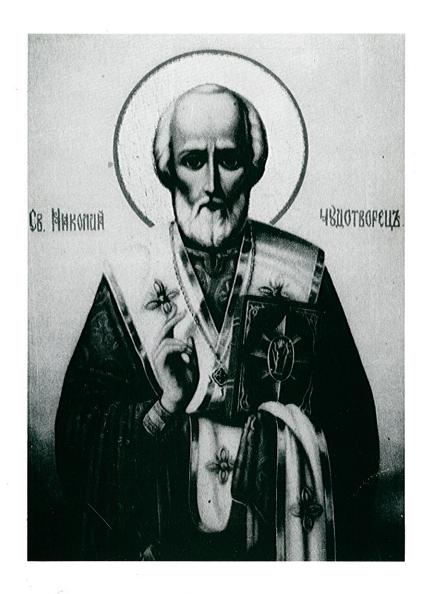
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This page is dedicated in her memory by her loving husband. May her memory always light up a corner of all the hearts she touched and may St. Nicholas and its family know that a special someone is still watching over and giving her support to us all.

PROCRAM John Rinko, Joe Tala

#### DEDICATION -

To those who went before us in service of God — Others brought gifts of all kinds to America. But let it be said of our forefathers, and of us as well: We, the Russians, brought Orthodox Christianity to America. This is our gift. Remember us for this, and keep this gift bright, holy, and pure. To all of those who labored to bring Orthodox Christianity to this land, we dedicate this book.



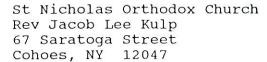
ARCHPRIEST PAUL J. PASCAVAGE

Past generations have each had their task, even so, we too have our task. And, even while many among us remember the struggles of earlier days, let us take our turn at the plow and work away at the stones in our fields today.

Let us even thank God for all those things that stand between us and perfection. Because we know that it is by our contest against adversity of every kind that we work out our salvation.

God bless those who have gone before us, and God bless those who will worship here after our own time, and God bless and keep all of us, at one with Him; past, present, and forever.







Dear Father Jacob and Faithful Parishioners,

With affection and great joy I greet you on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of St Nicholas Church. Your parish, its life and development, is the fruit of much labor and sacrifice. You and your fathers and mothers in the faith have committed resources of time and money to the upbuilding of the parish community. This commitment surely represents devotion to God and to His Holy Church.

We are reminded today, as the anniversary celebration takes place, that we are heirs of this living legacy — a legacy which is truly ours only if we ourselves are living members of the Holy Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Christian way, as exemplified by our forefathers in the faith, is not a monument to past achievements or a museum of spiritual artifacts. To the contrary, the Orthodox Christian way is a living communion with the living God, in which we work out our salvation in fear and trembling, and worship God with understanding. If we understand and live the Orthodox faith in this way, we will be true successors of those who came before us.

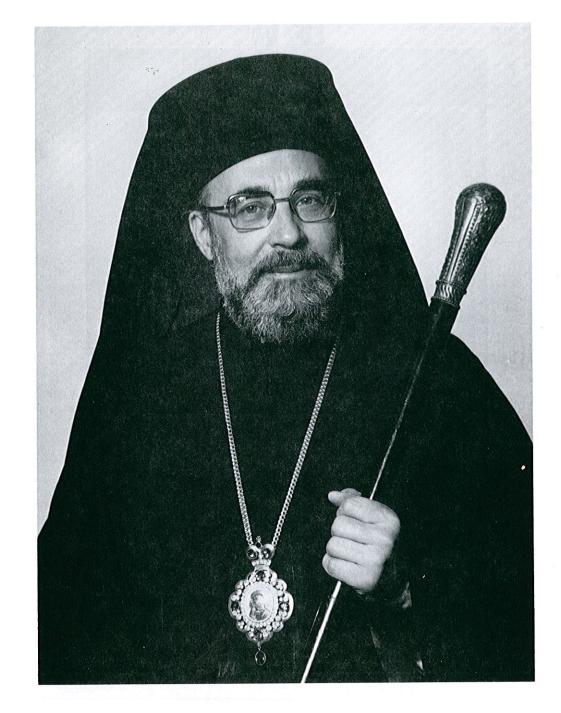
May the Lord's blessing be with you, and may the words of the Psalmist be the heartfelt expression of each of you in dedicating the real focal point of your life: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High."

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Dear Father Kulp:

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Since its founding, the Church has been a source of continuous religious guidance and a vital spiritual force in the community.

I share your sense of pride and achievement in reaching this milestone.

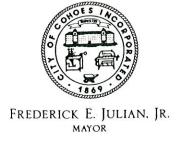
May your celebration be most memorable, and may the many good works of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church continue to grow and flourish.

