



# St. Nicholas Messenger

July 8, 2012

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Greek Catholic Mission

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## Fully Eastern and Fully Catholic

Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Greek Catholic Mission in Raleigh, North Carolina is an Eastern Catholic church of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, OH under His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop John Bura. Our Church is in full communion with the Church and Pope Benedict of Rome. All faithful Catholics of whatever ritual tradition can receive the Holy Eucharist and fulfill their Sunday obligation by attending Lord's Day services with us.

All of our services are in English and all are invited and welcome to attend and celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ! †

## Schedule of Services

### LORD'S DAY SERVICES

#### SATURDAY

5:00pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

#### SUNDAY

8:00am Matins

10:00am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

*Sunday liturgy is followed by a fellowship coffee hour.*

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Divine Liturgy is celebrated on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Please consult the calendar on our website for more information.



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*For up-to-date schedule  
changes please visit our  
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### Our Temporary Location:

4154 Shearon Farms Ave. Suite 100  
Wake Forest, NC 27587

COME CELEBRATE THE ANCIENT FAITH OF THE APOSTLES AND MARTYRS WITH US !

## Prayer Requests

Albert, Audeh, †Antonius†, Patricia, Marisa, Sandy, Nora, Basilius, Norman and Patricia, Monica, Leala and Zechariah, Alice, Gregory, Emily, Amanda, Denise, Diane, Pat, Mike, Gloria, Father Joseph Francavilla, Father Charles Aboody, Fr. Ephrem Handal, Fr. John Forbes, Reader Romanos, Kalil, Renee, Anthony, Fred, Maryse, Judy, Margot, Bella, Rami, Nahia, Berthe, Michael, Allegra, Elias, Don, Eva, Mary, Jenny, Amanda, David, Badeea, Grace and her mother, Jamil, Bishop Robert, the Priests: Mark, Martin, Richard, Rick, David, Damien, Jason, Sean, Theodore, Anthony, Richard, the Deacons: Joachim, Daniel, Stephen, David, Matt, Buenaventure, Lee, The seminarians: Rhett, Joseph, Mark, Charles. For Chris and Katy, Lee and Joanne, Robert and Mary Colleen, Peter and Helen, Lance, Crystal, Sarah, Carylton, Lauren, Jason, Louise, Charles, John, Kurtis, Wayne, Aaron, Sandy, Ken, Louis, Stephen, †Minnie†, †Patricia†, †Dennis†, †Lee†, Kathy, Emily, Jessica, Joe, William, Jason, Jeannine, Ruth, Jack, Judy, Cheryl, Lou, Robbie, Tom, Theresa, Grady, †Joe†



**Congratulations to Charles, Regina, David and Nathaniel Kennedy on this the day of Nathaniel's Baptism!**

**May God grant them MANY YEARS!**

A quick story from Fr. Deacon Stephen

Last Friday we were supposed to visit Eva's sister in Natural Bridge, Va. I planned the trip before I checked the schedule, only to find out that Friday was a Holy Day of Obligation and that I was preaching. If we went to Liturgy and left thereafter, it would put us in Virginia around midnight. But, said I to my saintly spouse..a commitment is a commitment. If its midnight..so be it.

As we approached Lynchburg, ahead of us we saw the remnants of a terrible wind storm and tornadic activity that had passed through just ahead of us. Downed trees and damage were everywhere. Eva's sister called us to say that so many trees had fallen and blocked the roads, that they were unable to get to their house. There was no electric power or other utilities. In fact, they eventually had to stay with friends in Roanoke. So Eva and I got the last hotel room left in Lynchburg and returned home on Saturday. (God always provides.)

If we had excused ourselves from our commitment to Jesus, we would have arrived in Natural Bridge earlier on that Friday and been in the thick of it. So, God is faithful. He only asks that we be like Him in our fidelity.

