



**SAINT NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWS**

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***HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY
will be here the weekend of November 1-3
to help us celebrate our***

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY!

Plan ahead to spend this time with our dear Bishop.

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REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 8:30 a.m. Matins (Orthros)

9:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY Coffee Hour afterwards

Mondays and Wednesdays 8 a.m. Matins (Orthros)

Thursdays 6:15 p.m. Vespers before *Introduction to Orthodoxy* class

Saturdays 5 p.m. Great Vespers

Confessions after Saturday Vespers, before Sunday Liturgy or by appointment

FASTING: Wednesday & Friday meatfast through September

Saturday September 14, *Elevation of the Holy Cross*, is a Strict Fast.

Orthodox Ecclesiastical New Year is September 1
which falls on Sunday this year. *September 1?! Come to Liturgy and we'll explain.*



The feast of
**The Nativity
of the Mother of God**
the first major festival of the New Year
is on Sunday September
with usual weekend services.

***The Elevation of
the Holy Cross
of our Lord, God and Savior
Jesus Christ***

*when in the Fourth Century the Patriarch of
Jerusalem lifted up the True Cross of Christ
and changed the course of history.
The actual day is September 14. However...*

**We will celebrate
this Feast/Fast a day early on
Sunday September 13
so more can participate in this
beautiful day and in
The Procession of the Holy Cross.**



**THE
ORTHODOX
FAITH**

**Introduction to Orthodoxy Class
Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

preceded by Vespers at 6:15

*This is for any who want to learn more
about the Church in a systematic way, -
those who are just curious, those looking to
join, or Orthodox wanting to review.*

I just delivered 185 pounds of food to Family Sharing in Grafton. The total pounds of food donated in 2019 by St. Nicholas Church to Family Sharing is 1,364 pounds as compared to 1,314 pounds of food in 2018. Again I would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Nicholas for their generosity in donating food so that through Family Sharing we can continue to do God's mission in feeding the less fortunate.

With Love in Christ, Allan Jablonsky

In honor of St Nicholas Orthodox Church 30th Anniversary, we are creating a Commemorative booklet. If you would like to contribute, please submit your donation, memorial or ad request by October 2, 2019.

Thank you,
Sophia Schafer, phone: 414-731-9983

<p>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">30th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet</h2> <p>YES! I will help contribute to the celebration by purchasing an ad in the St. Nicholas 30th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet 1989-2019!</p>	
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Select Ad Size:	
\$25 <input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 page 3.5 x 2 h Choose Ad Copy or <input type="checkbox"/> Business Card ad, enclose, or E or F	
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\$200 <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page, B&W inside (7.5"x10", no bleed) or <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Note, up to 500 words, choose E, or F	
\$300 <input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover, Full Color (7.5"x10", no bleed) (supply camera-ready add or copy and graphics)	
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Make payable to: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. In memo: Booklet 2019.	
Select Congratulations Ad Copy (A-D) or indicate Other Ad Copy (E) or (F):	
<input type="checkbox"/> A This is the day which the Lord hath made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! —Psalms 118:24 Happy 30th, St. Nicholas Parish! God grant you many years!	_____
	(your name or family)
<input type="checkbox"/> B O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good and his mercy endureth forever! —Psalm 107:7 Congratulations, St. Nicholas! May we endureth forever!	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> C Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! —Eph. 5:20 Congratulations!	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> D Halleluiah! Sending best wishes to the parish and our beloved clergy, Fr. David & Fr. Bill, on this joyous occasion! Many years! With Love In Christ,	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> E Personal Note (please attach.) For example: Thank you, St. Nicholas, for... [attach fondest memory or special blessing]	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> F Camera-Ready Ad (either electronic or printed) Attached. Deadline: Tuesday, OCT 1.	
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FATHER DAVID'S COLUMN
September 2019

Glory to God in All Things!

I've always really disliked September. First of all my children went off to school and the drudgery of the school year with keeping a tight schedule would begin. It was nice to have them at home, and hearing their voices, being able to do things together as a family and just relaxing, enjoying each other's company on our own schedule and not someone else's. The next reason I dislike September is that it means the days are moving toward darkness and cold. The little bouts of cold fronts remind me of what is to come. The old farmers tale of six weeks before the first frost after the goldenrod bloomed was about all that I could really find interesting as it moved me forward to anticipating the killing frost and with it, the loss of green, growing, living things until spring.