Sincerely, Curono Chariola. Denomo

Father Jacob Lee Kulp Rector St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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August 23, 1989

Father Jacob Lee Kulp St. Nicholas Orthodox Church 67 Saratoga Street Cohoes, New York 12047

Dear Father Kulp:

It is an honor and pleasure for me to congratulate you and your parishioners on the 75th Anniversary of the founding of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

St. Nicholas' has been an integral feature of the community of Cohoes throughout the years. Through its many pastors, the church has served as a beacon of spirituality and, in addition, performed acts of charity for its parishioners and the community as a whole. The architecture itself of the church with its gilded dome has been part of our landscape as well.

My congratulations to all as you mark this 75th Anniversary and am confident that the church will continue to grow and continue its impact on Cohoes and throughout the area for many decades to come.

Sincerely,

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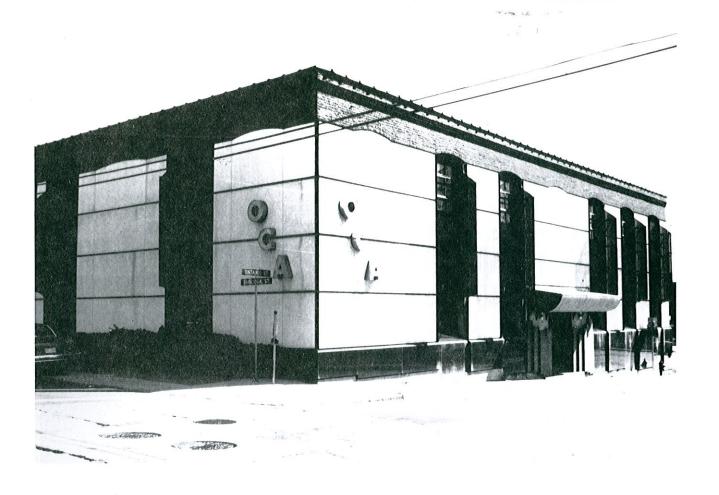




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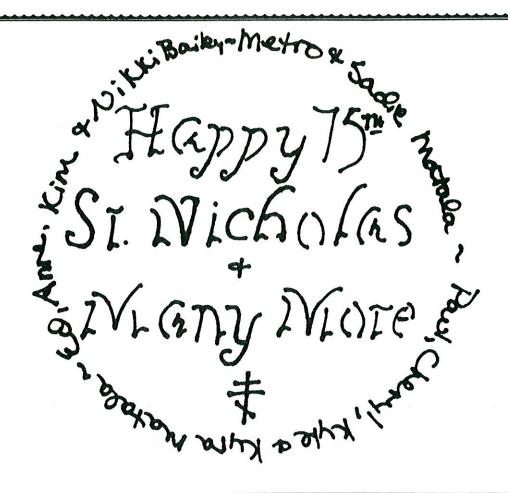
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JUNE 26, 1986

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WITH EVERY DAY GONE BY

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BUT IT HAS OCCURRED TO ME
BUT I CAN'T SAY GOOD-BYE

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I WAS AWAITING YOUR GETTING WELL
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MARY, MY DARLING EVEN THOUGH I MAY CRY, I WILL MEET YOU IN PARADISE BUT UNTIL THEN GOOD-BYE

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John 13:34-35

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#### Dear Friends:

Barbara and I are delighted to send our congratulations as you commemorate the 75th anniversary of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

We join you in spirit as you give thanks for the sanctuary where you gather and for the congregation of families who have worshipped together for many years.

May your community continue to grow in faith and friendship, and may the love that you share with each other be a witness to all.

Sincerely.

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Members of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Cohoes, New York

#### HISTORY OF ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

In Cohoes, in 1908, a branch of the Russian Brotherhood Organization of America already existed at the local Greek Catholic Church. In a few years, this group took the name of St. Basil the Great, and many of our people joined. They began to feel their own identity as Russian Orthodox, and they dreamed of their own Orthodox church and parish. Many years would pass before this dream could materialize.

In 1910, independent of the brotherhood movement, our poeple organized a "Reading Society" in memory of Michael Kachlovsky. This Society met in the home of an elder parishioner at 14 Sargent Street. It was there, within the Reading Society, that a strong movement developed to establish an Orthodox parish in Cohoes. This society proved to be the noble seed from which grew the powerful tree of our glorious St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and parish. The Reading Society was often visited by the late Very Reverend Michael Fekula, whose recommendations and advice were of great value.

