

FATHER NICOLA YANNEY

A Timeline of His Life
&
Missionary Journeys



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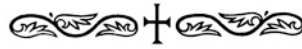
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It is hoped that more information will come to light in future years regarding this faithful servant of God, the Reverend Nicola Yanney. May his memory be eternal! And may this humble effort be merely one among the many expressions of our gratitude.

Foreword



“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”¹

A century ago, two men stood together at the altar. One man knelt, bowing toward the holy table. The other placed his hand upon the kneeling man’s head and prayed fervently from the depths of his heart, invoking the blessing and grace of the Holy Spirit.

These two men shared much. Both were newly arrived immigrants to America. Both shared a common homeland, a common tongue, and a common faith. When St. Raphael of Brooklyn raised up the kneeling man - his spiritual son, the newly ordained priest of God, Nicola Yanney - they both then shared a common spirit.

In the years to come, both men would lay down their lives, completely emptying themselves in the service of others because of their love of Jesus Christ. Both would love the flock of Christ “to the end”² - Bishop Raphael dying from exhaustion after countless missionary endeavors, and Father Nicola dying from the disease that he contracted while ministering to the sick and suffering. Certainly, both men pleased God not only in the manner of their lives, but also in their righteous deaths.

While St. Raphael of Brooklyn is well known and much beloved, Father Nicola Yanney’s memory was almost lost to us. By God’s grace and the memories kept by his earthly and spiritual families, his way of life and the many labors he undertook are coming to light. Today, there is a growing interest in, appreciation for, and devotion to Father Nicola.

This brief timeline of his life and list of his missionary journeys is but a small effort to contribute toward a wider knowledge of this faithful servant of God. It is offered in heartfelt thanksgiving. For we all owe Father Nicola much - the earthly family that bears his name, the parish that he nurtured, the countless communities that he tirelessly served, and the diocese that has taken root from the seeds of faith he so diligently labored to cultivate.

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Nicola Yanney was born in 1873 in a small village in what is today northern Lebanon. At the age of 19, he emigrated from his homeland with his newlywed bride. Fleeing the religious oppression of the Ottoman Empire, they followed

¹ John 10:11.

² John 13:1.

others from their home village who had already found a new home in the United States. Coming to Omaha, Nebraska, Nicola took up work as a peddler. His wife, Martha, managed their household and gave birth first to a son, then a daughter. Soon afterward, the Yanneys moved to rural Nebraska so that Nicola could return to his ancestral vocation of farming.

Over the next several years, Nicola and Martha's family continued to grow. The two-room sod house on their homestead was filled with the happy sounds of growing children and two more newborns. Tragedy struck with the birth of their fifth child. Martha died during childbirth in mid-winter of 1902, and the infant child died nine days later. Nicola suffered deeply over the loss.

Out of this sorrow, God called the young widower to a new life. Chosen by God, and also chosen by the growing Syrian Orthodox community in Kearney, Nebraska, Nicola was presented to Saint Raphael of Brooklyn for ordination. During one of the first acts after his own consecration to the episcopacy, Saint Raphael ordained Nicola to the priesthood. During the Palm Sunday Liturgy of 1904, the Reverend Nicola Yanney became the first priest to be ordained by the first bishop consecrated in the New World.

Saint Raphael entrusted his new priest with a massive missionary territory. For not only was Father Nicola assigned to pastor the newly formed St. George Orthodox Church (the first Syrian Orthodox church west of the Mississippi River), he was also given the task of pastoring all of the Syrian Orthodox in the central United States. Father Nicola's missionary territory extended from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Rocky Mountains to east of the Mississippi River.

Leaving his young children in the care of family members, Father Nicola left his home for up to six months at a time, traveling to small communities of Orthodox faithful living in nineteen different states. When he returned home exhausted from his extensive missionary journeys, Father Nicola gave himself no rest. Rather, he turned all of his attention to nurturing his flock in Kearney.

In the fall of 1918, as the Spanish Flu epidemic caused great panic, Father Nicola faithfully ministered to his parishioners. Like other states during the epidemic, Nebraska enacted a quarantine, forcing all public gathering places - including churches - to close. Thus, Father Nicola brought the Holy Mysteries to the sick and suffering in their homes. Through constant exposure to the disease, he contracted influenza himself. Yet even this did not stop him. Father Nicola continued ministering to his parishioners up until just hours before his own death. Gathered to his bedside, his children received their father's last words - words which sum up the entirety of his life and his ministry: "Keep your hands and your heart clean." Having loved the flock of Christ to the end, Father Nicola commended his soul to God and passed into eternity.

A Timeline of the Life of Father Nicola Yanney



Fi'eh al-Koura, Nicola Yanney's home village, circa 1900.

* February 5th, 1873 (Julian Calendar) - Nicola Elias Yanney is born in Fi'eh al-Koura in what is today known as northern Lebanon. Nicola's parents are Elias and Catherine Yanney.³ Nicola has six siblings that we know of: brothers Simon, Michael, John, and George, and sisters Nora and Anna. Simon, Michael, Nora, and Anna are older than Nicola (Simon is almost 20

years older). The youngest member of the family, George, is almost four years younger than Nicola. The age of brother John is unknown.

* January 27th, 1877 - George Elias Yanney, Nicola's youngest brother, is born in the village of Fi'eh.

* During his youth, Nicola receives some form of religious and perhaps secular education - most likely at Deir al-Balamand (the Monastery of Balamand), which is within walking distance of Fi'eh. Before arriving in the United States, Nicola is literate in Arabic and can write in a more classical script. The fact that the Yanney family came from an educated background is also indicated by the level of education and literacy reported amongst several of Nicola's siblings.



Our Lady of Balamand Monastery two miles from Fi'eh al-Koura.



Detail of Balamand Monastery

* 1884 - At the age of 17, Michael Hayek emigrates from Fi'eh al-Koura to the United States, settling in Omaha, Nebraska and working as a peddler. The connection between Omaha and the al-Koura region likely occurs through some

³ George Yanney's parents are listed as Elias and Catherine on his marriage license.

form of personal contact with missionaries at the Protestant missionary schools established in Syria in the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

* October 19, 1884 - Michael M. Yanney is born, the son of Nicola's older brother, Michael. Michael M. Yanney is reportedly raised and educated in a monastery, likely Deir al-Balamand (the Monastery of Balamand).

* 1886 - Nicola's older sister, Anna Yanney, marries Elias Zamer in Fi'eh.

* 1887 - Anna's husband, Elias Zamer, immigrates to the United States.



Downtown Kearney, Nebraska in 1888.

* 1888 - Michael Hayek moves from Omaha to Kearney, Nebraska. During the 1880s, Kearney is a rapidly growing city, swelling to 10,000 residents less than twenty years after its founding. This is due to the junction of the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads in Kearney and a subsequent local economic boom. Michael's success in Kearney leads him to begin encouraging other family members and friends to move to the city.

* 1889 - Nicola's immediate older sibling, Anna (Yanney) Zamer, follows her husband Elias Zamer to the United States. Elias and Anna and their children settle in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

* March 13, 1892 - Abraham Khoury emigrates from Fi'eh to Iron Mountain, Michigan. Born in Byblos in 1874 - but seemingly hailing from Fi'eh - Abraham and Nicola are close in age and are presumably childhood friends. Abraham becomes a successful businessman, running a wholesale fruit, vegetable, and grocery business in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

* 1892 - At the age of 15, George Yanney, along with his brother John, emigrates from Fi'eh. John and George get separated in France before the final leg of their journey. George ends up on the ship coming to the United States, while John mistakenly ends up on a ship going to South America. John Yanney spends the rest of his life in Brazil.

* 1892 - George Yanney arrives in New York City and meets a Syrian family with a dry goods business. George begins peddling while in New York and later moves to Canada where he also does some farming work. Besides Arabic, George Yanney also knows both English and French. It is unknown whether he learns these languages before or after his arrival.

* November 8, 1892 (Julian Calendar) - Nicola Yanney marries Martha George Al-Baik in either Fi'eh al-Koura or Qilhat al-Koura. Martha is from Qilhat, a neighboring village to Fi'eh (a mere fifteen minute's walk in distance). It is likely that Nicola and Martha are distantly related, or at least know one another previous to their marriage, due to the close proximity and small size of their home villages.



St. Simon, the main village church in Fi'eh al-Koura. Renovated and consecrated on Sept. 1st, 1892 (Julian Calendar). It is likely that Nicola and Martha were married here.

* Late 1892 / early 1893 - Newlyweds Nicola and Martha Yanney immigrate to the United States. Their ship most likely leaves from the nearby port of Tripoli (approximately 10 miles from Fi'eh and Qilhat), traveling to a port in France. From France, they embark to the United States, likely arriving at one of several ports of entry in New York City. The vast majority of Syrians during this early period of immigration are men, who plan on eventually returning home after making their fortunes in America. Nicola and Martha's immigration together immediately after their marriage indicates that, unlike most other Syrian immigrants at this early stage of immigration, their intention is permanent relocation from the beginning.

* Late 1892 / early 1893 - Nicola and Martha Yanney travel to Omaha, Nebraska immediately after their arrival in the United States. Traveling by steamship and rail, their passage from al-Koura to Omaha takes 26 days. Their connection to Omaha, Nebraska is most likely through Michael Hayek and a few others who may have emigrated from Fi'eh to Omaha before them.

* 1893 through 1895 - Nicola and Martha reside in Omaha, Nebraska at 12th and William Streets in the "Syrian" section of the city. A substantial number of Syrians - including friends and family from the village of Fi'eh - also live in this neighborhood. During this time, Nicola most likely

works as a traveling peddler, as do the vast majority of Syrian immigrants. While peddling is considered a lower class vocation in their homeland, the Syrians readily embrace the trade when they arrive in the United States. Peddling allows the new immigrants to be immediately self-employed while requiring little initial investment capital. Traveling extensively throughout the region, they learn much about their new homeland while making important business and social connections. Peddling door-to-door also allows the new immigrant to more quickly learn the English language and the American culture.

* October 29, 1893 (Julian Calendar) - Less than two weeks before their first anniversary, Martha Yanney gives birth to a son. The newborn is given the name Elias, after his paternal grandfather. According to the Syrian custom in which a child's middle name is the name of his father, Nicola and Martha's firstborn is named Elias Nicholas Yanney.

* July 4th, 1895 (Julian Calendar) - Martha gives birth to a second child, a daughter, Anna. Anna is likely named after Nicola's older sister or another close family member.

* November 14, 1895 - At the invitation of the newly organized Syrian Orthodox Benevolent Society, Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny (the future St. Raphael of Brooklyn) arrives in New York City, having left a teaching position at the Russian Orthodox Theological School in Kazan. A native of Damascus, Father Raphael is a well-educated and respected churchman. He assumes leadership of the newly formed Syrian Orthodox Mission and begins to organize and minister to the Syrian Orthodox communities in New York City and beyond.



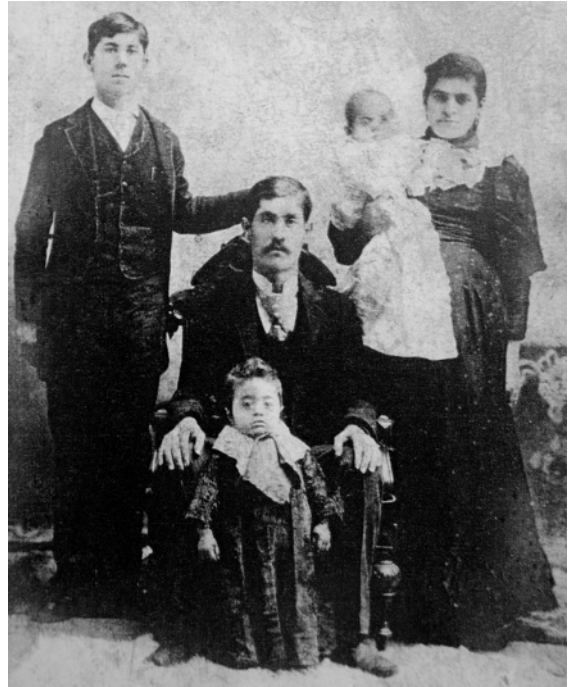
Archimandrite
Raphael

* Late 1895 - Around the time that Archimandrite Raphael arrives in the United States, Nicola, Martha, and their two young children leave Omaha and relocate to central Nebraska. Though Kearney's economic boom has ended and the town has begun to dramatically shrink in size, Michael Hayek's success in the city coupled with the growing Syrian community there continues to draw immigrants. The Yanney family takes up residence in a two-room sod house in Buckeye Valley, approximately 15 miles northeast of Kearney. While Nicola likely continues some peddling trade to supplement his family's income, he also rents land and returns to the Yanney family's ancestral

vocation: farming. Nicola is one of the first Syrian immigrants in the Kearney area to begin transitioning away from peddling to another vocation.

* Summer 1896 - Archimandrite Raphael undertakes his first transcontinental missionary journey. Traveling in a direct line from New York City to San Francisco, he visits 30 cities, staying in no one place for more than four days. During this trip, while celebrating the Liturgy in crowded living rooms, Father Raphael baptizes, chrismates, marries, confesses, and communes many Syrian Orthodox faithful. This missionary journey becomes the first of many and acquaints Archimandrite Raphael with the spiritual needs of Syrian Orthodox communities scattered throughout the United States.

* Early 1897 - A family photo shows Nicola and a pregnant Martha along with their children Elias and infant Anna. A young man stands next to Nicola, his brother George Yanney, who has moved from Canada to the the Kearney area by early 1897.