Since becoming Orthodox, that has changed to a lesser degree with the Liturgical New Year beginning on September 1. Now I look forward to the coming year with the anticipation of Pascha! All things point to Pascha within the Liturgical year - for that is the focal point (or at least should be) for all Christianity. We pray for the blessing on the new Liturgical Year, as we pray for His blessing on everything. In God, the coming year is existing, it is already there, He can bless it as He is without time. So we pray that He does bless our prayers and offerings. We pray for good seasons, health and protection over all that He has blessed us with - and yes, everything that we have is from God. We may think like the rest of the culture that "we do it ourselves" however, we as Orthodox Christians know that God is the source of all our blessings. All is a gift from Him. To some He is materially generous, to some He is spiritually generous, to all He is gracious and merciful. He desires that all be saved, for He loves His creation. He gave His Son, Jesus not to condemn the world but to bring it back to the original fullness in Him.

So I look forward to Pascha. It will help me get through the rough spots spiritually in my life during the coming year. In the long dark days of winter, I can look forward to the glorious saving Resurrection of Christ - the Light that in Whom we see Light. Now aging, this anticipation of His Resurrection, brings me peace of heart, that His mercy, if He wills it, to bestow upon my soul a portion of His heavenly Kingdom

Sunday School and such

We will have a blessing of students on Sunday September 1st. Classes begin for Sunday School on Sunday September 8th. The children will again leave after

attending the Divine Liturgy and receiving the Holy Gifts. We are again blessed to have MaryBeth Newhouse as our Director and Ana Treptow, Katherine Newhouse, Andrea Marquard/Elizabeth Heyer-Devine as teachers, with Jeff Figgatt and Subdeacon Jim filling in when needed. May God Bless your ministry as you help prepare the souls of our children for their future.

Some of the parents of younger children will be receiving a child's book of Confession for use at home. Actually many of the children's books are written in such a way that we as adults can take away as much as the children can from reading them. The book on confession can also help parents with setting a mindset as to what is right and what is wrong in this age of fluid ethics and morality.

Again, the Sunday School is not meant to be the end all and be all of a child's Orthodox Education. Rather, Sunday school is there to reinforce the spirituality of the home and the practices that are taking place there. Parents, we do have a responsibility for the salvation of the souls of our children. With Christ we have given them life, now again together with Christ we work for their eternal life.

This morning I was talking with a young father regarding how he was raised. He told me that his father was and still is an "atheist". However his father, knowing the importance of attending Church with his children in order to give them a well rounded background as human beings, took them to church every Sunday, participated in the worship, helped in the church when needed and lived as if he was a staunch church-goer. Not a lot of people knew he was an atheist. He was willing to sacrifice his will, beliefs and life for the good of his children. Today his son is a Lutheran Minister. His dad remains an atheist, respects his son and his ministry and even though the kids are out of the house, because his wife is a believer, he attends with her. He again is willing to support his wife in her beliefs because of love. Parents, we are the first and foremost examples of Christ to our children. What they see from us affects them forever.

WINE & HARVEST

September 21 & 22nd, this is the same weekend as the OCWA at the Iakovos Center in Kenosha. I have been asked to say Great Vespers Friday evening and then Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. I should be back in plenty of time to help out with what needs to be done. Please sign up to help and begin to pray to St. Nicholas for his blessings upon our efforts. Baking Sessions:

Spanikopita 9/11 @ 5:30 p.m. Church Hall

Grape Leaves 9/19 5:30 p.m. (Faye Shammo's home)

Baklava Baking 9/18 5:00 p.m. Church Hall

INSULATION

No, the little white holes along the walls are not some new decorative effect within Orthodoxy. Finally after many years we have insulated the Church. It was discussed by many Councils and determined that this will help to eliminate the “soot” problems. As the exterior cold met the warmth inside, the building, it created moisture on the walls and ceiling. The soot from candles and incense stuck to those moist places. Which is why we have the soot patterns that we do. There was insulation blown into both the attic space and sidewalls - hence the plugs in the walls. Now in anticipation of this we have begin to look at how to cover the holes. One only has to look at the West side of the Church on the front wall to see what happens when one tries to combine new materials with old plaster and lathe construction. The arch that was covered years ago with plywood, when it expands /contracts shows the original form that we tried to hide. The fear is that the holes drilled into the wall were first plugged with plywood then covered over with compound, we will experience some of the same effect. Hopefully not, but most likely. No matter how well we blend the plaster in the plugs, and paint it, they will always show through.