In 1913, out of the membership of the Reading Society, the Brotherhood of St. Archdeacon Stephen was organized (Chapter #148, of the Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society, Wilkes-Barre, PA). On January 4, 1914, the members of the Reading Society and the newly formed St. Archdeacon Stephen Brotherhood passed a resolution to request that Metropolitan Platon, Bishop of the American mission diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church, send a priest to Cohoes to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

The first Divine Liturgy in Cohoes was celebrated on January 18th, 1914, in the hall of the Manufacturers Bank building on Remsen Street. The large attendance at this first service provided faith, hope, and moral strength with which to continue in the efforts of establishing a parish. In the latter part of 1914, the members of the Brotherhood of St. Archdeacon Stephen, the Brotherhood of St. Basil the Great, and the Reading Society, all met and resolved to establish their own Russian Orthodox Parish; it was further resolved to petition Metropolitan Platon to assign them a permanent priest. The request was granted and Fr. Paul Filipovsky was appointed Rector. A hall in the Buchanan Bank Building was rented where services could be conducted. During this time, the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Holy Virgin was organized.

Soon after this, property was purchased at 65-69 Saratoga Street, for \$7000. In the Spring of 1915, construction of a church was begun. This was a modest structure that was erected by the parishioners themselves in three months. By July services were already being held, in the new building. Within a year, Archbishop Evdokim was inivited to dedicate the church in memory of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. The rector at this time was Fr. Peter Karel.

Since those early years, the following have all served St. Nicholas Orthodox Chruch in Cohoes, New York, as Pastors and as Presidents of the Parish Council.

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In 1925, under the unique guidance of Fr. Vladimir Shymansky, the sum of \$650 was allocated from the treasury of the Carpatho Russian Club, and a concrete block hall was erected. In 1926, Fr. Shymansky served the parish, not only as rector, but as President. Long after having left St. Nicholas Church, in 1963, our own Fr. Vladimir was elevated to the episcopate as "Bishop Peter."

In 1928, with Father John Krochmalny as Rector, another milestone was reached. A parish cemetery was acquired, on route nine, in Boght Corners. There have been many improvements on the cemetery property: a chapel has been built there, and much work has been done in landscaping. For the past eight years Mr. Ronald Geleta has well served our church as 2nd Vice President in charge of the cemetery, and deserves our permanent gratitude for having continued this long tradition down until present times.

In 1930 a Russian Youth Club was organized and affiliated itself with the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs. It has always been known as the Cohoes "R"Club, Chapter #57. Members of the "R" Club are engaged in various Church activities, and many of them are members of the Parish Council and the Choir. The "R" Club has made many contributions to the Church: the stained glass window in the front of the church, the tables and chairs for Sunday School classes, and a candelabra for the Altar, are just a few among the many contributions.

In 1935, while Father Kulmatitsky was Pastor, a collection of funds was started for new church building. A new and larger edifice was necessary. Two years later a Building Fund Committee was elected: Peter A. Geleta, John Walco, Sr., and Dimitri Wattsman. Once construction was underway, Stephen Macyowskie, Sr., was added to the committee. Raising of funds continued until arrival of Fr. Theodore Kiryluk, in December of 1938. Together with members of the building committee he visited the homes of the parishioners, and in the Summer of 1941, it was decided to start erecting a new church. Work was started on dismantling the old church in September 1941, with parishioners doing most of the work themselves.

In the midst of construction, a new test was put before the parishioners. The building contractor went bankrupt, making it necessary for the parishioners themselves to complete construction. Only God knows of the anxiety, troubles, and distress that fell upon the shoulders of Fr. Kiryluk and his small group of co-workers--the building committee. Also, building materials were becoming increasingly more scarce due to World War II, and funds were not too plentiful. However, God's work did not cease, and construction was successfully completed. Standing today is a magnificent temple of God, with five cupolas, each surmounted by the Holy Orthodox Cross.

The church is an impressive edifice, built of yellow tapestry brick. The huge stained glass windows, with icons of Russian Style, were donated by church organizations as well as individual parishioners and their families and friends. A new iconostasis was also needed. A pious women from our parish took it upon herself to journey to Yonkers, New York, where a new iconostasis was being installed, and asked the parishioners there to sell their old iconostasis to our parish. The generous parishioners of Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers, made an outright donation of the iconostasis to our parish, for which our parishioners are deeply grateful. The woman was responsible for the acquisition of the iconostasis paid the cost of transporting it to Cohoes.

During the period of construction, services were conducted at the G & G Potato Chip Company on Saratoga and Ontario Streets, where the Orthodox Christian Association is now located.

By Thanksgiving Day, 1943, building had progressed to the point that services could be held there for the first time. After eight years of struggle and many adversities overcome by faith and tenacity, the members of St. Nicholas Church gave thanks to God for sustaining and rewarding their work together. Fr. Kiryluk, along with neighboring clergy, served the first Divine Liturgy on that day.

Honor and praise are due all the founders, contributors, and parishioners for their labors and donations which erected

our marvelous church building. For his untiring, continuous, and boundless efforts, which furthered the realization of a new church, much deserved honor and praise are accorded to the late, Very Reverend Theodore Kiryluk, We bow our heads, in memory and gratitude, before his untimely grave. ETERNAL BE HIS MEMORY--HE IS WORTHY TO BE DEEMED EVER MEMORABLE!!!