The Yanney family circa 1877: Nicola (seated) with Elias between his legs. Martha holds Anna. Standing next to Nicola is his brother George.

* May 22, 1897 (Julian Calendar) - Nicola and Martha's third child, John Nicholas Yanney, is born on the Yanney homestead in Buckeye Valley on the Orthodox feast of the Ascension.

* Early 1898 - John Shada returns to the United States from Fi'eh with his wife Mary. John originally comes to Kearney in 1896, and is one of the first Shadas - along with brothers Mose, Gibreal, and Abraham - to immigrate to Nebraska. Born in Fi'eh in 1874, John and Nicola are close in age and are presumably childhood friends.

* May through October 1898 - Archimandrite Raphael undertakes his second transcontinental missionary journey. In early September, he visits

the Syrian community in Omaha for the first time, staying with them for over a week.

- * Late 1898 - After returning from his missionary journey, Father Raphael sends an urgent appeal to Bishop Nicholas, the ruling hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Mission in the United States, requesting that priests be ordained and appointed to serve the Syrian Orthodox immigrants. Permission is granted, and Archimandrite Raphael intensifies his search for potential candidates for ordination to the priesthood.
- * July 31, 1899 (Julian Calendar) - Nicola and Martha's fourth child, Moses Nicholas Yanney, is born on the Yanney homestead in Buckeye Valley.
- * September 20 through 27, 1899 - During his third transcontinental missionary journey, Archimandrite Raphael visits Kearney, Nebraska for the first time. He arrives at midnight by train from Omaha. The entire Syrian community is waiting for him at the local train station. Although he is ill due to his strenuous travels, Father Raphael stays up until 4 am speaking with the people. Too exhausted to serve Liturgy, he serves the Typica service for the community later that morning.
- * September 20 and 21, 1899 - Archimandrite Raphael leaves Kearney by wagon on Wednesday afternoon to travel to an outlying ranch. Father Raphael arrives at his destination at 1 am on September 21st. This is undoubtedly the Yanney homestead. The Yanneys are the only Syrian family at the time living such a distance outside of Kearney but still close enough for this kind of journey to be made. Likely, Nicola and perhaps others are accompanying Father Raphael. Later that morning, Father Raphael serves Orthros with the Lesser Blessing of Waters. After visiting with the family and blessing the Yanney farm, Father Raphael returns to Kearney to continue his visit with the Syrian community. At this time, one local newspaper reports that there are 45 persons in the Kearney Syrian community, including children.



A typical sod house located near Kearney, Nebraska - similar to the home that the Yanney family lived in during the time of Archimandrite Raphael's visit.

* September 24, 1899 - Archimandrite Raphael serves Liturgy for the Syrian community in Kearney on Sunday morning at 4 am. After Liturgy, he baptizes six children - including Elias, Anna, John, and Moses Yanney. Nicola's friend, John Shada, is godfather to Elias, John, and Moses. Father Raphael then performs a wedding and stays with the Kearney community for three more days.

* June 11, 1900 - In the 1900 census, George Yanney is listed as living with Nicola and Martha on the Yanney homestead as a lodger. Nicola and George are listed as being farmers by occupation, the farm being rented rather than owned. Nicola is listed as able to speak English, but not able to read or write English; Martha is listed as not able to speak, read, or write English; George is listed as able to speak, read, and write English. Elias is a student at a country schoolhouse in Buckeye Valley; on the census, his middle initial is listed as "N."

* September 8, 1900 - Simon Yanney immigrates to the United States. He arrives in New York, having never visited the U.S. before. He is listed as



The Yanney family circa 1901. Left to right: Elias, Nicola, Moses, John, Martha, Anna. This is the last photo before Martha's death.

45 years old, single, a laborer by occupation, and able to both read and write. His last place of residence is listed as Brazil, where he presumably lived with his brother John Yanney in the Syrian community there. Simon has a ticket to his final destination, which is listed as Kearney. On the ship manifest, he states that he is going to Kearney to join his brothers Nicola and George, and his passage is listed as having been paid by his brothers. Simon is also listed as having the following deformities: corneal opacity and slight bronchitis

* A nationwide geographical survey printed in 1901 (but originally taken in 1899) records that the survey marker for Valley Township in Nebraska is located on top of a prominent ridge in the southwest quarter of section 10. It also records that a Nicola Elias Yanney has a home directly east of



Site of the Yanney family homestead circa 1895-1903.

the survey marker on land that he is renting and cultivating.

* 1902 - February 11, 1902 (Julian Calendar) - After several weeks of illness and suffering, Martha Yanney gives birth to her fifth child, Catherine. Martha dies soon after giving birth. Martha is either 28 or 29 years old when she dies. Nicola has just turned

29 years old. At the time of Martha's death, the ages of the children are: Elias, 8 years old; Anna, 6 years old; John, 4 years old; Moses, 2 years old; Catherine, newborn.

* Mid-February 1902 - A local family in the neighboring township allows Nicola to bury Martha in their family cemetery.

* February 20, 1902 (Julian Calendar) - Nicola's infant daughter, Catherine Yanney, dies.

* Late February 1902 - Nicola buries Catherine next to her mother in the Burgess family cemetery, six miles north of the Yanney homestead.



Burgess Cemetery, site of the graves of Martha and Catherine Yanney.

* 1902 through 1903 - "He found it difficult to adjust to his loss and it was at this point that Nicola changed the direction of his life."⁴

* 1902 through 1903 - The Syrian community contemplates establishing a church in Kearney and begins communicating with Archimandrite Raphael.

* 1903 - According to local school records, the Yanney children (Elias and Anna) are attending a country school one-half mile north of their homestead. A family biography records that as soon as Elias is able to read, he is taught and encouraged to read the Bible regularly - a habit

⁴ A quote from Minnette Steinbrink, Father Nicola's granddaughter.

which he keeps throughout his life. Presumably, all the children are similarly raised.

* April 19, 1903 - The Syrian community in Kearney meets at John Shada's home on the Sunday of Pascha. This is their first official church meeting. The mood is festive and celebratory. Members of the Syrian community had previously contacted



Southwest corner of the quarter section Nicola Yanney rented and cultivated in Valley Township.

Archimandrite Raphael, inquiring about starting a church and the possibility of his sending a priest to Kearney. In response, Father Raphael blesses their efforts, placing them under the patronage of St. George the Greatmartyr. Thus, with Father Raphael's blessing, the St. George Society is formed on Pascha, April 19, 1903. This date marks the founding of St. George Orthodox Church, the fifth Syrian Orthodox parish founded in North America and the first Syrian Orthodox church west of the Mississippi River. Because of the scarcity of priests, Father Raphael suggests that the community present someone from among themselves who is dedicated in his faith and worthy of the priesthood to be considered for ordination. Likely, from his own personal memories and his communications with the leaders in the Kearney Syrian community, Father Raphael has Nicola Yanney in mind. During their meeting, the new church community decides to purchase the Cotton Mill schoolhouse - an unused building three miles west of Kearney - to use as their future church. A collection is taken, and funds are raised for the purchase of the building and its eventual relocation into Kearney. Nicola's name is mentioned as the community's potential candidate for the priesthood because he is highly respected, well liked by all, and the most capable from the community, being "well schooled in the Orthodox faith."

* July 14, 1903 - A local newspaper reports that the Syrian community has purchased the unused schoolhouse and plans to move it into town.

* Summer / Fall 1903 - Without a priest, the Syrian community begins meeting on Sundays in their building for fellowship and Sunday school.

* August 14 through 19, 1903 - As head of the Syrian Orthodox Mission, Archimandrite Raphael sends a priest from Toledo, Ohio - Archimandrite Meletios Karroum - to visit Kearney. During his visit, Father Meletios holds services in the newly purchased schoolhouse



Archimandrite Meletios
Karroum

which is still located west of Kearney. Service is first held on Friday. This is the first service with a priest to be held in the original St. George church. Because it is the Dormition fast, this service is likely a supplication service to the Theotokos, along with a blessing for the new temple. While in Kearney, Archimandrite Meletios also performs a number of baptisms. On Sunday morning, Liturgy is held. On Sunday afternoon, another service is held, after which Father Meletios leads a parish meeting in which Nicola is presented by the community as a candidate for ordination to the holy priesthood. On Monday, Father Meletios examines Nicola. Among other things, this

examination consists of a lifetime confession to determine if there are any canonical impediments to Nicola's ordination. Liturgy is held again on Wednesday morning, after which Archimandrite Meletios departs. One local newspaper reports that Nicola will soon leave for the east coast to undertake a few months of special study, after which he will return to Nebraska, move to Kearney, and assume immediate and direct control of the church. George Yanney is still living in Buckeye Valley with Nicola and his children.

* January 8, 1904 - A local newspaper reports that a meeting of the Syrian Orthodox church is held at the home of John Shada. The following church officers are elected: Michael Hayek - treasurer; George Yanney - secretary. The newspaper also reports that "a call was sent to N. E. Yanney, of Valley [Township] to act as pastor of the local church." During this meeting, another collection is taken for funds to remodel the schoolhouse after moving it into Kearney. Michael Hayek - one of the driving forces behind the organization of the church community - provides the majority of funds for purchasing a new plot of land upon which to place the church. Using a team of horses and a wagon, a local man will move the building to 14th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, on grounds located next to the Hayek home. Once moved, the Syrian

community begins remodeling the former schoolhouse into a proper church temple.

* 1904 - Nicola's nephew, Michael M. Yanney and his wife, Selma, emigrate from Fi'eh al-Koura and come directly to Nebaska to join their family and friends in the growing Syrian community in Kearney.

* February 9, 1904 - Nicola becomes a naturalized citizen of the United States.

* March 2, 1904 - Archbishop Tikhon, the current head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in America (and the future St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow), returns to the United States from a Holy Synod meeting in Russia. Greatly impressed with Father Raphael and perceiving the need for a bishop to oversee the growing Syrian Orthodox communities, Archbishop Tikhon has pleaded for the elevation of Archimandrite Raphael to the episcopacy. The Holy Synod unanimously agrees with the archbishop. On March 2nd, it is announced that Father Raphael will be consecrated to the sacred



Bishop Raphael's consecration. Nicola is located somewhere in the crowd.



Bishop Raphael of Brooklyn

episcopacy. Nicola's priestly training and ordination are scheduled around this event.

* Winter / Spring 1904 - Nicola travels to New York to train and prepare for ordination. While he is gone, George Yanney takes care of Nicola's children. John Shada and others from Kearney pay for Nicola's travel expenses to New York.

* March 13, 1904 - In recognition of his piety, character, and very successful missionary labors, the Russian Orthodox Church elevates Archimandrite Raphael to the sacred episcopacy. He is consecrated at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York on the mid-Sunday of Great Lent, the Adoration of the

Precious Cross. This event is widely reported in papers throughout the United States, as Bishop Raphael is the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in the western hemisphere.

- * March 17, 1904 - On the Thursday after his consecration to the episcopacy, Bishop Raphael tonsures Nicola Yanney a Taper-bearer and a Reader.
- * March 20, 1904 - One week after his consecration, Bishop Raphael ordains Nicola a subdeacon on the Sunday of St. John of the Ladder.
- * April 2, 1904 - Two weeks after being made a subdeacon, Nicola is ordained to the holy diaconate during the Lazarus Saturday Liturgy.
- * April 3, 1904 - On Palm Sunday, Bishop Raphael celebrates his first priestly ordination, ordaining Nicola Yanney to the holy priesthood. Thus, Father Nicola is the first Orthodox priest to be ordained by the first Orthodox bishop consecrated in the New World. Father Nicola also



The Reverend Nicola Yanney

becomes the first resident Syrian Orthodox priest west of the Mississippi River. The priestly vestments given to Father Nicola at his ordination are a gift from Czar Nicholas II.⁵

- * April 3 through 6, 1904 - The newly ordained Father Nicola celebrates his first services as a priest during the first three days of Holy Week.
- * April 6 - On Holy Wednesday, the Syrian community in Kearney receives a telegram informing them that their new priest was ordained on April 2nd. They are told that Father Nicola will return to Kearney in a few weeks.
- * April 7, 1904 - Father Nicola celebrates his first Liturgy as a priest during the Holy Thursday Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation.

⁵ Father Nicola receives these vestments through Bishop Raphael on the day of his ordination. This was commonly done for Russian and Syrians priests at the time. Imperial Russia also provided icons, bells and most other Church goods for the newly established parishes and missions in the New World.

* April 10, 1904 - Together with the newly-consecrated Bishop Raphael and several other clergy, Father Nicola celebrates his first Pascha as a priest in St. Nicholas Cathedral.

* Mid-April, 1904 - Father Nicola serves numerous Liturgies and other services at St. Nicholas Cathedral in order to complete his priestly training before returning home.

* Spring / Summer 1904 - The newly-ordained Reverend Nicola Yanney returns to Nebraska to serve the newly-formed St. George Syrian Orthodox Church, relocating his family to Kearney. Now that Nicola is a priest, his sons' middle names are changed. Elias Nicholas, John Nicholas, and Moses Nicholas become Elias Khoury, John Khoury, and Moses Khoury. This is not an arbitrary nor an egocentric change.



Father Nicola Yanney standing with Sam Shada in front of the original St. George church building (the recently renovated Cotton Mill schoolhouse).

