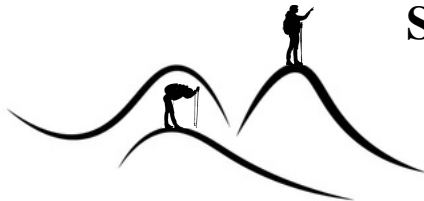




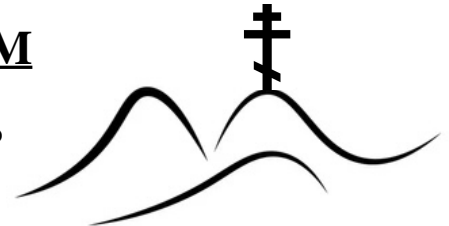
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A PARISH OF THE AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE
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Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

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WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

For Online Streaming Service: 10 minutes prior to service, visit our website (www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org) and scroll down and press play on our live service feed. If using a smartphone, use our YouTube Channel: "St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church NYC"

At this time, we will livestream only for Saturday evening Vespers & Sunday morning Divine Liturgy.

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January 7th, 2022: Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 Troparia: p 109-11

TODAY: SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th

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FESTIVE ANOINTING OIL (MIROVANIJE) & BLESSED BREAD will offered after Divine Liturgy to all faithful and visitors. The blessed bread comes from Holy Protection Monastery in White Haven, PA, blessed during Nativity Eve Vigil last night. *May God grant to all many happy & blessed years!*

COFFEE/DESSERT HOUR: A special thank you to the Altar Society and all contributors for organizing and providing delicious desserts for everyone to enjoy today. After Liturgy, join us in our Main Hall downstairs for fellowship!





Office of the Metropolitan

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CHRISTMAS ARCHPASTORAL LETTER
December 25, 2022/January 7, 2023

Protocol. No. 22/2022

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

As we celebrate this joyous Feast of the Nativity in the flesh of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ, I wish to share with you one of my favorite Christmas homilies from the Church Fathers concerning this day. St. John Chrysostom. spoke on the Incarnation with these words:

"I behold a new and wondrous mystery!

My ears resound to the shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but loudly chanting a heavenly hymn!

The angels sing!

The archangels blend their voices in harmony!

The cherubim resound their joyful praise!

The Seraphim exalt His glory!

All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead herein... on earth and man in heaven. He who is above now, for our salvation, dwells here below; and we, who were lowly, are exalted by divine mercy!

Today Bethlehem resembles heaven, hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices and, in place of the sun, witnessing the rising of the Sun of Justice!

Ask not how this is accomplished, for where God wills, the order of nature is overturned. For He willed He had the powers He descended. He saved. All things move in obedience to God.

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of North America

ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Today He Who Is, is born! And He Who Is becomes what He was not! For when He was God, He became man-while not relinquishing the Godhead that is His...

And so the kings have come, and they have seen the heavenly King that has come upon the earth, not bringing with Him angels, nor archangels, nor thrones, nor dominions, nor powers, nor principalities, but, treading a new and solitary path, He has come forth from a spotless womb.

Yet He has not forsaken His angels, nor left them deprived of His care, nor because of His incarnation has He ceased being God. And behold *Kings* have come, that they might serve the Leader of the Hosts of Heaven; *women*, that they might adore Him Who was born of a woman so that He might change the pains of childbirth into joy; *virgins*, to the Son of the Virgin...

Infants, that they may adore Him who became a little child, so that out of the mouths of infants He might perfect praise;

Children, to the Child who raised up martyrs through the rage of Herod; Men, to Him who became man that He might heal the miseries of His servants;

Shepherds, to the Good Shepherd who was laid down His life for His sheep;

Priests, to Him who has become a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek;

Servants, to Him who took upon Himself the form of a servant, that He might bless our stewardship with the reward of freedom (Philippians 2:7);

Fishermen, to the Fisher of humanity;

Publicans, to Him who from among them named a chosen evangelist;

Sinful women, to Him who exposed His feet to the tears of the repentant woman;

And that I may embrace them all together, all sinners have come, that they may look upon the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

Since, therefore, all rejoice, I too desire to rejoice! I too wish to share the choral dance, to celebrate the festival! But I take my part, not plucking the harp nor with the music of the pipes nor holding a torch, but holding in my arms the cradle of Christ!

For this is all my hope!

This is my life!

This is my salvation!

This is my pipe, my harp!


And bearing it I come, and having from its power received the gift of speech, I too, with the angels and shepherds, sing:

"Glory to God in the Highest! and on earth peace to men of good will." Amen.

