior ACRY President Amy (Oblinsky) Coffman and a newly crafted informational brochure [*available in the church vestibule*]. I ask that you take the time to read this letter, which is asking for the assistance of our parish priests and faithful in helping to reactive existing ACRY Chapters and establish new ones. As you will read, the ACRY is seeking to actively promote hands on mission and outreach projects at the parish and diocesan levels. With this new direction, I believe

you will find having an ACRY chapter in your parish, a great assistance with starting or enhancing your parish outreach ministry.

If you have any concerns or questions, or suggestions as to how to improve the ACRY I encourage you to contact me, via email at rppaproski@gmail.com or via phone at 203-375-2564, or Amy Coffman via the contact information she has provided in the attached letter. You may also visit the ACRY website at [www.acry.org](http://www.acry.org) for further information.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Peter Paproski  
National Senior ACRY Spiritual Advisor.

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*From The Chancery. Received Mon 10/29/2012 11:51 AM*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Fathers:

Kindly note that officially the Bishop-elect is to be known as His Grace, Bishop GREGORY. This name designation has been confirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios, and is to be used in direct address, conversation and in written form.

Also, Bishop Gregory is to be commemorated in the Divine Services as of his consecration date of November 27th. In addition, His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is to be commemorated in the same fashion in all Divine Services as we had normally done prior to the death of Metropolitan Nicholas. As of November 27th, His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios is no longer to be commemorated in the Divine Services.

In behalf of the Diocesan Consistory, I remain sincerely

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank P. Miloro  
Diocesan Chancellor

THE GREEK (EASTERN) ORTHODOX CHURCH:  
WHAT'S IN OUR NAME? (PART ONE)

By the Rev. Dr. Robert G. Stephanopoulos, Ph.D.

Fr. Stephanopoulos is the father of George Stephanopoulos, the ABC network newscaster. Fr. Robert is a highly respected theologian and was a professor at Holy Cross Orthodox Seminary for many years. This is the first part of an article written around 1992.

Our name, or rather, our names, tell a great deal about us. Many names have been used throughout the centuries to describe our Church and its some 300 million adherents. "Greek", "Eastern", "Orthodox", "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic" are all appropriate designations of the Church.

Our Church is called the "Greek Church" because Greek was the first language of the ancient Christian Church from which our Faith was transmitted. The New Testament was written in Greek and the early writings of Christ's followers were in the Greek language. The word "Greek" is not used to describe just the Orthodox Christian peoples of Greece and other Greek speaking people. Rather, it is used to describe the Christians who originated from the Greek speaking early Christian Church and which used Greek thought to find appropriate expressions of the Orthodox Faith.

"Orthodox" is also used to describe our Church. The word "Orthodox" is derived from two short Greek words *orthos* meaning correct and *doxa* meaning belief or glory. Thus, we used the word "Orthodox" to indicate our conviction that we believe and worship God correctly. We emphasize Apostolic tradition, continuity and conservatism over a 2,000 year history.

Our Church is also spoken of as the "Eastern Church" to distinguish it from the Churches of the West. "Eastern" is used to indicate that in the first millennium the influence of our Church was concentrated in the eastern part of the Christian world and to show that a very large number of our membership is of other than Greek national origin. Thus, Orthodox Christians throughout the world use various ethnic or national titles: "Greek", "Russian", "Serbian", "Romanian", "Ukrainian", "Bulgarian", "Antiochian", "Albanian", "Carpatho-Russian", or more inclusively, as "Eastern Orthodox".

In the Nicene Creed of faith our Church is described the "One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church": "One" because there can only be one true Church with one head Who is Christ. "Holy" because the church seeks to sanctify and transfigure its members through the Sacraments. "Catholic" because the Church is universal and has members in all parts of the world. The word "Catholic" comes from a Greek word *Katholikos* (kath-oh-lee-KOHS) which means worldwide or universal. "Apostolic" because its teachings are based on the foundation laid by the Apostles from whom our Church derives its teachings and authority without break or change.

Each of these titles is limiting in some respects, since it defines Christians belonging to particular historical or regional Churches of the Orthodox communion. Orthodox Christianity is not limited to the East, however, either in terms of its own self-definition or in geographical location. There are many Orthodox Christians who live in the West, and are rapidly becoming integrally related to its spiritual, intellectual and cultural life. *(To be continued)*

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