Rather, it is a recognition of identity. With Father Nicola's ordination, the Syrian community knows the former Elias-of-Nicholas to now be Elias-of-the-"Khoury."⁶ Immediately after his ordination, Father Nicola is also assigned a large missionary region, consisting of the central portion of the United States. In order to serve this region, Father Nicola will depart on extensive missionary journeys for several months each year. Apart from these larger, scheduled journeys, he will also make individual trips when urgent pastoral needs arise. During the subsequent years of his priesthood, Father Nicola will visit and minister to numerous

⁶ "Khoury" is the Arabic word for priest. Elias is nicknamed E.K. sometime after this point. While his birth certificate states that his name is Elias Khoury, this document was issued on August 14th, 1933, long after his middle name had been changed from Nicholas to Khoury. Just as Nicola receives a new identity in becoming a priest, so do his children.

communities in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. He begins this monumental task as a newly-ordained priest in a newly-formed parish, as a recently-widowed husband, and as a single parent to four young children. At the time of his ordination, Elias is 10 years old, Anna is 8 years old, John is 6 years old, and Moses is 4 years old.



George and Rebecca (Shada)
Yanney on their wedding day.

- * July 5, 1904 (Julian Calendar) - Father Nicola performs the wedding of his brother George Yanney to Rebecca Shada. While Father Nicola's children are younger, they will stay with George and Rebecca when he is away on his missionary journeys.
- * July through September 1904 - After performing his brother's wedding, Father Nicola leaves on his first extensive missionary journey. He visits communities in Missouri, Nebraska, Michigan, and Wisconsin before returning home in mid-September.
- * October through late 1904 - Father Nicola leaves on another missionary journey, visiting communities in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and North Dakota before returning home near the end of the year.
- * February 23, 1905 - Father Nicola begins purchasing lots adjacent to his new home in Kearney.
- * June through late November 1905 - Father Nicola leaves on a missionary journey. He visits communities in Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, returning home in late November.
- * Winter 1906 - Father Nicola's friend, Abraham Khoury, visits Kearney from Iron Mountain, Michigan. Abraham stays with the Yanney family. On a bitterly cold Sunday morning, Father Nicola and Abraham leave the Yanney home and walk one mile to the church in order to light the stove and warm the building before the parishioners arrive. By the time they get the church heated, they are said to be half-frozen. At this time, only

two Syrian families are living close to the church, while the majority of the parishioners live in a neighborhood one to one-and-a-half miles to the east. Abraham Khoury makes a presentation to the parishioners, telling them that the church is too far to walk for the women and children who have little or no transportation in inclement weather, and that the church needs to be moved closer to where the majority of the Syrians live. He promises that if the parish will buy one lot, he will buy and donate a second lot so that the church can be relocated. A vote is taken, and a two-thirds majority favors this plan.

- * June through December 1906 - After making several shorter missionary journeys in the spring, Father Nicola spends June through December traveling.
- * February 28, 1907 - The trustees of the Syrian Orthodox church purchase a lot at 15th Street and Avenue G. Abraham Khoury purchases and donates a second, adjacent lot.
- * Spring 1907 - After a shorter trip in February, Father Nicola leaves for an extended missionary journey in late April.
- * June 4, 1907 - On Tuesday, June 4th, Father Nicola is called home from Trinidad, Colorado, where he has been visiting during his missionary journey. His daughter Anna is suffering a life-threatening illness.
- * June 7, 1907 - Anna Yanney dies on Friday morning. She dies from chronic heart problems, as the local newspaper reports, "from which she had been a patient sufferer for some time." Father Nicola writes in his sacramental records that Anna had received Holy Communion at Pascha.
- * June 8, 1907 - Father Nicola serves Anna's funeral at 1 pm on Saturday. She is then interred in one of the church's grave plots at the Kearney Cemetery.
- * Summer, 1907 - By mid-June (Julian calendar), Father Nicola leaves Kearney again to continue his summer missionary journey.
- * July 4, 1907 - The St. George church building is moved to its new location on the corner of 15th Street and Avenue G. The date of July 4th is chosen for the move because the government offices are closed and local law enforcement will be either off-duty or otherwise engaged. There is a fear among the Syrian community that the minority who

opposes moving of the church may attempt to stop the move by involving the civil authorities.

- * September through November 1907 - Father Nicola ministers to the Syrian Orthodox faithful located in the northern states of his territory.



Father Nicola Yanney with his sons Elias, Moses, and John circa 1908.

- * December 1907 - Father Nicola travels south to minister to communities in Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

- * 1908 - Father Nicola's eldest son, Elias, begins serving in the altar with his father at the age of 14. Elias continues to serve in the altar for the next five consecutive years. He is extremely attentive, learns much, and becomes very devoted to the Orthodox Faith. It is said that Elias knows by heart the meaning and significance of every move made by the priest during Liturgy.

- * January through February 1908 - Father Nicola spends time in Iowa and in the southeastern states of his missionary territory.
- * Winter / Spring 1908 - Father Nicola begins raising funds for a new church bell from amongst his parishioners and the wider Kearney community. A new bell tower has also been added to the church.
- * April 13, 1908 - A new 780-pound church bell is mounted in the bell tower of St. George Orthodox Church.
- * April 24 and 25, 1908 - Two announcements are made in a local newspaper about Easter services being held at the Syrian Orthodox Church. The services start at 2 am on Sunday morning and continue until daylight. The purpose of the announcements is to warn people that, "the bell will be rung at that hour [2 am], so persons not interested need not be alarmed."
- * April 29, 1908 - A local newspaper prints an announcement offered by Father Nicola to the public. In the announcement, he kindly thanks the

people of Kearney who contributed toward paying for the new church bell. The note states that “all feel proud of the improvement.”

- * June through September 1908 - Father Nicola travels south again, this time spending time in Kansas and Oklahoma as well.
- * October through December 1908 - Father Nicola travels east and north, spending time in Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota.
- * January 5, 1909 - A local newspaper reports that Father Nicola has returned from a missionary trip of six months during which time he visited 14 states. The newspaper states that during this visit, he conducted 75 baptisms and celebrated eight marriages.
- * Spring 1909 - Father Nicola advertises to rent out his house along with four acres of land. This is perhaps in preparation for an upcoming missionary journey. It also indicates that Father Nicola needs to supplement the family income. During much of his pastorate, Father Nicola’s salary is \$35 per month - equivalent to significantly less than \$1,000 a month today. Yet, besides supporting his children and traveling extensively on such a meager income, Father Nicola regularly hosts and feeds parishioners and visitors when he is home in Kearney. Every Sunday after Liturgy, many people come to the Yanney home for dinner.⁷ Besides seeking to supplement his income through occasionally attempting to rent his home and property, Fr. Nicola and his children very likely raise produce on their four acre lot.
- * April through December 1909 - Father Nicola leaves on an extended missionary journey, beginning with a visit to the state of Colorado.
- * July 10, 1909 - One outstanding example of the many pastoral challenges faced by Father Nicola: In the middle of serving a baptism in Fort Dodge, Iowa, a large fight breaks out. As one local newspaper reports: “After securing the services of Father Nicolas Yanney of Kearney, Neb., to officiate in a solemn Greek christening ceremony, a large party of Syrians assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hebbab, got into a disagreement as to whether the feast was to be or not to be in the midst of the ceremony. A free for all fight ensued in which women and children entered and it was necessary to call in the police. The astounded priest could not secure peace after the mix-up started and the god-father, who

⁷ Father Nicola’s family continues this tradition for many decades after his death.

was holding the small infant, was severely assaulted, while he tried to protect the baby, who was only slightly injured. The trouble started when the priest, the god-father and the tub of holy water were surrounded by Syrians with candles, marching and chanting in Greek. A few mutineers withdrew, blew out their candles and then attempted to insert the feast at that time by using force.”

- * April 15, 1910 - According to the 1910 census, Father Nicola owns his home, though it is mortgaged. He is able to read and write English. Elias is 16 years old; John is 12 years old; Moses is 10 years old. The boys are attending school at this time, although Elias will not complete high school. Instead, he will stay at home and manage the household while John and Moses continue attending school. Father Nicola is very lenient toward his children. Knowing that Elias is naturally intelligent, and recognizing Elias’ personal sacrifice for the family, Father Nicola often buys his son encyclopedias, history books, and other educational reading. Through these, Elias continues to educate himself, later attending college and completing several professional degrees. According to family history, Father Nicola feels that it is his supreme duty to raise his sons to be devout Christians and devoted, law-abiding citizens.
- * April 20, 1910 - The 1910 census shows that Father Nicola’s brother, Simon Yanney, is living with Michael M. and Selma Yanney and their children. Simon is listed as unemployed and divorced. Michael M. Yanney, after only six years in the United States and working as a laborer, owns his own home with no mortgage. By this time, other Syrian immigrants are becoming financially prosperous and moving into trades other than peddling.
- * April through December 1910 - Father Nicola leaves in April for an extended missionary journey. He returns to Kearney briefly in the midst of his travels.
- * August 30, 1910 - While Father Nicola is away, a fellow Syrian Orthodox priest, Father Abood, visits Kearney for the week. While in Kearney, he performs baptisms and spends time with the Syrian community during his “farewell visit” before returning to Syria. This priest is probably Father Elias Abood, who served the Syrian community in Omaha most likely starting in 1907.

* March 11, 1911 - Father Nicola's brother, Simon Elias Yanney, has a severe stroke while on an evening walk. He dies shortly thereafter on Thursday night. Father Nicola is able to commune his brother before he dies. Simon's funeral is held on Friday afternoon. Simon is reported to be 55 years old at the time of death. He is said to have no children, with a wife still living in Syria. The local newspaper recounts that Simon is exceptionally well-educated and able to speak nearly a dozen languages. He reportedly spent much of his life traveling, touring through the European and Asiatic countries, and knowing from firsthand experience the conditions of the Syrian immigrant communities throughout the world. Simon was apparently a noted storyteller, as well - a local newspaper reports that his knowledge consisted of the lore of many countries.

* April through December 1911 - Shortly after his brother's death, Father Nicola leaves again for his annual missionary journey. During this journey, he visits communities in at least 12 states.

* January through February 1912 - Father Nicola makes a winter missionary journey, visiting communities in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Michigan.

* February 12, 1912 - Father Nicola performs the wedding of a wealthy Syrian wholesaler, Moses Toby, to Victoria Zinnie in St. Paul, Minnesota. Six hundred people are in attendance from throughout the United States. It is reportedly the grandest Syrian wedding to have taken place in decades.

* June through December 1912 - Father Nicola leaves on an extended missionary journey, returning to Kearney briefly in the midst of his travels.

* October 12, 1912 - Bishop Raphael begins to experience pain in his stomach while working in his office. Within an hour, Bishop Raphael can no longer work. His condition - later diagnosed as myocarditis - worsens day by day.



Bishop Raphael in the last years of his earthly life.

- * November 4, 1912 - Responding to an appeal sent from New York, all of the Syrian Orthodox churches in North America pray the supplication service to the Theotokos immediately after the Sunday Divine Liturgy on behalf of St. Raphael's health. Father Nicola is ministering to communities in North Dakota at this time.
- * November 5, 1912 - Bishop Raphael's nurse reports that he is on the way to recovery. Two days later, he is able to receive visitors. By November 8th, Bishop Raphael is able to attend services at St. Nicholas Cathedral to celebrate his name's day, the feast of the Holy Archangels and his patron saint, the Archangel Raphael.
- * January through February 1913 - Father Nicola makes a winter journey, visiting communities in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.
- * May through August 1913 - Father Nicola leaves on his annual extended missionary journey, beginning in South Dakota.
- * August 22, 1913 - The local newspaper reports that Father Nicola has returned from a missionary trip, having visited six states. During this trip, he baptizes 23 children, performs three marriages, and conducts the funeral of a murdered man.
- * January through February 1914 - Father Nicola travels south, spending a significant amount of time ministering to communities in Oklahoma before returning to Nebraska via Iowa.
- * Spring 1914 - Father Nicola places an advertisement in the local newspaper, seeking to rent out a four-acre tract of land around his home in return for cash.
- * May through July 1914 - Father Nicola does missionary work in Nebraska before traveling to South Dakota and the northern states of his missionary territory.
- * August 21, 1914 - Father Nicola performs the funeral service for Abraham Shada, the eldest of the original Shada brothers. It is a large funeral, with one local newspaper reporting that 50 of the Syrians in Kearney are members of Abraham's immediate family. The recently-formed Syrian Young Men's Christian Society - organized and headed by Elias Yanney - pay their respects at the funeral.

* September 17, 1914 - Bishop Raphael, who has been visiting Omaha, sends a telegram to Father Nicola that he will arrive at 9:30 pm. This is the bishop's first visit to Kearney since his consecration to the episcopacy and Father Nicola's ordination. The entire Syrian community, along with a local band, meets Bishop Raphael at the train station. Visitors come from Omaha, Grand Island, and North Platte to see the bishop.



Bishop Raphael visiting St. George parish in Michigan City, Indiana in 1914, several months before his death.

- * September 17, 1914 - On the very day that Bishop Raphael arrives for his first episcopal visit to Kearney, Metropolitan Germanos Shehadi arrives in the United States. With Bishop Raphael's blessing, Metropolitan Germanos begins visiting Syrian parishes. The metropolitan is on a fundraising tour for an agricultural school in his archdiocese back in Syria.
- * September 20, 1914 - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy is celebrated for the first time at St. George Orthodox Church by Bishop Raphael, Father Nicola, and the bishop's assistant, Archdeacon Emmanuel Abo-Hatab.
- * September 24, 1914 - Having spent a week in Kearney, Bishop Raphael and Archdeacon Emmanuel leave late in the evening to visit the Syrian community in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Father Nicola accompanies them. During his stay in Kearney, Bishop Raphael oversees the election and installation of the first parish council at St. George. He also sets up a school to be held in the church where Father Nicola will teach the children for two hours each day. Father Nicola is to receive 50 cents per month for each student whose parents can afford the expense.
- * October through December 1914 - After Bishop Raphael's visit, Father Nicola leaves for Colorado and the northern states of his missionary territory.