Personal Greetings on the 10th Christmas as your Hierarch

May all the Priests and Panis, Deacons, Subdeacons, Readers, Acolytes, Parish Officers, Board Members, Parishioners, (young and old) Friends and Supporters of our God-Protected American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese experience the joy and wonder of the Shepherds and the awe and respect of the Three Wise Men at the arrival of the Newborn King. Christ is Born!

Greetings from Johnstown with much love.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Metropolitan Gregory". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

To be read as the sermon and distributed in all Churches of the Diocese at the Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ.

TOMORROW: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th

THE HOLY SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD! Immediately following the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord in Christmas, we honor and celebrate Mary the Mother of God, our *Bohorodice*. In much the same way, in the Divine Liturgy immediately following the consecration of the Bread and Wine into the Body & Blood of our Lord, the very first person we honor and sing to is the Mother of God in the hymn "*Dostojno Jest' / You Are Truly Deserving*". May our Blessed Mother, who humbly received our Lord and became more spacious than the heavens, container for the Uncontainable, through whom came our Saviour and Lord, be with us all!

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COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall. A special thank you to everyone who make it possible have coffee hour without fail, especially to our teams and Sunday regulars. *If you are not a part of a coffee hour team and would like to be, please see Debbie Derevjanik.*

ETERNAL MEMORY! May God grant eternal rest to the handmaiden of God +Stephanie Rusinak, who reposed the Lord on Tuesday, January 3rd. Funeral services for Stephanie will take place this week, with viewing hours between 2 PM and 9 PM at Trzaska Funeral Home (see end of the bulletin for address & contact information), with Parastas taking place at 2:30 PM. *Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*



GREAT VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY FOR FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN @ 6 PM



DURING THE WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY 9th - FUNERAL SERVICE FOR +STEPHANIE RUSINAK @ 9:30 AM, BURIAL @ MT. OLIVET TO FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11th - ST. NICHOLAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING @ 7 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th - GREAT VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY @ 6 PM FOR THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & THE FEAST OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th - GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM

*Left: May God grant many blessed years to the Kormanik family, who graced us with their beautiful music during Coffee Hour.
Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOUR NATIVITY DONATIONS



ITEM:	DONATED BY:	FOR:
6 Main Altar Candles	Charles Honara	In Memory of Parents Charles & Helen, and Brother Steven
Triple Bar Cross of Votives (Lord's Side)	Zizik & Fornazor Families	In Memory of Grandparents M/M Peter Ceselka
Triple Bar Cross of Votives (Theotokos Side)	Bob & Debbie Zizik	In Memory of Parents Frank & Mary Zizik, Uncle John & Aunt Helen Fornazor
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Christ in Garden)	Debbie Derevjanik	In Memory of Parents Ignac & Anna Derevjanik
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Baptism of Christ)	Lillian Benc	In Memory of the Benc, Bulko, & Kramer Families
Nativity Vigil Light Side Altar (Christ in Garden)	Lillian Benc	In Memory of the Benc, Bulko, & Kramer Families
Resurrection Vigil Light Side Altar (Baptism of Christ)	Stephanie Salony	In Memory of Parents Michael & Anna Salony
Sacramental Wine	Michael Chobor	In Memory of the Chobor Family
Festive Oil	Ivette Canjura	In Gratitude for Health & Family
Eternal Lamp Center of Church	Joanne & Lorraine Medvecky	In Memory of the Medvecky & Yanoscik Families
Charcoal	Michael Chobor	In Memory of the Chobor Family
Altar Boy Candles	John, Tanya, Andrew, & Michael McAusland	For the Continued Good Health of all Altar Boys, Young & Old
Incense	Kathy Matlak	In Memory of the Strenk, Matlak, & Sikorjak Families



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST - JANUARY 7th, 2023

For additions or updates, please contact Fr. William directly: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

CONTINUOUS:

