

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

March 17, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Ven. Aleksy (Alexius) the Man of God (411). Ven. Macarius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Kalyázinsk (Tver'—1483). Martyr Marinus. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland (ca. 461).



Services This Week

**Today: First Sunday of Lent with Procession of Icons
Forgiveness Prayers and All Parish Meeting**

- Wed. Mar. 20 ...Presanctified Liturgy (All Saints Church in
Salisbury, CT (Confessions 5:30 pm)6:30 p.m.
- Fri. Mar. 22 ...Presanctified Liturgy (St Nicholas in Pittsfield)
with Fr. Igor (Confessions 5:30 pm)6:30 p.m.
followed by Lenten Potluck Dinner
- Sat. Mar. 23 ...Reader's Vespers5:00 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 24 ...Divine Liturgy9:30 a.m.
(Fr. Igor Burdikoff and Deacon Michael)

Today's Readings	Readings for March 24
Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2	Hebrews 1:10 - 2:3
Gospel: John 1:43-51	Mark 2:1-12

Mar. 24 Readers and Hosts

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersLucian
EpistleIrene
Coffee Hour:.....Henry
Sunday School AssistantEmilie

In Memory of: Samya Stumo (3/10/2019)

For the health and well-being of: Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Nancy, Maria, Al, Michael, Alexandra, Gregory, Helen, Edie, Lou, June, and Archbishop Nikon (recuperating from surgery).

Today: All Parish Meeting after Coffee Hour: Please stay and participate in today's important Parish meeting. We have important issues to discuss, including the health and longevity of our parish. We need to hear all voices!

Please sign a Get Well card for Archbishop Nikon (in back of church).

March Charity: St. Herman's Seminary of Alaska. St Herman's Seminary is in need of our continued support. Please donate as generously as you can.

Special Memorial Collection: We are saddened to hear of the repose of one of Fr. John Kreta's parishioners, Samya Stumo, who tragically perished in last week's airline crash in Ethiopia. Samya was engaged in the field of Public Health and was a dedicated international worker helping to further the distribution of medicines for viral hepatitis. We will make a donation in her name to our sister church, **All Saints of North America** in Salisbury, CT.

March Calendar: Note that there are many opportunities for worship this Lent, including **Friday Presanctified Liturgies** (with times for Confession on most Fridays) here at St. Nicholas with visiting priests. Thank you to Fr. John Kreta for scheduling these and other Lenten services for St. Nicholas, and to Fr. Igor will be helping to make this a full Lenten journey. Thank you to Tanya who led us in four days of singing the **Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete** this week. These services were reverent and beautiful.

Lenten Mission Vespers Services: Beginning this afternoon on the First Sunday of Lent there are two Mission Vespers available to us: at St. Basil's Orthodox Church in Watervliet at 5:00 p.m. and at Holy Trinity Greek Church in Bridgeport, CT at 4:00 p.m. Both services are followed by lenten meal. The schedule is posted on our website and on the church bulletin board.

Barton's Crossing Meals – Nick Bobrovsky has enlisted several volunteers to cook and donate meals to Barton's Crossing once a month, beginning in April. We will print the team schedules in next week's Bulletin.

March Birthdays

Alla G _____ 03/03
Alla C _____ 03/16
Len M _____ 03/19
Grace M _____ 03/23
Rick G _____ 03/28
Koren A _____ 03/29

Collections

Last Week's Collection(no church)
2019 Budget.....(Not yet determined)

**Please return your
2019 pledge cards - Thank you!**