* 1915 - Father Nicola reports that St. George Syrian Orthodox Church has 180 members.

* January 22, 1915 - A local newspaper reports that "Rev. Yanney was a passenger for Kansas on Friday morning and will spend the next month in that state and Oklahoma at missionary work among the Assyrian farm population in the two southern states. The Kearney priest has been making an extended trip within the past few months, having made missionary journeys to Minnesota, the Dakotas and other states on the north and west. The next few months will be devoted to the southern territory."

* February 4, 1915 - Returning to New York only weeks after his visit to Kearney, Bishop Raphael's health has been in steady decline. By late December, he is bedridden. While Father Nicola is away visiting Kansas and Oklahoma, the head of the Russian Orthodox Diocese sends out a message to his clergy for prayer: "Bishop Raphael is sick with exhaustion; he has given of himself wholly and for all. His physical strength has failed."

* February 22, 1915 - Having returned from his southern missionary trip, Father Nicola sets forth a plan for the Syrian community in Kearney to build a new church. He hopes to finalize preparations within the next two months, and sets May 1st as the date to b e g i n construction. His plan is to build a new church building on the lots south of the present building, while remodeling the existing church building back into a school.



Bishop Raphael of Brooklyn lies in state at St. Nicholas Cathedral on February 28, 1915 (the day after his death). This photo was taken several days before Father Nicola arrived in New York.

- * February 27, 1915 - Bishop Raphael dies early Saturday morning. Word of his death travels quickly. One local newspaper describes the news of Bishop Raphael's death as a distinct shock to Father Nicola, stating that Father Nicola was particularly fond of the bishop who ordained him. The funeral date is set for March 7th. The local newspapers also announce that there will be a memorial service for Bishop Raphael following Sunday morning Liturgy, and that if Father Nicola is unable to attend the funeral in New York, a special service will be held at St. George on the day of the funeral. The newspapers also report that many in Kearney are saddened by the news, as Bishop Raphael made many friends during his past visits to the city.

- * March 2, 1915 - Father Nicola leaves Tuesday morning for New York City. It is announced that services will be held in every Syrian Orthodox church in the United States on the day of Bishop Raphael's funeral.

- * Late February / early March 1915 - Bishop Raphael's body lies in state for nine days at St. Nicholas Cathedral until the day of his funeral. During this time, Divine Liturgy is held every morning, and memorial prayers are offered on the departed bishop's behalf every morning and evening. Russian and Syrian clergy continuously read the Gospels aloud day and night during the times when no church services are being held. The later burial date allows Syrian priests traveling from afar to arrive in time for the funeral. As the westernmost priest, Father Nicola travels the farthest of all the Syrian priests. Once he arrives, he pays his respects to his dearly departed bishop, kissing Bishop Raphael's hand cross and the hand in which it is held. Father Nicola then joins in the perpetual reading of the Gospels, liturgies, and vigils being held in the cathedral.

- * March 7, 1915 - Along with Metropolitan Germanos, the Russian Bishop Alexander, 20 Russian priests, and 24 other Syrian priests, Father Nicola serves the funeral service for Bishop Raphael. After the funeral and a procession, Bishop Raphael is interred beneath the altar of St. Nicholas Cathedral.

- * March 29, 1915 - Father Nicola returns to Kearney. He reports to one local newspaper that Bishop Raphael's funeral is the most impressive sight he has ever seen. Due to a heavy snowfall the night before the funeral, New York City ordered 300 men to clear the streets. Following the funeral, a procession was led by mounted policemen, with 300 more policemen lining the way. 8,000 people joined the procession, which

covered 20 city blocks before returning to the cathedral. Father Nicola estimates that the flower arrangements covering Bishop Raphael's casket exceeded \$2,000 in cost. After the funeral services and before returning to Kearney, Father Nicola visits: Elmira, New York; Houtzdale, Pennsylvania; Johnstown, Pennsylvania (presumably visiting his sister and her family); and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

- * May through August 1915 - In May, Father Nicola leaves for Iowa and Minnesota, before visiting Michigan, Wisconsin, and South Dakota.
- * Late September through early October 1915 - During a single visit to Brinkman, Oklahoma, Father Nicola performs 38 baptisms.
- * October 25, 1915 - One of the local papers reports the following: "Yanney Called To Funeral. Makes One Thousand Mile Trip To Officiate at Services. Rev. Yanney returned from a 1,000 mile trip into Oklahoma, near northern Texas, to attend the Aman Jacobs funeral, which was held from the Syrian church Friday morning. Jacobs was killed being trampled to death by horses in Colorado while plowing beets. The body was shipped here for burial and Rev. Yanney was called in from his regular visitation trip. He returned at the earliest possible moment and after a brief stay will return to Oklahoma."
- * June through August 1916 - Father Nicola leaves on his annual summer missionary trip.
- * August 12, 1916 - Returning from his missionary journey, Father Nicola states that the previous plan to construct a new church building and use the existing church as a school has not been abandoned. However, "the death of the bishop, coupled with the extended missionary work of the minister have retarded work." Father Nicola states that the work will resume again next year.



Metropolitan Germanos

- * October 6, 1916 - One local newspaper announces the imminent arrival of Metropolitan Germanos in Kearney on the following day. After Bishop Raphael's death, Metropolitan Germanos fails to return to Syria, and instead slowly begins campaigning to become Bishop Raphael's successor in America. In the aftermath of Bishop

Raphael's death, many of the Syrian clergy are conflicted as whether to acknowledge the ecclesiastical authority of Antioch or Russia. Metropolitan Germanos is welcomed by many parishes, presenting himself as a representative of the Patriarch of Antioch. In the following years, many parishes will accept him as their ruling hierarch.⁸

* October 7, 1916 - Metropolitan Germanos arrives for his first visit to Kearney. He is met at the train station by Father Nicola, members of the parish, a local band, and the mayor of Kearney who gives a welcome address. Following this reception, Metropolitan Germanos, Father Nicola, and the mayor tour Kearney in the mayor's automobile. Metropolitan Germanos stays at the home of Father Nicola. One local newspaper reports that the entire parish and many other citizens of Kearney call on the Yanney home that evening to pay their respects to the visiting church dignitary. One newspaper describes Metropolitan Germanos in the following way: "The celebrated prelate is a man of commanding personality, large of stature and with a countenance that bespeaks spirituality. He made a fine impression among those he met. He does not speak English and this is somewhat of a handicap to him in this country but his gentle and kindly voice is more than impressive."

* October 8, 1916 - Metropolitan Germanos serves a Hierarchical Liturgy with Father Nicola on Sunday morning. The church is filled with parishioners and visitors. The



Metropolitan Germanos' visit to Kearney in October of 1916.

Metropolitan gives an address - announced beforehand in the local newspapers - that is translated into English, most likely by Father Nicola.

⁸ Metropolitan Germanos is, in fact, called upon numerous times by the Antiochian Patriarchate to return to his own archdiocese in Syria. In 1933, he finally returns home, and dies shortly thereafter. Adding to the ecclesiastical confusion of the times, it is two full years after Bishop Raphael's death before the Russian Orthodox Church consecrates a bishop to be his successor under their jurisdiction. By this time, many of the Syrian parishes have accepted Metropolitan Germanos as their bishop. Furthermore, the man chosen to be Bishop Raphael's successor under the Russian jurisdiction - Aftimios Ofesh - is a polarizing and somewhat unstable figure, well known to many of the Syrian clergy.

Metropolitan Germanos speaks of his agricultural school and informs his audience about the intensified suffering and persecution of the Syrian and Armenian people in the Ottoman Empire due to the on-going war (World War I). He states that he hopes to visit all of the Syrian Orthodox parishes in the United States before departing to Brazil and finally returning home to Syria.

- * October 17, 1916 - Father Nicola and the Syrian community in Kearney spearhead local efforts to raise funds for the war and poverty-stricken Syrians and Armenians. The mayor and other local ministers and organizations become involved as well. This local effort coincides with growing state and national efforts to raise awareness and support for the suffering Syrian and Armenian peoples.
- * October 23, 1916 - A local newspaper reports that over \$300 is raised for Kearney's portion of the Syrian and Armenian relief fund. The community sponsored flower sales and the Kearney area churches collected donations. Half of all the funds, however, come from the efforts of the charitable society of the St. George Syrian church and the Syrian Young Men's Christian Society.
- * October 28, 1916 - Father Nicola writes a note published in a local paper, extending his thanks to the people of Kearney and those involved in the fundraising efforts, saying that he and the Syrian people of Kearney are much pleased about the amount raised locally.
- * November 12, 1916 - Father Nicola, Archbishop Germanos, and another priest serve the wedding of Elias Yanney and Mary Abraham at St. Simon Orthodox Church in Ironwood, Michigan. Mary Abraham is Father Nicola's great-niece, the granddaughter of his older sister, Nora. Following Syrian tradition, the marriage is arranged, Elias and Mary having never met before their wedding.



The wedding of Elias and Mary (Abraham) Yanney, Ironwood, Michigan.

- * November through December 1916 - After his son's wedding, Father Nicola visits the northern states of his missionary territory, before traveling south in December.
- * Late November 1916 - Elias and Mary return from their honeymoon and move to Kearney to reside in the Yanney family home, along with Father Nicola, John, and Moses.
- * January through March 1917 - Father Nicola makes his winter missionary journey to several states, traveling from Minnesota through Colorado.
- * Summer 1917 - During his annual summer missionary travels, Father Nicola journeys as far as Pennsylvania and Alabama.
- * September 25, 1917 - Father Elias Sady, a priest recently ordained in La Crosse, Wisconsin, comes to Kearney to study and train with Father Nicola. La Crosse is one of the communities that Father Nicola has regularly visited during his missionary journeys.
- * October through December 1917 - Father Nicola visits communities in Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Minnesota, among others.
- * 1918 - Most of Father Nicola's travels during 1918 are unknown due to limited sacramental records for the year.
- * May 28, 1918 - A local newspaper prints that Emmanuel Abo-Hatab has filed suit against Father Nicola on behalf of the Syrian Orthodox Mission, under the jurisdiction of the Russian Orthodox Church. This action coincides with the division caused by the on-going presence of Metropolitan Germanos and the consecration of Bishop Aftimios Ofiesh. The larger context of this conflict is the confusion of loyalties that many Syrians have between the Church of Antioch and the Russian Orthodox Mission in America.
- * September 26, 1918 - Metropolitan Germanos visits Kearney. He is greeted at the train station by Father Nicola, members of St. George, a local band, as well as the current and former mayors of Kearney. One newspaper states that Archbishop Germanos oversees all the Syrian Orthodox parishes and is stationed in Brooklyn, New York. Three different newspaper articles extend an invitation to the Kearney community to attend Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday morning, and one article stipulates that the service will be partially served in the English language.

* September 28, 1918 - The newspaper states that the Syrian children took part in a parade (procession) with Metropolitan Germanos.

* October 28, 1918 - Father Nicola Yanney dies of pneumonia, following infection with the Spanish flu. He dies at home on Monday near midnight. His last word for Elias, John, and Moses is "Keep your hands and your heart clean." Father Nicola is 45 years old at the time of his death. Elias is 24 years old; John is 21 years old; Moses is 19 years old. Father Nicola's obituary reads: "Rev. N. E. Yanney Is Victim of the Flu: Syrian Pastor Worked With His Parish Members to Last." It goes on to state that, "during the past week Rev. Yanney worked faithfully among his parish members here, many of them being stricken with the influenza. Considerable exposure to the disease was inevitable and although he had complained of not being in the best of health he continued his work uninterrupted until the last." The obituary goes



Father Nicola's funeral on November 4, 1918. From left to right: Father John Saba, Father Elias Sady, Metropolitan Germanos. Standing: sons John and Moses Yanney; nephew Michael M. Yanney. Seated: son Elias Yanney and brother George Yanney.

on to state of Father Nicola: "Rev. Yanney, since coming to Kearney, won the love of all of his people and esteem and admiration of all in the community. He organized the Syrian colony here and established the local church. In recent years he was assigned a large missionary district, extending from Canada to the Gulf and from the Mississippi to the Rockies. Regular visitations within the bounds of this district resulted in his developing a wide acquaintance and thousands of loyal devoted followers. He did much in the way of community development work while stationed in Kearney and his untimely death is deplored by the entire municipality."

* November 4, 1918 - Metropolitan Germanos comes from New York and serves the funeral for Father Nicola, along with two priests: Father John Saba of Ironwood, Michigan and Father Elias Sady of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Services begin with Liturgy on Sunday morning. On Monday

morning, Liturgy is served once again, followed by the funeral service itself. Great numbers of his fellow townspeople come to pay their last respects to Father Nicola. After the funeral, Father Nicola is interred in a grave plot owned by the church. An infant, Cecil Shada, who died just days before, had been laid to rest in the same plot.