Phyllis Kanya Adams, Matuska Olga Andrejuk, Walter Bubniak, David Bulko, Kim Busel, Jane Cables, Bianca Ceselka, Peter & Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Michal Derevjanik Sr., Pani Kathy Dutko, Cassandra Eddy, Mary & Tommy Fackovec, Gia Fazio, Charlie & Helen Gaydos, John Geida, Julius Gontkovsky, Olga Gubinski, Diana Hannan, Priest Joseph Hoffmann, Noah Homyak, Magdalena Ilanovska, Jana Johnson-Plutchok, Sharon Kanya, Michael Kerr, Paul Koehler, Maria Koneval, Betty Kormanik, Michal Kormanik, Donna Larson, Barry Lerner, Ann Mammoliti, Anna Mamillova, Alex & Holly Marchak, Kamila Matišinova, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Stephanie McNellis, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, Christine & Rick Martines, Lucia Matišinova, John Ochlan, Stephen Pezzulich, Deacon Michael Pirich, Priest Daniel Rentel, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, Paul Sikoryak Sr, Toni Sikoryak, George Sipko, Miroslav Strenk, Katherine Tam, Paul Tymus Sr, Teri Upton, Lorraine Vira, Marek Vattek, Bill Vislocky, Catherine Vislocky, Sandy Wagner, Dennis & Cathy Walsh, and Reader Bob & Debbie Zizik. For those suffering from the invasion of Ukraine.

ENGAGED:

Andrew Timko & Erin McDonald
Benjamin Worobey & Sophia Timko
Robert Stack Jr. & Kristin Finan

EXPECTANT:

Michael & Elizabeth Seewald

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Priest Kevin Greenwood
Deacon Robert Conjelko

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Priest David Kossey (Yonkers, NY)
Priest Andrew Gromm (Seaford, NY)

SEMINARIANS:

Thomas Kovalak, Nicholas Worobey, Seamus Murray, Thomas Slosky, Samuel Loposky, Timothy Paproski, Nicholas Fong, & Nicolas Laliberte. *That God may grant many more vocations to the Priesthood!*

BIRTHDAYS:

May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially to John Rosina, Debbie Derevjanik, Matthew Stack, & Andrew Righetti! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

BIRTHDAYS:

May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially to Mikulas & Anna Derevjanik! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

DEPARTED IN THE LORD:

+Stephanie Rusinak, Recently Departed

**O HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, WONDERWORKER OF MYRA,
PRAY TO THE LORD GOD FOR US!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOU CAN STILL ADD TO OUR FOOD COLLECTION! We continue to support the North Rockland Food Pantry, who alone serves 100+ families EACH week. Please remember those less fortunate and help us feed the hungry. May God bless you for your generous donations! *If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will be happy to do the shopping for you. Please submit donations to Board Chairman Bob Zizik, and thank you to Bob for all that he does to head this and make this happen!*

MURAL ICONS BOOKLET - \$25: Copies of this newly-published booklet are still available for purchase at today's coffee hour. This published booklet is a compilation of the mural icons of St. Nicholas Church, photographed together with their dedications and their backgrounds. This was put together with good work done by Junior Trustee Andrew McAusland, Trustee Bogdan Horbal, Photography by Paul Krzyzanowski, and edited by Jeffrey Paison. Thank you to all of them for their work! All proceeds will be put toward upcoming projects for the parish, including the creation of a new St. Nicholas Parish Honor Roll, which is currently 'rolling'.

CHURCH SERVICE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Note from Fr. William: If you would like anyone remembered or prayed for during the course of the week or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or simply email: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

JANUARY 2023

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
JAN 8 SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Coffee Hour - Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy for St. Stephen @ 6 PM	9 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN	10	11 St. Nicholas Board Meeting	12	13 Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great @ 6 PM	14 FEAST OF CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & ST. BASIL THE GREAT - Great Vespers @ 6 PM
FAST-FREE WEEK						
15 Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Coffee Hour	16	17	18 Royal Hours @ 9 am - Theophany Eve Vigil @ 7 pm	19 FEAST OF THEOPHANY Divine Liturgy @ 10 am	20	21 HOME BLESSINGS BEGIN! - *No Vespers
22 Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Coffee Hour	23	24	25	26	27	28 HOME BLESSINGS - *No Vespers