The idea is to place a printed design on canvas, the design known as “toweling” along the side walls up to and just over the window sills to hide the holes. It has a border. Think of this a a sort of “wainscoting” effect. Some may have seen this in other Orthodox Churches. It is used at the monastery in West Virginia and also in Iron Mountain, Michigan. This will give us a “base” from which to begin to place life size icons of saints along the walls above the toweling - these icons again will be printed on canvas. We are awaiting samples. We will review all of this with the decorating committee once the samples have arrived. The cost using the printed canvas is far less than hand painted iconography. It is still going to be costly, but not nearly as much as repainting the entire church. More to follow.

SHED

The new shed is up and is being utilized already. Thank you to Bill & Stephanie Dodge for painting it. Bill spearheaded this entire effort - with a little help from his friends! God Bless everyone who helped. We will eventually place some sort of “skirting” around base so the critters do not nest under there. We have moved some of the things out of the furnace room into the shed.

CRY ROOM

We have replaced some of the books in the cry room with more appropriate books for Orthodox children. A few secular books are still left there which have a good message.

ORTHODOX OUTREACH

We will be presenting the series *A Journey to Fullness* to the community at large the Thursdays of October. We are trying to get the advertising in place at the Rivioli Theatre for this and thanks to Laurel for pulling out all the stops to try to get it in on time. Why are we doing this? We as Orthodox have something special to offer the hurting world. We are the source of all Christian denominations - we are *pre-denominational*. Our liturgy comes directly from Judaism, which means we have a continuity of worship from the Old Testament to the present. Our Liturgy was never “made up” -it evolved from that which God had given to the Israelites. We can present to the world a place of healing and a place where one finds their identity not in a secular, materialistic self-centered culture, but in Christ. This is one reason we say “peace be to all” since all mankind needs to experience the peace of Christ in their hearts, as found within Orthodoxy. People need to know that Orthodoxy is not just about ethnic festivals and food, but about the reality of Jesus Christ and the Church which He directly established.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY - PARENTS

“*Raising Saints*” - a practical talk about Orthodox Family Life. Will be presented Friday and Saturday September 13th & 14th at St. Save Serbian Orthodox Cathedral. The speaker is Elissa Bjeletich, who has co-authored books and has three Ancient Faith Radio Podcasts: *Raising Saints*, *Everyday Orthodox* and with Kristina Wegner *Tending the Garden of Our Hearts*. She serves as school director at a Greek Orthodox Church and has 5 daughters! Cost Friday evening \$10.00 only, \$15.00 Saturday only (with lunch) or \$20.00 for both days. If someone would like to go and needs help with the registration costs, please see Fr. David. All parents are encouraged to attend -maybe a group from our Church?

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Is anyone missing? Are there errors?

Birthdays: 1 - Kim Treptow, 3 - Brett Scarpaci, Scott Sitowski, Rachel Robinson 4 - Jerry Shade. 7 - Grace Dodge, 8 - Wilfred deJunco, James Scarpaci, 13 - Doris Zompolas, Mitchell Ticoras, 14 - Toni Haddad, Debbie Herro, Jason Soloninka 15 - Ella Stolz, 16 - Katy Mehail, Natalie Soloninka 18 - Mark McQuide, 19 - Reem Sitowski, 20 Jim Demas, 23 - Salim (Sam) Shammo, 25 - Julie Werner, Alexandra Katrantzis 28 - Allan Jablonsky, Sophia Schafer

Wedding: 9 - David & Sophia Schafer,

Nameday: 4 *Hermione* Emily Usinger, 5 *Elizabeth* - Kh. Dianna, Elizabeth Newhouse, Lesa Potos, Elizabeth Valentine, Shannon Sloan Spice, Elizabeth Hyer-Devine

9 *Anne* - Cheryl Haska, Pam Grote, Lisa Haller, Samantha Haller 17 *Sophia* - Edi

Grossman, Faye Mansour-Shammo, Sophia Cook, Sophia Schafer, 20 - *Eustathios* Steve Gaveras, Esther Pjevach, Eustasia Pjevach, 24 *Thekla* - Leslie Barber Howard,