- * November 5, 1918 - Father Nicola's first grandchild is born to Elias and Mary Yanney on the day after his funeral. The little girl is named Martha.
- * November 7, 1918 - A large copy of the funeral photo is put on display in the storefront window of the local photographer, "showing the Syrian prelates in their ceremonial robes."
- * November 14, 1918 - Elias Yanney is appointed legal guardian to his youngest brother, Moses.
- * March 31, 1919 - Metropolitan Germanos returns to Kearney to lead memorial services at Father Nicola's graveside, with the intention to lay a tombstone at the grave.⁹ Metropolitan Germanos also names a successor to Father Nicola.
- * April 5 and 6, 1919 - During services on Saturday and Sunday, Metropolitan Germanos ordains Elias Hamaty at St. George Orthodox Church to serve as its priest and pastor. As one local newspaper reports: "Rev. Hamaty succeeds Rev. Yanney in the pastorate of the Assyrian church here, the pulpit having been vacant since the death of the latter last November. Although the new pastor has not yet been given the huge missionary territory which Rev. Yanney supervised, the territory from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. The territory of the church has since been redistricted and made smaller."
- * November 14, 1919 - From a local newspaper: "It is understood that the Syrian church congregation here is planning the erection of a new house of worship, one that will cost approximately sixteen thousand dollars. When the late Rev. Yanney was alive he was intensely interested in

⁹ The above mentioned gravestone appears never to have been laid. However, the place of Father Nicola's grave was not forgotten by his family. In April of 1974, his grandchildren Vernon Yanney and Minnette Steinbrink and their families marked Father Nicola's grave with a gravestone. On October 24th, 2008, a diocesan pilgrimage was held in Kearney to honor Father Nicola. At this time, a new, larger gravestone - sponsored by the clergy of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America - was erected and blessed.

having a new church erected, on lands already owned by the church. But since his death the congregation has not given the matter much thought until in recent months, with the result that a tentative building plan has now been adopted.”

* April 15, 1921 - From a local newspaper: “St. George Congregation Will Have New Home in Few Months. Contract has been let for the erection of a new church by St. George Orthodox congregation. Frank Major was awarded the contract and actual work was gotten under way on Thursday, when ground was broken and excavation started. The church is being located on Fifteenth and Avenue G. on lots which are owned by the congregation. The building will be 36x80, with full basement. It is to be finished with cement rock and stucco and will be a beautiful structure when completed. All of the interior finishing will be of oak. Members of St. George congregation have been considering this move for a number of years, acquiring their site and making all the necessary preliminary arrangements. But because of the high material costs prevailing for the last few years the prospective improvement was tied up until this last week, when contract for erection was let.”





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The Reverend Nicola Yanney

This portrait of Father Nicola was taken around 1909. The priestly vestments that Father Nicola is wearing were likely a gift from Czar Nicholas II, presented to Father Nicola by St. Raphael of Brooklyn on the occasion of his ordination. The Gospel Book in Father Nicola's hand was a gift given to him by his parishioners in Kearney in the year 1909. It remains in St. George Orthodox Church in Kearney, Nebraska to this day. The Arabic script above is Father Nicola's signature: "al-Khoury Nicola Yanney."



The Yanney family circa 1897: Nicola (seated) with son Elias between his legs. Nicola's wife, Martha, holds their infant daughter Anna. Standing next to Nicola is his brother George.



The Yanney family circa 1901. Left to right: Elias, Nicola, Moses, John, Martha, Anna. This is the last known family photo before Martha's death in 1902 and Anna's death in 1907.



Father Nicola with his sons circa 1908. Left to right: Elias, Father Nicola, Moses, John. In his left hand, Father Nicola is holding one of his sacramental record books.



The wedding of Elias Yanney (Father Nicola's oldest son) and Mary Abraham on Sunday, November 12, 1916 in Ironwood, Michigan. Father Nicola served the marriage service along with Metropolitan Germanos Shehadi and another priest (most likely Father John Saba).



Father Nicola Yanney's funeral on November 4, 1918. Left to right: Father John Saba, Father Elias Sady, Metropolitan Germanos Shehadi, the late Reverend Nicola Yanney; back row: John Yanney, Moses Yanney, Michael Yanney; front row (seated): Elias Yanney, George Yanney.

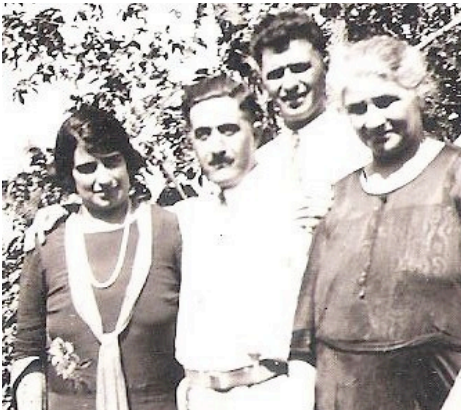
Other Important Dates



- * 1921 - Construction on the new church building stalls. Also, Father Elias Hamaty leaves St. George to pastor another Syrian Orthodox church.
- * 1922 - Father John Saba briefly serves as the pastor of St. George.
- * November 25, 1923 - Father Nicola's nephew, Michael M. Yanney, is ordained at St. George Orthodox Church in Kearney to be its priest and pastor. He accepts ordination somewhat reluctantly, having been prevailed upon by the parishioners. During Father Michael Yanney's tenure, the new church building is built, construction beginning again in 1924 and being completed in 1925. In 1930, Father Michael moves to Sioux City, Iowa to become the priest of St. Thomas Orthodox Church. He pastors there until his retirement in 1956.
- * August 28, 1927 - Father Nicola Yanney's friend and the godfather to his sons, John Shada, dies from a gunshot fired during a confrontation between a group of young men from Kearney and a small group of church members. The aggressors had come twice to the parish picnic being held outside of town. John was shot in the jaw while trying to stop the altercation.
- * April 27, 1936 - Father Nicola's younger brother, George Elias Yanney, dies. He is 59 years old, and father to nine children ages 29 to 9 years old at the time of his death. During Father Nicola's tenure and afterward, George was a chanter and also served on the parish council.
- * January 24, 1941 - Father Nicola's friend and a benefactor of St. George parish, Abraham Khoury, dies while making a return visit to Fi'eh. He is buried in the Orthodox cemetery in Fi'eh al-Koura.
- * December 23, 1944 - Father Nicola's oldest son, Elias K. Yanney, dies. Elias had suffered a debilitating stroke several years earlier. Although ordered to rest, Elias eventually recovers and returns to work. A second stroke on December 23rd proves fatal. He is 51 years old and father to nine children ages 26 to 11 years old at the time of his death. Elias is remembered as gentle, pious, upright, very intelligent, and hard-working.

His funeral is held at St. George Orthodox Church in Kearney on December 26th, where he had been a devout member, chairman of the parish council, and served as the unofficial spokesman for the local Syrian community. The funeral service is officiated by Father Thomas Abodeely, pastor of St. George.

- * June 9, 1946 - After several years of declining health, Father Nicola's youngest son, Moses K. Yanney, dies in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is 46 years old, and father to seven children ages 19 to 2 years old at the time of his death. Moses is remembered as gentle, kind, humorous, and affectionate. The funeral is held at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lincoln on June 12th. The service is officiated by Moses' cousin, Father Michael M. Yanney.



Father Nicola's sister, Anna (Yanney) Zamer, on the far right. Also pictured: Elias Yanney with cousins. April 1926.

- * February 3, 1947 - Father Nicola's older sister, Anna (Yanney) Zamer, dies in Washington, D.C.

- * July 11, 1947 - Michael Hayek dies in Kearney at 81 years of age.

- * January 25, 1953 - Father Nicola's last living child, John K. Yanney, dies in the general hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He is 55 years old, single and never married. In 1952, John had developed cancer in his arm and shoulder,

both of which had to be amputated. John's funeral is held on January 27th at St. Mary's Orthodox Church in Wilkes-Barre. The service is officiated by Father Herbert Nahas, who remembers John as being very soft spoken, humble, and respectful to the clergy.

- * April 1974 - Father Nicola's grandchildren purchase and place a gravestone on his unmarked grave.
- * October 24 and 25, 2008 - A diocesan pilgrimage is held in honor of the Reverend Nicola Yanney on the 90th anniversary of his repose. The Right Reverend BASIL, bishop of Wichita and Mid-America writes:

BY YOUR PRAYERS, the Diocesan Pilgrimage held this past weekend in Kearney, Nebraska was a truly blessed event. Twenty priests, five deacons and over 150 laity from twenty-three of the Diocese of Wichita

and Mid-America's fifty congregations joined our hosts Father Christopher Morris and the Christ-loving faithful of St. George in Kearney, Nebraska for a weekend filled with divine services, homilies, historical talks and presentations. Numbered among the pilgrims were many of

Father Nicola's grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. The Pilgrimage began on Friday afternoon with the Akathist to St. Raphael at St. George Church. The rousing congregational singing was led by Subdeacon John Wolf, Protopsaltis of St. George in Kearney. We then caravanned to Kearney Cemetery for the consecration of the grave of Father Nicola Yanney, the blessing of his new gravestone offered by our Clergy Brotherhood, and the Trisagion Prayers of Mercy on the 90th anniversary of his repose. That evening the pilgrims took supper



The grandchildren of Father Nicola Yanney with the bishop. Left to right: Vernon Yanney, Millie Shada, Bishop Basil, Lorraine Nemer, Yvonne Pape, and Loretta Kacere.

together at the hotel, during which I gave the opening address on the topic of the Meaning of Pilgrimage combined with an Overview of the Life of St. Raphael of Brooklyn as it relates to St. George in Kearney, Nebraska and Father Nicola. On Saturday morning, the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was served at St. George Church and Trisagion Prayers of Mercy were offered for all of the departed clergy and clergy wives of our Diocese. The choir composed of



Bishop Basil, surrounded by his clergy, at the blessing of Father Nicola's new gravestone. Twenty priests, five deacons, and 150 laity attended the pilgrimage.



Bishop Basil blesses the new gravestone, offered by the clergy of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America.

singers from throughout the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America was directed by our Diocesan Choir Director Mrs. Chris Farha. The service was followed by a luncheon at the hotel during which Father Paul Hodge of St. Thomas of Sioux City, Iowa gave a superb presentation on the Priestly Ministry of Father Nicola, skillfully setting it within both its theological and historical context. The day ended with Great Vespers at St. George Church and a visit to the graves of Khouriya Martha Yanney (who died giving birth to the Yanney's fifth child on February 11th, 1902) and Catherine Yanney, the daughter to whom she had just given birth (who reposed nine days after Martha) for the consecration of their common grave (located in the rural Burgess Cemetery near Gibbon, Nebraska, eleven miles outside Kearney), the blessing of their gravestone offered by Mr. Nicola Shada (a relative of Khouriya Martha who was named for Father Nicola) and the Trisagion Prayers of Mercy for the repose of their souls. On Sunday morning Orthros and Divine Liturgy were celebrated at St. George Church after which the Trisagion Prayers of Mercy were again prayed for the repose of Father Nicola. The Pilgrimage ended with a bountiful luncheon prepared by the women of the parish.



Bishop Basil blessing the grave of Khouriya Martha and Catherine Yanney.



As of May 2013, the Reverend Nicola Yanney is still the longest serving priest of St. George Orthodox Church in Kearney. May his memory be eternal!

Appendix II: Father Nicola Yanney's Missionary Journeys

Based upon his Sacramental Records¹⁰

❧ 1904 ❧

June 8, 1904 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

June 8, 1904 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

June 20, 1904 - Kearney, NE - marriage

July 5, 1904 - Kearney, NE - marriage - *George Yanney & Rebecca Shada*

July 8, 1904 - St. Louis, MO - baptism

July 17, 1904 - St. Louis, MO - baptism

July 17, 1904 - St. Louis, MO - baptism

July 17, 1904 - St. Louis, MO - baptism

Information lost - St. Louis, MO - baptism

July 25, 1904 - Omaha, NE - baptism

July 26, 1904 - Omaha, NE - baptism

July 26, 1904 - Omaha, NE - baptism

July 26, 1904 - Omaha, NE - marriage

August 15, 1904 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

August 15, 1904 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

August 15, 1904 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

August 22, 1904 - Iron Mountain, MI - baptism

August 26, 1904 - Iron Mountain, MI - baptism

August 29, 1904 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

September 5, 1904 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

September 5, 1904 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

September 5, 1904 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

September 11, 1904 - New London, WI - marriage

September 12, 1904 - New London, WI - baptism

September 12, 1904 - New London, WI - baptism

September 12, 1904 - New London, WI - baptism

September 21, 1904 - Kearney, NE - baptism

September 26, 1904 - Kearney, NE - baptism

October 1, 1904 - Campbell, MO - marriage

October 1, 1904 - Campbell, MO - marriage

October 2, 1904 - Bloomington, IL - baptism

October 2, 1904 - Bloomington, IL - baptism

¹⁰ All dates are according to the Julian calendar. This list is compiled from Father Nicola's sacramental records, written in Arabic. The numerous community visits that Father Nicola made—but during which he did not perform a baptism, chrismation, marriage, or funeral—are not listed.

October 5, 1904 - Fulton, KY - baptism
 Information Lost - Fulton, KY - baptism
 October 10, 1904 - Campbell, MO - baptism
 October 10, 1904 - Campbell, MO - baptism
 October 10, 1904 - Gideon, MO - baptism
 October 10, 1904 - Gideon, MO - baptism
 October 29, 1904 - Morehouse, MO - baptism
 November 7, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 7, 1904 - Rugby, ND - marriage
 November 8, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 9, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 9, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 10, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 10, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 10, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 11, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 12, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 15, 1904 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 19, 1904 - Kearney, NE - marriage
 December 14, 1904 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 December 16, 1904 - Kearney, NE - marriage

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44 baptisms in 1904
 9 marriages in 1904

At least 8 states visited in 1904: Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 18 pastoral visitations in 1904.