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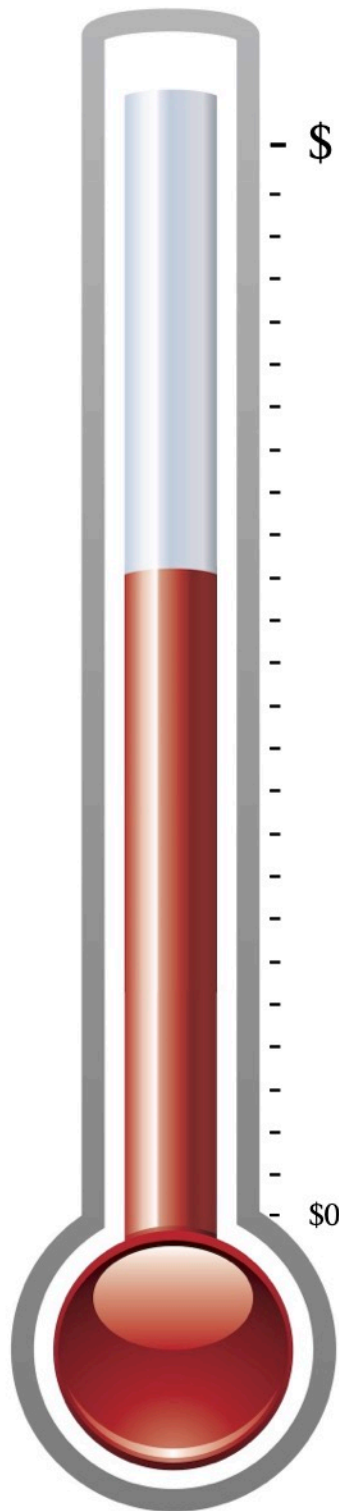
ST. NICHOLAS FUNDRAISER - \$25,000

THE MAIN HALL AIR CONDITIONING

Every contribution you make brings us closer and closer to covering the costs of our Main Hall air conditioning, which is in need of full replacement at long last.

*Contribute today!
Everything helps.*

Donations can be made out to "St. Nicholas Church" with the Memo "Fundraiser"



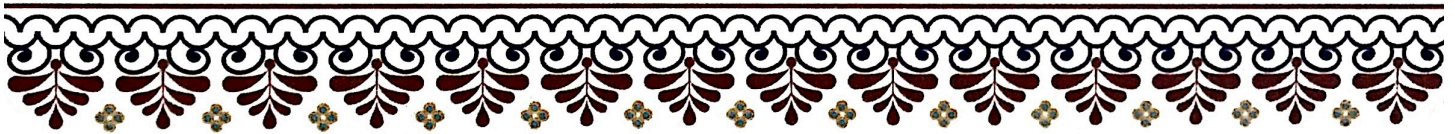
\$ 25,000!

... and a special thank you to everyone who has given so far!

May God grant to all donor many more happy and blessed years!

*Mnohaja i
Blahaja L'ita!*

GOAL!



THE UPDATE ON THE ST. NICHOLAS HONOR ROLL

As you may recall, a group of parishioners have been working on updating the St. Nicholas of Myra's Honor Roll. We used to have an Honor Roll which was probably created in the 1940s but later unfortunately was lost. We have a picture of the original Honor Roll which hangs in Hall No. 2. It was from this picture that Andrew McAusland, our junior trustee, transferred all names into a Google document and from which the work could begin. Fr. William announced the project in church and the church bulletin and Andrew started receiving names of those who served in the US military after the original Honor Roll was created. We were looking for those who were parishioners/attended St. Nicholas of Myra church. As Andrew was adding new names to the list, it was decided that each name added to the list should be verified. This verification could either be done by another person (not the one who added the name) or using written documents like those available in the ancestry.com database. Mike Kormanik invited us to devote several Zoom meetings of the St. Nicholas Men's Club to the work on the verification of all received names. Many people contributed to this project, either by suggesting additions or verifying them. Among them there were: Lilian Benc, Charles Billy, Richard Billy, Richard Bulko, Steve Fuscko (†), John Gidicsin (†); Bogdan Horbal, John Kindja, Marion Korchak, William Korchak, Mike Kormanik, Andrew McAusland, Lorraine Medvecky, John Petrik, Steven Petrik, John Rosina, Stephanie Salony, Melanie Sikoryak, Paul Sikoryak, Albert Vira, George Vislocky, Mary Ann Vislocky, and Robert Zizik. It was a lengthy process during which Andrew McAusland and Bogdan Horbal were record keepers. Special appreciation goes to two men who we lost during the work on this project John Gidicsin (†) and especially Steve Fuscko (†) who was spontaneously and expertly involved. The newly updated St. Nicholas Honor Roll is printed below. Now, the trustees will decide where and how it will be displayed.