In 1948, a Junior Division of the Cohoes, "R" Club was formed. "The Juniors" help out at Church affairs and make

contributions to the Church, such as a stainless steel bulletin board purchased as a result of their efforts.

In September 1949, the Very Reverend Eugene Serebrennikoff conducted his first Divine Liturgy in the St. Nicholas Church. One of his first accomplishment was the establishment of a regular Russian School. He had approximately 60 pupils in attendance regularly. They received religious instructions and were taught the Russian language.

Fr. Eugene was an experienced choirmaster with a great appreciation for Church Choral music. He devoted many hours at choir rehearsals, and the beauty of the singing at Divine Liturgy gave evidence of the progress made by the choir. Members

of the choir organized a "Choir Circle," and now have a membership of approximately 40 persons.

Mention must be made of Anthony A. Geleta. From the founding of our parish, fifty years ago, not only did he serve in the capacity of choir director and psalmist, but he served as president and secretary of the Parish Council on more than one occasion. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees for many years. MEMORY ETERNAL!

Following in the footsteps of his eminent father, Mr. Ronald Geleta served the parish as choir director for many years, setting a standard of reliability and attention to detail that has been the hallmark of all of his activities on behalf of the church.

Special recognition should also be accorded to Matushka Serebrennikoff for her untiring efforts in the Ladies Altar Guild. Fr. Eugene and Matushka were responsible for the organization of the Guild. In a comparatively short time the Altar Guild donated many valuable gifts to the church: numerous sets of vestments for the priest and the altar boys, urns for the Holy Water, a Processional Cross, a Plaschanitza, and seven-day candle stand are but a few of the gifts donated. Most recently, the Altar Guild has donated all of the funds needed for the interior painting of the church.

In 1952, a Sunday School was instituted by Fr. Eugene, whereby children received instructions in catechism and prayers. When the Sunday School was first instituted the "R" Club donated all of the Sunday School material that was necessary. Also, many "R" Club members served and are serving as Sunday School teachers. Presently, Mrs. Joyce Stroyen serves the Church

as Sunday School coordinator, assisting Fr. Jacob Lee Kulp.

In 1954, as the result of continuous support by the parishioners, wise and capable administration by the Parish Council (of which John Wasenko was then president) working with the full cooperation of Fr. Eugene Serebrennikoff, the outstanding debt for the building of the new church was paid off. The hall under the church was finished, repairs to the cemetery and parish property were made, the interior of the church was painted, and new pews were installed.

On September 19th, 1954, at the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Cohoes, the new church was consecrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Leonty. The project that had begun with the collection of funds

in 1935 was completed, after almost twenty years of work and sacrifice to the Glory of God.

In 1952 a group of parishioners banded together and formed an organization which was later incorporated and is now known as the Orthodox Christian Association. The facilities as "the Club" are always available for all Church sponsored functions. The "OCA" has donated thousands of dollars to the church, in funds and gifts, including the Altar table and Table of Oblation, gold icon frames, and the Terapod along with its candelabra.

Currently quite active in parish affairs is a one-woman institution of long standing service by the name of Mrs. Mary

White. She too is one of the shining stars of our parish history.

In 1963, property across the street from the church was purchased for a parking lot, a temporary rectory was purchased at 32 Elizabeth Court, and the old rectory and hall was torn down. In July of the following year construction of a new rectory, to the North side of the church building, was begun, with John Walco as Chairman of the building committee. Once again, before the building was completed, the construction company went into bankruptcy! Alexander Oreshan was hired to complete the project. In September of 1967, Metropolitan Ireney blessed the new parish home after a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Paul Pascavage, then pastor of St. Nicholas, was singularly honored by Metropolitan Ireny on that occasion. Only five years after his ordination he was presented with the "Kamilavka;" an honor ordinarily reserved for priests of three of four times his years of service to God as a priest. More than a decade would follow until Fr. Paul fell asleep in the Lord in 1978,

much beloved and still mourned by the flock he had long guided with kindness and understanding.

In 1973 eight acres were purchased top the South side of the Cemetery property in Colonie, with an eye toward the possible future needs of the parish. With proposal of Interstate Arterial 787, and during its actual construction, it long seemed that relocation of our church building was essential and coming soon. Once actual construction was nearly complete, though, our actual circumstances at 67 Saratoga Street had, unexpectedly, been improved. Popular support for relocation evaporated overnight, and commitment to repair and restoration has begun to develop.

In commemoration of this, our 75th Anniversary, the interior of the church has been repainted by donation of the Altar Guild. The Parish Council has had the woodwork of the church and rectory repainted. New carpet is being installed in the

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