❧ 1905 ❧

April 17, 1905 - Kearney, NE -baptism
 April 24, 1905 - Kearney, NE -baptism
 April 25, 1905 - Kearney, NE -baptism
 May 5, 1905 - Kearney, NE - funeral - *received communion before death*
 May 18, 1905 - Kearney, NE funeral - *received communion before death*
 May 25, 1905 - Kearney, NE funeral - *received communion on Sunday before death on*
Thursday
 June 2, 1905 - Kearney, NE - funeral - *received communion before death*
 July 2, 1905 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 July 3, 1905 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 July 17, 1905 - Iron Mountain, MI - baptism

Undated - Ironwood, MI - *listed in baptismal record as having died*¹¹

July 20, 1905 - Iron Mountain, MI - baptism

July 20, 1905 - Iron Mountain, MI - baptism

July 28, 1905 - New London, WI - baptism

August 7, 1905 - Grand Rapids, MI - baptism

August 7, 1905 - Grand Rapids, MI - marriage

August 10, 1905 - Grand Rapids, MI - marriage

August 12, 1905 - Grand Rapids, MI - marriage

August 14, 1905 - Grand Rapids, MI - baptism

August 14, 1905 - Grand Rapids, MI - marriage

August 16, 1905 - Grand Rapids, MI - marriage

August 22, 1905 - Lansing, MI - baptism

September 3, 1905 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage

September 4, 1905 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

September 4, 1905 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

September 4, 1905 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

September 4, 1905 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

September 4, 1905 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

September 4, 1905 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

September 9, 1905 - Clinton, IA - baptism

September 11, 1905 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

September 25, 1905 - New London, WI - baptism

September 25, 1905 - New London, WI - baptism

September 25, 1905 - New London, WI - baptism

September 25, 1905 - New London, WI - baptism

October 22, 1905 - Rugby, ND - baptism

October 30, 1905 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 1, 1905 - Rugby, ND - marriage

Undated - Rugby, ND - *listed in baptismal record as having died*

November 6, 1905 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

November 6, 1905 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

November 12, 1905 - Albany, IA - baptism

November 12, 1905 - Albany, IA - baptism

November 13, 1905 - Albany, IA - baptism

Undated - Omaha, NE - *listed in baptismal record as having died*

November 20, 1905 - Omaha, NE - baptism

November 20, 1905 - Omaha, NE - baptism

December 6, 1905 - Kearney, NE - baptism

December 6, 1905 - Kearney, NE - marriage

¹¹ Such entries are counted as a baptism, though it is somewhat unclear in the records. See footnote 13.

December 9, 1905 - Fort Dodge, IA - marriage

December 21, 1905 - Kearney, NE -baptism

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38 baptisms in 1905

9 marriages in 1905

4 funerals in 1905

At least 5 states visited in 1905: Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 19 pastoral visitations in 1905.

1906

January 2, 1906 - Lexington, NE - baptism

April 6, 1906 - Kearney, NE - baptism

Undated - Kearney, NE - *listed in baptismal record as having died*

April 7, 1906 - Kearney, NE - baptism

April, 9, 1906 - Wichita, KS - baptism

April, 9, 1906 - Wichita, KS - baptism

April, 11, 1906 - Wichita, KS - baptism

April 12, 1906 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism

April 17, 1906 - Kearney, NE - funeral

April 30, 1906 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

April 30, 1906 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

May 1, 1906 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage

May 8, 1906 - Omaha, NE - marriage

June 22, 1906 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage

June 22, 1906 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage

June 22, 1906 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage

June 25, 1906 - Wichita, KS - marriage

July 2, 1906 - Omaha, NE - baptism

July 23, 1906 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

August 18, 1906 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

August 20, 1906 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

August 20, 1906 - Ironwood, MI - marriage

August 23, 1906 - Iron Mountain, MI - baptism

Undated - Iron Mountain, MI - *listed in baptismal record as having died*

August 29, 1906 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

September 5, 1906 - Clinton, IA - marriage

September 17, 1906 - Cairo, IL - baptism

September 17, 1906 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 September 17, 1906 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 Undated - Fulton, KY - *listed in baptismal record as having died*
 September 19, 1906 - Fulton, KY - baptism
 September 19, 1906 - Fulton, KY - baptism
 September 21, 1906 - Covington, TN - baptism
 September 24, 1906 - Campbell, MO - baptism
 Undated - Campbell, MO - *listed in baptismal record as having died*
 October 1, 1906 - Jackson, MO - baptism
 October 1, 1906 - Jackson, MO - baptism
 October 1, 1906 - Jackson, MO - baptism
 October 5, 1906 - St. Louis, MO - baptism
 October 15, 1906 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 October 26, 1906 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
 October 26, 1906 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
 October 26, 1906 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
 November 12 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 13 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 14 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 14 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 16 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 16 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 19, 1906 - McClusky, ND - marriage
 November 20, 1906 - McClusky, ND - baptism
 Undated - McClusky, ND - *listed in baptismal record as having died*
 November 20, 1906 - Denhoff, ND - marriage
 November 21, 1906 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 21, 1906 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 21, 1906 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 21, 1906 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 25, 1906 - Dilworth, MN - marriage
 December 3, 1906 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 December 8, 1906 - Kearney, NE - marriage
 December 12, 1906 - Clinton, IA - baptism
 December 12, 1906 - Clinton, IA - baptism
 December 12, 1906 - Clinton, IA - baptism
 December 14, 1906 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 December 14, 1906 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 Undated - Omaha, NE - *listed in baptismal record as having died*
 Undated - Omaha, NE - *listed in baptismal record as having died*

December 18, 1906 - Omaha, NE - baptism

December 18, 1906 - Kearney, NE - marriage

December 31, 1906 - Kearney, NE - baptism

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56 baptisms in 1906

13 marriages in 1906

1 funeral in 1906

At least 10 states visited in 1906: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Tennessee.

At least 32 pastoral visitations in 1906.

1907

January 4, 1907 - Kearney, NE - baptism

February 8, 1907 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

February 11, 1907 - Grand Rapids, MI - marriage

March 2, 1907 - Ottumwa, IA - funeral

April 29, 1907 - St. Louis, MO - baptism

April 29, 1907 - St. Louis, MO - marriage

May 6, 1907 - Cambridge, KS - baptism

May 13, 1907 - Wichita, KS - baptism

May 13, 1907 - Wichita, KS - baptism

May 20, 1907 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

May 20, 1907 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

May 20, 1907 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

May 20, 1907 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

May 20, 1907 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

May 21, 1907 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

May 21, 1907 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

May 26, 1907 - Kearney, NE - funeral - *Anna John Khoury Yanney; received communion on Pascha*

June 10, 1907 - Kearney, NE - baptism

June 16, 1907 - Omaha, NE - baptism

June 17, 1907 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism

July 15, 1907 - Chicago, IL - baptism

July 17, 1907 - Springfield, IL - baptism

July 17, 1907 - Springfield, IL - baptism

July 22, 1907 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

July 22, 1907 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

July 22, 1907 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 23, 1907 - La Crosse, WI - chrismation (born in 1899)
 July 23, 1907 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 24, 1907 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 August 7, 1907 - Fort Dodge, IA - marriage
 August 12, 1907 - La Crosse, WI - marriage
 August 14, 1907 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 August 19, 1907 - Crystal Valley, MI - baptism
 August 22, 1907 - Crystal Valley, MI - baptism
 August 26, 1907 - Grand Rapids, MI - marriage
 September 2, 1907 - Kearney, NE - marriage
 September 7, 1907 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 September 23, 1907 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 September 25, 1907 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 September 30, 1907 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 September 30, 1907 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 September 30, 1907 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 October 14, 1907 - Williston, ND - baptism
 October 15, 1907 - Williston, ND - baptism
 October 23, 1907 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 October 28, 1907 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 4, 1907 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
 Undated - Dilworth, MN - *listed in baptismal record as having died*
 November 25, 1907 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 November 25, 1907 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 December 2, 1907 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 December 2, 1907 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 December 4, 1907 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 December 4, 1907 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 December 11, 1907 - Covington, TN - baptism
 December 11, 1907 - Covington, TN - baptism
 December 11, 1907 - Covington, TN - baptism
 December 13, 1907 - Campbell, MO - baptism
 December 13, 1907 - Campbell, MO - baptism
 December 13, 1907 - Fulton, KY - baptism
 December 14, 1907 - Fulton, KY - baptism
 December 16, 1907 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 December 17, 1907 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 December 17, 1907 - Wichita, KS - baptism

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55 baptisms in 1907
1 chrismation in 1907
6 marriages in 1907
2 funerals in 1907

At least 12 states visited in 1907: Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin.

At least 31 pastoral visitations in 1907.

1908

January 6, 1908 - Kearney, NE - baptism
January 6, 1908 - Kearney, NE - baptism
January 8, 1908 - Lexington, NE - baptism
January 12, 1908 - Omaha, NE - baptism
January 13, 1908 - Omaha, NE - baptism
January 20, 1908 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
January 20, 1908 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
January 20, 1908 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
January 20, 1908 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
January 22, 1908 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
January 27, 1908 - Ottumwa, IA - baptism
January 27, 1908 - Ottumwa, IA - baptism
February 9, 1908 - Cairo, IL - baptism
February 10, 1908 - Cairo, IL - baptism
February 10, 1908 - Cairo, IL - baptism
February 12, 1908 - Hickman, KY - baptism
February 18, 1908 - Chicago, IL - baptism
February 22, 1908 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
February 22, 1908 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
February 23, 1908 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
February 23, 1908 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
February 23, 1908 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
February 23, 1908 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
April 14, 1908 - Kearney, NE - baptism
April 22, 1908 - Albert Lea, MN - marriage
May 18, 1908 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
June 22, 1908 - Cambridge, KS - marriage
June 24, 1908 - Cambridge, KS - baptism
June 24, 1908 - Cambridge, KS - baptism

June 29, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
June 30, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
June 30, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
July 6, 1908 - Oklahoma City, OK - baptism
July 9, 1908 - Cheyenne, OK - baptism
July 9, 1908 - Cheyenne, OK - baptism
July 9, 1908 - Cheyenne, OK - baptism
July 9, 1908 - Cheyenne, OK - baptism
July 10, 1908 - Cheyenne, OK - baptism
July 10, 1908 - Cheyenne, OK - baptism
July 20, 1908 - Ashport, TN - baptism
July 20, 1908 - Ashport, TN - baptism
July 20, 1908 - Luxora, AR - baptism
July 24, 1908 - Fulton, KY - baptism
July 24, 1908 - Fulton, KY - baptism
July 30, 1908 - Poplar Bluff, MO - baptism
July 30, 1908 - Poplar Bluff, MO - baptism
August 27, 1908 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
August 27, 1908 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
August 31, 1908 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
September 21, 1908 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
September 28, 1908 - St. Louis, MO - marriage
October 14, 1908 - Norway, MI - baptism
October 26, 1908 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
October 26, 1908 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
October 26, 1908 - Ironwood, MI - marriage
November 2, 1908 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
November 9, 1908 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
November 18, 1908 - Rugby, ND - baptism
November 21, 1908 - Rugby, ND - baptism
November 22, 1908 - Rugby, ND - baptism
November 30, 1908 - Williston, ND - baptism
November 30, 1908 - Williston, ND - baptism
December 3, 1908 - New Rockford, ND - baptism
December 7, 1908 - McClusky, ND - baptism
December 7, 1908 - McClusky, ND - baptism
December 14, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 14, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 14, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism

December 16, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 16, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 18, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 18, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism - *passed away 8 days after baptism.*
December 18, 1908 - Wichita, KS - baptism

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67 baptisms in 1908
6 marriages in 1908

At least 13 states visited in 1908: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Wisconsin.

At least 32 pastoral visitations in 1908.

1909

January 6, 1909 - Kearney, NE - baptism
January 8, 1909 - Kearney, NE - baptism
January 11, 1909 - Kearney, NE - baptism
January 18, 1909 - Lincoln, NE - marriage
January 25, 1909 - Kearney, NE - baptism
February 4, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - marriage
February 5, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
February 11, 1909 - Lexington, NE - baptism
February 11, 1909 - Lexington, NE - baptism
February 15, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
February 15, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
April 26, 1909 - Trinidad, CO - baptism
April 28, 1909 - Trinidad, CO - baptism
May 3, 1909 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
May 3, 1909 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
May 3, 1909 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
May 5, 1909 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
May 5, 1909 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
May 5, 1909 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
May 7, 1909 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
May 17, 1909 - Kearney, NE - baptism
May 21, 1909 - Clinton, IA - funeral
June 1, 1909 - Springfield, IA - baptism
June 8, 1909 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
June 13, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

June 14, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
June 14, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
June 14, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
June 14, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

June 21, 1909 - Omaha, NE - baptism
June 24, 1909 - Omaha, NE - baptism
June 24, 1909 - Omaha, NE - baptism
June 24, 1909 - Omaha, NE - baptism

June 25, 1909 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism

June 29, 1909 - Omaha, NE - baptism

July 5, 1909 - Kearney, NE - baptism

July 9, 1909 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

July 12, 1909 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
July 12, 1909 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
July 13, 1909 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
July 13, 1909 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
July 17, 1909 - La Crosse, WI - marriage

August 9, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - funeral
August 15, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

September 1, 1909 - Kearney, NE - funeral

September 11, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
September 13, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
September 13, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

September 20, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
September 20, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
September 26, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
September 27, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

September 29, 1909 - Sioux City, IA - marriage

October 4, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism
October 4, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism
October 4, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism
October 5, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism
October 5, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism
October 11, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism
October 12, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism
October 13, 1909 - Rugby, ND - baptism

October 25, 1909 - Williston, ND - baptism
October 25, 1909 - Williston, ND - baptism

November 1, 1909 - McClusky, ND - marriage

November 2, 1909 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
November 2, 1909 - Denhoff, ND - baptism

November 5, 1909 - Sykeston, ND - baptism

November 5, 1909 - Sykeston, ND - baptism

November 10, 1909 - Crystal Valley, MI - baptism

November 10, 1909 - Crystal Valley, MI - baptism

November 21, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

November 22, 1909 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

November 25, 1909 - Chicago, IL - baptism

November 29, 1909 - Cairo, IL - baptism

December 2, 1909 - Lutesville, MO - baptism

December 3, 1909 - Grantsville, MO - baptism

December 12, 1909 - Wichita, KS - marriage

December 14, 1909 - Wichita, KS - baptism

December 18, 1909 - Wichita, KS - baptism

December 18, 1909 - Wichita, KS - baptism

December 18, 1909 - Wichita, KS - baptism

Undated - Kearney, NE - *listed in baptismal record as having died*

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72 baptisms in 1909

7 marriages in 1909

3 funerals in 1909

At least 10 states visited in 1909: Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 38 pastoral visitations in 1909.