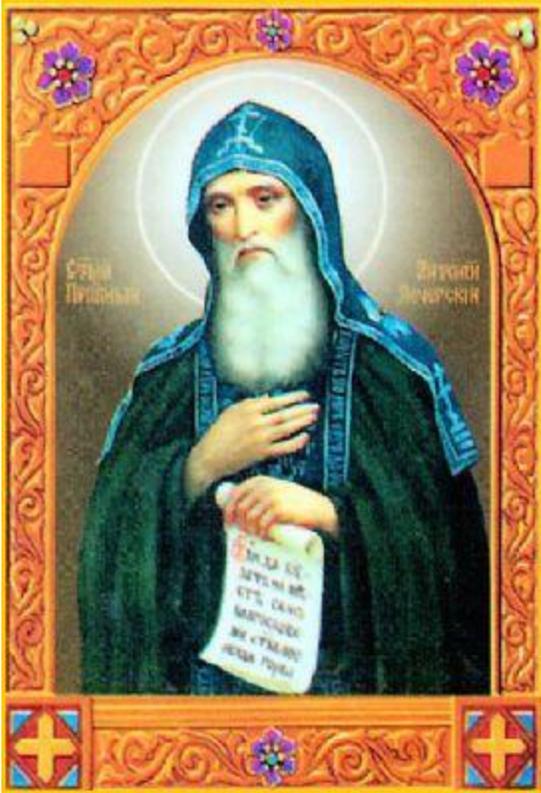
## Spirits and Wisdom

Spirits and Wisdom (20s and 30s, married or single) welcomes Jewel Wendt on Tuesday, July 10, at 6:30 PM. Her topic will be “Dealing with misunderstanding of Catholic doctrine.” Jewel Wendt was born in Dodge City KS. Coming to college as an agnostic, she converted to Catholicism while an undergraduate at Wichita State University. She combines her love of research with a passion for apologetics and teaching. Spirits and Wisdom will be at Tir Na Nog Irish Restaurant at 218 W. Blount Street in Raleigh. For more information, contact Robert Shaw at [rshaw@williamsmullen.com](mailto:rshaw@williamsmullen.com).

**ATTENTION! Catholic Young Professionals and Students of Raleigh ages 18–early thirties:** Join us for an exciting study of Part Three of the Catechism of the Catholic Church Friday July 20, 7pm, Fallon Center Lounge of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Raleigh. We will be discussing Paragraphs 1691-1876. Text available at [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM). Refreshments provided. Questions contact Jeremy or Nathan Kryn 803-0652, [jkryn@nc.rr.com](mailto:jkryn@nc.rr.com).

## July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 8am - Matins 9am - Class 9:45am - Third Hour 10am - Divine Liturgy with Baptism of Nathaniel Kennedy	9	10	11 6pm - Divine Liturgy 7:15pm – Bible Study	12	13	14 5pm - Great Vespers 6pm - Mystery of Reconciliation 4:30pm – Hispanic Youth Catechism 6:30pm – Spanish Typica
15 <b>Fathers of 6 Ecum. Councils</b> 8am - Matins 9am - Class 9:45am - Third Hour 10am - Divine Liturgy	16	17	18 6pm - Divine Liturgy 7:15pm – Bible Study	19	20 Elijah – Great Prophet	21 5pm - Great Vespers 6pm - Mystery of Reconciliation 4:30pm – Hispanic Youth Catechism 6:30pm – Spanish Typica Service 8pm – Hispanic Agape
22 8am - Matins 9am - Class 9:45am - Third Hour 10am - Divine Liturgy	23	24	25 6pm - Divine Liturgy 7:15pm – Bible Study	26	27	28 5pm - Great Vespers 6pm - Mystery of Reconciliation 4:30pm – Hispanic Youth Catechism 6:30pm – Spanish Typica
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### Commemorated on July 10

Saint Anthony of the Kiev Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernigov, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life.

The igumen saw in St Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, "Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own Russian land, and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you.

Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kiev, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos.

Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kiev by the banks of the River Dniepr. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kiev (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some

decided to remain with the saint.

Among Anthony's first disciples was St Nikon (March 23), who tonsured St Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032.

The virtuous life of St Anthony illumined the Russian land with the beauty of monasticism. St Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked St Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about St Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it.

After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, St Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves.

At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dimitriev monastery. With the blessing of St Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already reached a hundred men. The Kiev Great Prince Izyaslav (+ 1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and vigil. Although St Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus.

For his holiness of life, God glorified St Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and St Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms (See May 3, the account of the Kiev Caves Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos). Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to the Russian land on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of St Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073.

Through Divine Providence, the relics of St Anthony remain hidden.

Dear Friends,

Did you know that;

1. What do we know about Moses and the Exodus? Central to the entire Old Testament is the supreme redemptive act of God, by which He led the Israelites out from their slavery in Egypt. This event, called the Exodus, begins with the enslavement of Abraham's descendants in Egypt by a pharaoh: "who knew nothing of Joseph" (Ex 1:8). For political reasons, the people were reduced to slavery by a pattern of sinful behavior that sought power for the self and hated those who were different; this injustice was a manifestation of the evil that had entered the human race. God looked with compassion on the people so caught and revealed Himself as a redeemer by calling the prophet Moses to lead them out of servitude "into a good and spacious land, a land overflowing with milk and honey" (Ex 3:8). He identified Himself to Moses, "I am the God of your father...the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob...I have seen the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers..." (Ex 3:6-7).
2. The Christian who fails to respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit and does not take part in the liturgical gathering of the Holy Eucharist, separates himself or herself from the shared life of the Body of Christ. Such a Christian is under the domination of Satan. In order to be a member of the Body of Christ, the Christian must share not only in the common worship of the Church, but also in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you," (John 6:53).
3. The Church as Body of Christ and Temple of the Holy Spirit is exemplified by the Holy Virgin, who was the actual physical vessel containing Christ. She whom the Byzantine Churches call the "living temple of the holy glory of Christ our God," "the holy temple of our holy God," and "the sublime temple, the palace, throne and wondrous abode of our God," is the model of "type" of the people of God who have become His dwelling place (1 Cor 3:16-17, 6, 19, 2 Cor 6:16).

Thank you,  
God Bless you all.  
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Pray for me.

### *Tithes*

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"think of the Lord with uprightness, and seek him with sincerity of heart;  
because he is found by those who do not put him to the test," *Wisdom 1:1-2*