Arbeeny, George
Arbeeny, Joseph
Arbeeny, Michael
Babey, George
Babey, Michael (MB)
Babey, Michael (MMB)
Balaschak, Basil
Balaschak, Michael
Belz, Alexander
Belz, Andrew
Benyo, John Jr.
Benyo, Michael
Billek, Peter
Bily, Charles
Bily, Richard
Bogusky, Andrew
Bondar, Peter
Boruch, Andrew
Boruch, John
Bulik Nicholas

Bulik, Vasil Jr.
Bulko, Christopher
Bulko, Elizabeth
Bulko, Michael
Bulko, Michael
Busel, John
Cheselka, Michael
Chanat, Vasil
Chobor, John
Chrasch, John
Chrasch, Michael
Churley, Michael
Deitz, Charles
Deitz, Joseph
Deitz, Nicholas
Derevjanik, John
Derevjanik, Michael (ID)
Derevjanik, Michael (O)
Dolhy, Louis
Essock, John

Faluski, Michael
Farler, Bob
Fecik, Joseph
Fedorchak, Peter
Fornazor, John D.
Fucsko, Louis
Fucsko, Myron
Fucsko, Stephen Jr.
Gajdos, Michael
Gardner, William
Gaydos, Charles
Gaydos, John
Gaydos, Stephen
Gidicsin, George
Grecik, Charles
Grecik, John
Grecik, Michael
Grofik, Michael ★
Halama, Nicholas

Hamersky, Steve
Hayes, Francis
Hayes, Joseph
Herko, George
Herko, Peter Jr.
Hlinka, John
Hlinka, Peter
Hlinka, William
Hotrovich, Joseph
Hrab, Stephen
Hutnik, Stephen
Huzinec, John
Kania, John
Kania, Michael
Kania, Stephen
Kanya, Dr. John
Kanya, James
Kanya, John
Karpiak, Charlie
Kasenchak, John
Kathrenich, Michael
Kathrenich, Peter
Katuna, Peter
Kazuck, Bernard H.
Kindya, Joseph (Bklyn.)
Kindya, Joseph (N.Y.C.)
Klimchak, Nicholas
Kmech, Basil
Konival, Michael
Korchak, Michael Jr.
Korchak, William
Kornak, Charles
Korotky, Andrew
Korotky, George
Korynda, Peter
Kosch, John
Kosch, Stephen
Koscs, Stephen
Kovalchik, Joseph
Kovalchik, Nicholas
Kovalcik, Sam
Laichak, Stephen
Labowsky, Edward
Mahonec, Anna
Mahonec, Charles
Mahonec, Michael Jr.

Medvecky, Joseph
Medvecky, Michael
Michnya, John
Minchik, Charles
Mindala, Nicholas
Mizesko, George
Mizesko, Nicholas
Nanko, John
Nemeck, Michael
Ochlan, John
Ochlan, Joseph
Ochlan, Michael
Ochlan, Nicholas
Olesin, Charles
Pacolt John
Palos, Andrew
Pancik, Michael
Panzik, Harry
Peles, Charles
Peles, John (Jn)
Peles, John (Js)
Peles, John J.
Peles, Nicholas (Jn)
Peles, Nicholas (Js)
Petrik, John
Petrik, Vasilij
Pivovarsky, Charles
Pivovarsky, George
Polivka, Edward
Polivka, Michael
Polivka, Peter
Polivka-Huss, Stephen
Potishnak, Charles
Prokop Andrew
Rojack, Vasil
Roman, Joseph
Rosina, John (Army)
Ruscak, Charles Jr.
Ruscak, Michael Jr.
Rusinak, Michael
Rusinak, Nicholas
Salon, Jan / Salony, John
Salon, Michal / Salony, Michael
Salony, George
Salony, John (Js)
Salony, John Jr.

Salony, Joseph Jr.
Seewald, Elizabeth
Semanchik, John ★
Shandrowsky, Daniel
Shandrowsky, Paul
Sikorjak, Andrew
Sikoryak, Andrew
Sikoryak, Charles
Sikoryak, George
Sikoryak, Michal
Sikoryak, Nicholas
Sikoryak, Paul
Sikoryak, Peter
Sikoryak, William
Simak, Andrew
Simak, John
Slavich, John
Smolen, John
Smolen, Michael
Spontak, Robert
Stack, Andrew
Stegun, Albert A.
Strauss, John
Strenk, Nicholas
Strenk, Paul
Spontak Robert
Vanicky, John
Vanicky, Paul
Vanicky, Peter
Vira Sr., Albert
Vislocky, Charles
Vislocky, Gabriel / Havril
Vislocky, Michael
Vislocky, Michael (An)
Vislocky, Nicholas
Vislocky, Peter
Vislocky, Richard
Vislocky, Robert
Wargo, Andrew
Yanoscik, Michael ★
Yarina, Vasil
Yuraschik, John
Zellem, Charles
Zizik, Frank T.