1910

January 3, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 6, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 6, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 8, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 10, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 26, 1910 - Kearney, NE - funeral

February 14, 1910 - Kearney, NE - funeral - *received communion before death*

March 24, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

April 25, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - marriage

April 26, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - marriage

April 26, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

April 27, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

April 27, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

May 2, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - marriage

May 4, 1910 - O'Neill, NE - marriage

May 9, 1910 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
 May 9, 1910 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
 May 9, 1910 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism

 May 12, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 May 16, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 May 16, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 May 16, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 May 16, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
 May 16, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
 May 16, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
 May 17, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

 May 19, 1910 - Winchester, IA - baptism
 May 19, 1910 - Winchester, IA - baptism

 June 20, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 June 20, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

 June 27, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

 July 4, 1910 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 5, 1910 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 5, 1910 - La Crosse, WI - marriage

 July 18, 1910 - Iron Mountain, MI - baptism

 August 1, 1910 - Cambridge, KS - baptism
 August 2, 1910 - Cambridge, KS - baptism
 August 3, 1910 - Cambridge, KS - baptism
 August 4, 1910 - Cambridge, KS - baptism

 August 12, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 August 12, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 August 15, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 August 20, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 August 22, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 August 22, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 August 22, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - marriage
 September 1, 1910 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

 September 10, 1910 - Omaha, NE - baptism

 September 12, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
 September 14, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 September 14, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 September 14, 1910 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

 September 17, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 September 17, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 September 18, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 September 19, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 September 19, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 September 19, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - marriage

September 21, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

September 21, 1910 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

October 24, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

October 24, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

October 27, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

October 31, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 2, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 2, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 3, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 3, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 3, 1910 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 13, 1910 - Williston, ND - baptism

November 21, 1910 - Williston, ND - marriage

November 27, 1910 - Dilworth, MN - baptism

November 27, 1910 - Dilworth, MN - baptism

November 28, 1910 - Dilworth, MN - marriage

December 14, 1910 - New London, WI - marriage

December 15, 1910 - New London, WI - baptism

December 16, 1910 - Appleton, WI - baptism

December 21, 1910 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

December 26, 1910 - Kearney, NE - baptism

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63 baptisms in 1910

14 marriages in 1910

2 funerals in 1910

At least 7 states visited in 1910: Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 22 pastoral visitations in 1910.

1911

January 6, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 8, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 8, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 8, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 9, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 9, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 10, 1911 - Overton, NE - baptism

January 14, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 16, 1911 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 19, 1911 - Oronoque, KS - marriage

February 19, 1911 - Kearney, NE - funeral - *Simon Elias Yanney, 55 years old, received communion before death*

March 2, 1911 - Terra Haute, IN - funeral

April 20, 1911 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage

April 23, 1911 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

April 23, 1911 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

April 25, 1911 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

April 27, 1911 - Albert Lea, MN - baptism

April 27, 1911 - Albert Lea, MN - baptism

April 27, 1911 - Albert Lea, MN - baptism

May 1, 1911 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

May 8, 1911 - Omaha, NE - baptism

May 8, 1911 - Omaha, NE - baptism

May 8, 1911 - Omaha, NE - baptism

May 22, 1911 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

May 27, 1911 - Ironwood, MI - funeral

June 7, 1911 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

June 7, 1911 - Ironwood, MI - marriage

June 12, 1911 - Crystal Valley, MI - baptism

June 12, 1911 - Crystal Valley, MI - baptism

June 20, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

June 24, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

June 25, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

June 25, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - marriage

June 26, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - marriage

June 27, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - marriage

June 29, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

July 2, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

July 2, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

July 2, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

July 6, 1911 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

July 6, 1911 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

July 11, 1911 - Shannondale, IN - baptism

July 15, 1911 - Terra Haute, IN - baptism

July 17, 1911 - Terra Haute, IN - baptism

July 18, 1911 - Terra Haute, IN - baptism

July 21, 1911 - Cairo, IL - baptism

July 24, 1911 - Cabool, MO - baptism

July 26, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism

Lost information - Wichita, KS - baptism

July 31, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism

July 31, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 August 4, 1911 - Marena, OK - baptism
 August 15, 1911 - Trinidad, CO - baptism
 August 18, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 18, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 18, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 21, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 21, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 Undated - Walsenburg, CO - *listed in baptismal record as having died*
 August 21, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 21, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 21, 1911 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 September 11, 1911 - Kearney, NE - marriage
 September 18, 1911 - Lexington, NE - baptism
 September 25, 1911 - Omaha, NE - baptism - *listed as passing away in 1915*¹²
 October 7, 1911 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 October 9, 1911 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 October 16, 1911 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 October 16, 1911 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 October 26 1911 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 November 2, 1911 - Williston, ND - *baptized, then passed away*¹³
 November 5, 1911 - Williston, ND - *baptized, then passed away*
 November 6, 1911 - Williston, ND - baptism
 November 6, 1911 - Williston, ND - baptism
 November 8, 1911 - Williston, ND - baptism
 November 12, 1911 - Williston, ND - baptism
 November 12, 1911 - Williston, ND - baptism
 November 13, 1911 - Williston, ND - baptism
 November 19, 1911 - McClusky, ND - baptism
 November 20, 1911 - McClusky, ND - baptism
 November 21, 1911 - McClusky, ND - baptism
 November 22, 1911 - McClusky, ND - baptism
 November 23, 1911 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 23, 1911 - Denhoff, ND - baptism

¹² By the way that Father Nicola has this baptism and death date listed, it is clear that he compiled his final sacramental records at a later date using notes. While we have his two sacramental record books - one for baptisms and one for marriages and funerals - we have yet to find the original notes he used to compile these books. This fact becomes important when we examine 1918.

¹³ At this point in Father Nicola's sacramental records, it appears that he changed the manner in which he listed those who had died after baptism. Before this point, he simply lists the person who has passed away in his baptismal records. From this point on, he lists the person as having been baptized, then passing away. Because of the consistency in his listings regarding this matter both previous to this date and following this date, it is clear that those previously listed as having passed away had been baptized.

November 24, 1911 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 24, 1911 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 26, 1911 - St. Paul, MN - funeral - *received communion before death*
 November 29, 1911 - Denhoff, ND - marriage
 December 2, 1911 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
 December 3, 1911 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
 December 4, 1911 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
 December 9, 1911 - New London, WI - *baptized, then passed away*
 December 12, 1911 - La Crosse, WI - marriage
 December 18, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 December 18, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 December 19, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 December 21, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 December 21, 1911 - Wichita, KS - baptism

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85 baptisms in 1911
 9 marriages in 1911
 4 funerals in 1911

At least 12 states visited in 1911: Colorado, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin.

At least 35 pastoral visitations in 1911

❧ 1912 ❧

January 8, 1912 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
 January 8, 1912 - Gothenburg, NE - marriage
 January 9, 1912 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 January 9, 1912 - Kearney, NE - *baptized, then passed away*
 January 11, 1912 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 January 12, 1912 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 January 15, 1912 - Burden KS - baptism
 January 15, 1912 - Burden KS - baptism
 January 16, 1912 - Cambridge, KS - baptism
 January 17, 1912 - Cambridge, KS - baptism
 January 18, 1912 - Burden, KS - baptism
 January 19, 1912 - St. Joseph, MO - baptism
 January 22, 1912 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 January 22, 1912 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 January 22, 1912 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

January 23, 1912 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 January 27, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 January 27, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 January 27, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 January 27, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 January 27, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 January 27, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 January 29, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - marriage
 January 31, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - funeral
 February 1, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 February 1, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 February 2, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 February 3, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - *baptized, then passed away*
 February 5, 1912 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 February 5, 1912 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 May 5, 1912 - Kearney, NE - marriage
 May 20, 1912 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 June 9, 1912 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 10, 1912 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 10, 1912 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 11, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - funeral
 June 22, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 June 23, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 June 24, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 June 26, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 7, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 10, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 July 10, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 August 1, 1912 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 August 5, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - marriage
 August 6, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 August 24, 1912 - Appleton, WI - baptism
 September 2, 1912 - Kearney, NE - funeral
 September 4, 1912 - Ironwood, MI - *baptized, then passed away*
 September 15, 1912 - St. Paul, MN - chrismation (born in MN on December 12th, 1900)
 September 22, 1912 - Omaha, NE - funeral
 September 30, 1912 - Rugby, ND - baptism
 October 21, 1912 - Williston, ND - baptism
 October 26, 1912 - Williston, ND - baptism
 October 30, 1912 - Rugby, ND - baptism

November 1, 1912 - Williston, ND - funeral
 November 4, 1912 - McClusky, ND - baptized, *then passed away*
 November 8, 1912 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 8, 1912 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 9, 1912 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 11, 1912 - Denhoff, ND - baptism
 November 14, 1912 - Fargo, ND - baptism
 November 25, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 November 29, 1912 - La Crosse, WI - marriage
 December 2, 1912 - Cadott, WI - baptism
 December 12, 1912 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 December 12, 1912 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 December 16, 1912 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 December 17, 1912 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
 December 18, 1918 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 December 18, 1918 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 December 20, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 December 20, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 December 20, 1912 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 December 31, 1912 - Kearney, NE - funeral

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62 baptisms in 1912
 1 chrismation in 1912
 6 marriages in 1912
 6 funerals in 1912

At least 8 states visited in 1912: Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 34 pastoral visitations in 1912.

❧ 1913 ❧

January 3, 1913 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
 January 3, 1913 - Lexington, NE - baptism
 January 6, 1913 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 January 6, 1913 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 January 11, 1913 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
 January 12, 1913 - Dilworth, MN - marriage
 January 17, 1913 - St. Paul, MN - marriage
 January 22, 1913 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

January 23, 1913 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
January 23, 1913 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

January 27, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
January 27, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
January 27, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
January 27, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
January 27, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
January 27, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
January 27, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
January 28, 1913 - O'Neill, NE - marriage

February 9, 1913 - Wichita, KS - baptism
February 9, 1913 - Wichita, KS - baptism
February 10, 1913 - Wichita, KS - baptism
February 10, 1913 - Wichita, KS - baptism
February 10, 1913 - Wichita, KS - baptism
February 11, 1913 - Wichita, KS - baptism
February 11, 1913 - Wichita, KS - baptism

February 12, 1913 - Alton, KS - baptism
February 12, 1913 - Alton, KS - baptism
February 12, 1913 - Alton, KS - baptism

February 13, 1913 - Waynoka, OK - baptism
February 14, 1913 - Waynoka, OK - baptism
February 14, 1913 - Waynoka, OK - baptism
February 15, 1913 - Waynoka, OK - baptism
February 15, 1913 - Waynoka, OK - baptism
February 15, 1913 - Waynoka, OK - baptism

February 17, 1913 - Cambridge, KS - baptism
February 17, 1913 - Cambridge, KS - baptism

February 20, 1913 - St. Joseph, MO - baptism
February 22, 1913 - Newcastle, NE - baptism

Undated - Sioux City, IA - *baptized, then passed away*
February 25, 1913 - Sioux City, IA - funeral - *received communion before death*

March 3, 1913 - Kearney, NE - baptism
April 21, 1913 - Kearney, NE - baptism
April 29, 1913 - Wagner, SD - baptism

April 30, 1913 - Lake Andes, SD - baptism
April 30, 1913 - Lake Andes, SD - baptism
April 30, 1913 - Lake Andes, SD - baptism
April 30, 1913 - Lake Andes, SD - baptism

May 1, 1913 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
May 1, 1913 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
May 1, 1913 - Sioux City, IA - baptism

May 12, 1913 - New London, WI - marriage
 May 20, 1913 - Ironwood, MI - funeral
 May 26, 1913 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 June 9, 1913 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 June 17, 1913 - Sioux City, IA - funeral - *murdered by an American*
 June 20, 1913 - Thompson, IA - marriage
 June 21, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 22, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 22, 1913 - Omaha, NE - marriage
 June 23, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 23, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 23, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 23, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 23, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 24, 1913 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 June 27, 1913 - Joice, IA - baptism
 June 27, 1913 - Joice, IA - baptism
 June 30, 1913 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 June 30, 1913 - Thompson, IA - baptism
 July 2, 1913 - town unknown - baptism
 July 2, 1913 - Albert Lea, MN - baptism
 July 5, 1913 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 5, 1913 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 5, 1913 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 7, 1913 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 14, 1913 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 14, 1913 - La Crosse, WI - marriage
 July 28, 1913 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 July 28, 1913 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 July 29, 1913 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 July 31, 1913 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 August 1, 1913 - Cairo, IL - baptism
 August 4, 1913 - Blytheville, AR - baptism
 August 5, 1913 - Blytheville, AR - baptism
 August 15, 1913 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 August 18, 1913 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 18, 1913 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 18, 1913 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 20, 1913 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 August 27, 1913 - Trinidad, CO - baptism
 August 27, 1913 - Trinidad, CO - baptism
 August 27, 1913 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

August 27, 1913 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

August 27, 1913 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

August 27, 1913 - Trinidad, CO - baptism

October 21, 1913 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism

October 22, 1913 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism

October 22, 1913 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism

October 24, 1913 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism

November 12, 1913 - Kearney, NE - marriage

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88 baptisms in 1913

8 marriages in 1913

3 funerals in 1913

At least 12 states visited in 1913: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 37 pastoral visitations in 1913.

❧ 1914 ❧

January 5, 1914 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 6, 1914 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 6, 1914 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 7, 1914 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 7, 1914 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 8, 1914 - Shattuck, OK - baptism

January 8, 1914 - Shattuck, OK - baptism

January 8, 1914 - Shattuck, OK - baptism

January 9, 1914 - Shattuck, OK - baptism

January 12, 1914 - Fargo, OK - baptism

January 12, 1914 - Fargo, OK - baptism

January 15, 1914 - Allen, OK - baptism

January 15, 1914 - Allen, OK - baptism

January 15, 1914 - Allen, OK - baptism

January 16, 1914 - Ringwood, OK - baptism

January 16, 1914 - Ringwood, OK - baptism

January 19, 1914 - Oklahoma City, OK - baptism

January 19, 1914 - Oklahoma City, OK - chrismation (born on December 11, 1913)

January 20, 1914 - Oklahoma City, OK - baptism

January 20, 1914 - Oklahoma City, OK - baptism

January 20, 1914 - Oklahoma City, OK - baptism

January 21, 1914 - Oklahoma City, OK - baptism

January 21, 1914 - Oklahoma City, OK - baptism

January 26, 1914 - Krebs, OK - baptism

January 26, 1914 - Krebs, OK - baptism
 January 26, 1914 - Krebs, OK - baptism
 January 28, 1914 - Henryetta, OK - baptism
 January 28, 1914 - Henryetta, OK - baptism
 January 30, 1914 - Kiefer, OK - baptism
 January 30, 1914 - Kiefer, OK - baptism
 February 4, 1914 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 February 9, 1914 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
 February 9, 1914 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
 February 10, 1914 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism
 February 12, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - marriage
 February 15, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 February 16, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - *baptized, then passed away*
 February 16, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 February 16, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - chrismation (born on October 26, 1898)
 February 17, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 April 13, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 April 28, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - funeral
 April 30, 1914 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 May 4, 1914 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
 May 4, 1914 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
 May 4, 1914 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
 May 4, 1914 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
 May 4, 1914 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
 May 4, 1914 - O'Neill, NE - baptism
 May 11, 1914 - Rushville, NE - baptism
 May 11, 1914 - Rushville, NE - baptism
 May 11, 1914 - Rushville, NE - baptism
 May 11, 1914 - Rushville, NE - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 15, 1914 - Millboro, SD - baptism
 May 21, 1914 - Ellerth, MN - baptism
 May 21, 1914 - Ellerth, MN - baptism

May 26, 1914 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 May 26, 1914 - La Crosse, WI - chrismation (born on July 31, 1909)
 May 26, 1914 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 May 27, 1914 - La Crosse, WI - marriage

 June 5, 1914 - New London, WI - baptism
 June 9, 1914 - Fon Du Lac, WI - baptism
 June 15, 1914 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism
 July 6, 1914 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 July 6, 1914 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 July 6, 1914 - Omaha, NE - baptism
 August 6, 1914 - Grand Island, NE - baptism
 August 6, 1914 - Grand Island, NE - baptism
 August 8, 1914 - Kearney, NE - funeral
 August 10, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 August 20, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 August 24, 1914 - Des Moines, IA - baptism
 August 25, 1914 - Des Moines, IA - baptism
 August 27, 1914 - Sergeant Bluff, IA - baptism
 August 27, 1914 - Sergeant Bluff, IA - marriage
 September 11, 1914 - Kearney, NE - marriage
 September 17, 1914 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage
 September 18, 1914 - Sergeant Bluff, IA - baptism
 October 12, 1914 - Gothenburg, NE - marriage
 October 13, 1914 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
 October 13, 1914 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
 October 13, 1914 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
 October 19, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 October 19, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 October 26, 1914 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 October 26, 1914 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 October 26, 1914 - Walsenburg, CO - baptism
 October 26, 1914 - Walsenburg, CO - marriage
 November 2, 1914 - Trinidad, CO - baptism
 November 4, 1914 - Trinidad, CO - baptism
 November 5, 1914 - Walsenburg, CO - marriage
 November 16, 1914 - Dilworth, MN - marriage
 November 22, 1914 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 November 23, 1914 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 November 23, 1914 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

November 24, 1914 - Ironwood, MI - chrismation (born on April 12, 1892)

November 30, 1914 - Ironwood, MI - baptism

December 7, 1914 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

December 14, 1914 - La Crosse, WI - baptism

December 21, 1914 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

December 21, 1914 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

December 28, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism

December 28, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism

December 28, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism

December 28, 1914 - Kearney, NE - baptism

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100 baptisms in 1914

4 chrismations in 1914

9 marriages in 1914

2 funerals in 1914

At least 9 states visited in 1914: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 41 pastoral visitations in 1914.

1915

January 7, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 10, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 11, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 11, 1915 - Wichita, KS - chrismation (born in St. Joseph, MO on January 11, 1914)

January 11, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 11, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 12, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 12, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 12, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 14, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 15, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism

January 18, 1915 - Cambridge, KS - baptism

January 18, 1915 - Cambridge, KS - baptism

January 19, 1915 - Burden, KS - baptism

January 19, 1915 - Burden, KS - baptism

January 20, 1915 - Waynoka, OK - baptism

January 21, 1915 - Waynoka, OK - baptism

January 21, 1915 - Waynoka, OK - baptism

January 22, 1915 - Fargo, OK - baptism

January 27, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism

January 27, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
 February 1, 1915 - Atkinson, NE - baptism
 February 1, 1915 - Atkinson, NE - baptism
 February 4, 1915 - Bassett, NE - baptism
 February 4, 1915 - Bassett, NE - baptism
 March 8, 1915 - Houtzdale, PA - chrismation (born on January 15, 1900)
 March 8, 1915 - Houtzdale, PA - chrismation (born on January 19, 1902)
 March 15, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 April 12, 1915 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 April 12, 1915 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 April 30, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 May 17, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 May 17, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 May 18, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 May 18, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 May 18, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 May 19, 1915 - Sergeant Bluff, IA - baptism
 May 24, 1915 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 May 24, 1915 - St. Paul, MN - baptism
 May 31, 1915 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
 June 14, 1915 - New London, WI - baptism
 June 17, 1915 - New London, WI - baptism
 June 18, 1915 - New London, WI - marriage
 June 28, 1915 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 June 28, 1915 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 June 28, 1915 - La Crosse, WI - chrismation (born in La Crosse, WI on January 12, 1905)
 June 29, 1915 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
 July 2, 1915 - Grand Island, NE - baptism
 July 16, 1915 - Sioux City, IA - baptism
 August 9, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 August 23, 1915 - Gregory, SD - baptism
 August 23, 1915 - Gregory, SD - baptism
 August 30, 1915 - Overton, NE - baptism
 September 6, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 September 6, 1915 - Kearney, NE - baptism
 September 13, 1915 - Wichita, KS - baptism
 September 21, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
 September 21, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
 September 22, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism

September 22, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 22, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 22, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 22, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 22, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 22, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 23, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 24, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 24, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 25, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 27, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 27, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
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September 27, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 28, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 28, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
September 28, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 1, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 1, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 2, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 2, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 3, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
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October 4, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 5, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 6, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 6, 1915 - Brinkman, OK - baptism
October 9, 1915 - Kearney, NE - funeral
November 4, 1915 - Grand Island, NE - baptism
November 15, 1915 - Josselyn, NE - baptism
November 15, 1915 - Josselyn, NE - baptism
November 15, 1915 - Josselyn, NE - baptism
November 29, 1915 - Rugby, ND - baptism
December 6, 1915 - Williston, ND - baptism
December 9, 1915 - Williston, ND - baptism
December 9, 1915 - Williston, ND - baptism
December 13, 1915 - Williston, ND - baptism

December 16, 1915 - town unknown, ND - marriage

December 16, 1915 - McClusky, ND - baptism

December 16, 1915 - Denhoff, ND - baptism

December 16, 1915 - McClusky, ND - baptism

December 19, 1915 - Dickinson, ND - baptism

December 21, 1915 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

December 22, 1915 - Sergeant Bluff, IA - baptism

December 31, 1915 - Tryon, NE - baptism

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105 baptisms in 1915

4 chrismations in 1915

2 marriages in 1915

1 funeral in 1915

At least 10 states visited in 1915: Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 39 pastoral visitations in 1915.

❧ 1916 ❧

January 1, 1916 - Tryon, NE - baptism

January 10, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 10, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 10, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 10, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 10, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism

January 20, 1916 - Sioux City, IA - marriage

January 24, 1916 - Kearney, NE - funeral

January 25, 1916 - Omaha, NE - funeral

January 31, 1916 - Thompson, IA - marriage

February 1, 1916 - Thompson, IA - baptism

February 5, 1916 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

February 7, 1916 - Cedar Rapids, IA - baptism

February 14, 1916 - Cedar Rapids, IA - marriage

April 3, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism

April 12, 1916 - Fort Dodge, IA - baptism

June 5, 1916 - Millboro, SD - baptism

June 5, 1916 - Millboro, SD - baptism

June 5, 1916 - Millboro, SD - baptism

June 5, 1916 - Springview, NE - baptism
June 21, 1916 - Kearney, NE - marriage
July 2, 1916 - Omaha, NE - baptism
July 2, 1916 - Omaha, NE - baptism
July 3, 1916 - Omaha, NE - baptism
July 24, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism
August 21, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism
September 4, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism
September 29, 1916 - Kearney, NE - baptism
October 19, 1916 - New London, WI - marriage
October 20, 1916 - New London, WI - baptism
October 29, 1916 - Ironwood, MI - marriage - *Elias al-Khoury Yanney and Mary Abraham*
November 20, 1916 - Rugby, ND - marriage
December 4, 1916 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
December 6, 1916 - La Crosse, WI - baptism
December 12, 1916 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 12, 1916 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 13, 1916 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 16, 1916 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 18, 1916 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 18, 1916 - Wichita, KS - baptism
December 20, 1916 - Omaha, NE - baptism

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32 baptisms in 1916
7 marriages in 1916
2 funeral in 1916

At least 7 states visited in 1916: Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.

At least 20 pastoral visitations in 1916.

🎀 1917 🎀

January 11, 1917 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
January 12, 1917 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
January 15, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
January 22, 1917 - St. Paul, MN - marriage
February 5, 1917 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
February 20, 1917 - Gothenburg, NE - baptism
February 26, 1917 - Able, CO - baptism

February 26, 1917 - Able, CO - baptism
February 27, 1917 - Able, CO - baptism
February 27, 1917 - Able, CO - baptism
February 27, 1917 - Able, CO - baptism
March 5, 1917 - Sioux City, IA - funeral
March 22, 1917 - Iron Mountain, MI - funeral
April 9, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
April 23, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
April 25, 1917 - Tryon, NE - baptism
April 25, 1917 - Tryon, NE - baptism
April 25, 1917 - Tryon, NE - baptism
April 25, 1917 - Tryon, NE - baptism
June 4, 1917 - Ironwood, MI - baptism
June 25, 1917 - Houtzdale, PA - baptism
July 23, 1917 - Dothan, AL - baptism
August 8, 1917 - Marion, IL - baptism
August 10, 1917 - Cairo, IL - baptism
August 20, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
August 27, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
August 27, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
August 29, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
September 3, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
September 3, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
September 17, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
September 19, 1917 - Kearney, NE - *baptized, then passed away two days later*
September 21, 1917 - Newport, NE - funeral
October 1, 1917 - Kearney, NE - baptism
October 22, 1917 - New London, WI - baptism
October 29, 1917 - Rugby, ND - baptism
November 11, 1917 - Bismark, ND - baptism
November 12, 1917 - Bismark, ND - baptism
November 12, 1917 - Bismark, ND - baptism
November 15, 1917 - Fargo, ND - baptism
November 15, 1917 - Fargo, ND - baptism
November 18, 1917 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
November 19, 1917 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
November 19, 1917 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
November 19, 1917 - Dilworth, MN - baptism
December 4, 1917 - St. Paul, MN - baptism

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42 baptisms in 1917
1 marriage in 1917
3 funerals in 1917

At least 10 states visited in 1917: Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin.

At least 24 pastoral visitations in 1917.

❧ 1918 ❧

January 3, 1918 - Kearney, NE - funeral
January 7, 1918 - Kearney, NE - baptism
October 2, 1918 - Wichita, KS - funeral

Father Nicola kept two separate books of sacramental registry: one for baptisms, and a second for marriages and funerals. It is evident from examining Father Nicola's sacramental records that he often copied baptisms and chrismations into his permanent record book from another source at a later date (sometimes several years later). From the records we do have, he made his last entries in his baptismal book in early January 1918 while at home in Kearney. As of yet, we have not found his original sacramental notes, so we do not have the full list of baptisms and chrismations for this year. It is also evident from the pattern of his journeys that his missionary trips included more community visitations than are listed above.



Father Nicola Yanney standing with Sam Shada (left) before the front steps of the original St. George Orthodox Church building.