

O who loves Nicholas the Saintly
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly
Him will Nicholas receive
And give help in time of need
Holy Father Nicholas



O kto kto Nikolaja l'ubit
O kto kto Nikolaja služit
Tomu svajatyj Nikolaj
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

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September 11, 2016

12th Sunday after Pentecost – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Forerunner of Christ

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 19:16-26 **Tropar & Kondak:** p 142

WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

SERVICES TODAY: THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN & TEACHERS

– Before the beginning of Divine Liturgy at 10AM, all children and all teachers are encouraged to come forward and receive a special blessing for the beginning of the school year. We ask God's protection for them as they go off to school, that they may return home safely, and that they may be uplifting of others and blessed in their own achievements in order that they may use them to glorify God & His will.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – Following Divine Liturgy, in recognition of the 15th anniversary of the falling asleep of victims of the 9/11 attacks in 2001, there will be singing and the celebration of a Parastas as we continue to ask God's care for the fallen victims, that they may abide in *"a place of light where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting."*

SERVICES NEXT WEEK: There will be a 40-Day Parastas offered in Memory of +Olga Petrick by her husband John and family. There will also be a special Blessing for Vasil & Anna Kormanik as they leave to reside in Slovakia.

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Anna Benyo, Walter Bubniak, Ernie Canovas, Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Priest Vasyi Dovgan, Mary Fackovec, John Geida, Priest James Gleason, Michael Halama, Magdalena Ilanovska, Helen Karpiak, Betty Kormanik, Priest Elias Kozar, Pani Ann Kozar, Anna Mamrillova, Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Sean Merriam, Deacon Michael Pirich, John Salony, Toni Sikoryak, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Lorraine Vira, Victoria Vislocky, & Mary Zizik. **Continued prayers for the families & all the loved ones of those who have fallen asleep as a result of the 9/11 attacks.** Contact Fr. William to add or remove names: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to Michael Tymus, John Beskid, Nicole Vanatko, Christopher McCormick, Olga Vanatko, Nick Timko, & Tatiana Halamova.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to Paul & Mary Federico, Michal & Jaroslava Derevjaniak, and Carlos & Iveta Canjura.



The Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist is a great honor we bestow upon the cousin of our Lord, who prepared the whole world, let alone Israel, for His coming. As he spoke prophetically of our Lord, at a certain moment he was prophetic of his own death: *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* (Jn 3:30). His death by way of the weakness and passing pleasure of King Herod, it was bittersweet for his own followers and for Christ. John's falling asleep allowed him to preach to those in Hades that Christ, the everlasting Hope, has come to take upon himself the world's sins!

O Holy Forerunner, pray to God for us!

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parish Board Meeting - Today

For those participating, please grab your coffee or tea and make your way to the #2 Hall after Liturgy.

2. Jr. ACRY Meeting – Today

For those participating, please grab a quick snack from Coffee Hour and make your way to the meeting.

3. COFFEE HOUR: We are thankful today to members of the Altar Society who have put forward their time and resources for our first full Coffee Hour of the season! **PLEASE NOTE:** *The Beheading of St John the Baptist is a feast day of the Orthodox Church, and it is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint.*

This means that there will be no meat, nor food prepared or served with dairy products nor coffee offered with milk or half and half. Non-dairy substitutes will be available.

TEAM: No team this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 18th:

1. Due to anticipated absence by Fr. William on Sept. 25th, there will be two changes to normal events held the last week of the month:

- 1) The Children's sermon will be Sept. 18th.
- 2) The new High School Studies class will begin on Sept. 18th after Liturgy. As announced last week, Fr. William will meet with high school students for 45 minutes after Divine Liturgy. Starting next month, the class will convene on the last Sunday of the month.

2. COFFEE HOUR: There will be a Komašna offered by the Petrick Family for +Olga Petrick.

TEAM: BQE



Mediterranean lands because the summer harvest was completed, the crops were stored, and it was a time when people began preparing for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time for a new beginning. This is evident in the services for the New Year as the Church beseeches God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth.

"O Word of the Father from before the ages,

Who, being in the form of God, broughtest creation into being out of nothing;

Thou Who hast put the times and seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness; give peace unto Thy churches, victory unto Thy faithful hierarchs, fruitfulness unto the earth, and Great Mercy unto us."

FULL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Week of September 11th – 17th

SUNDAY, September 11th – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

- **FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
- **Memorial Service, in memory of the victims lost in the 9/11 attacks in 2001**
- **Blessing of Children & Teachers, Sunday School Program Begins**

Wed, September 14th – Divine Liturgy, 8 AM

- **ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR**

Fri, September 16th - Divine Liturgy, 8 AM

Sat, September 17th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

- **Great Vespers, 6 PM**

Week of September 18th – 24th

SUNDAY, September 18th – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

- **Parastas & Komašna** offered in memory of +Olga Petrick by Husband John Petrick & Family as a 40th Day memorial.
- **Blessing & Farewell** of Vasil & Anna Kormanik, who will be moving back to Slovakia

Wed, September 21st – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

- **NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

Fri, September 23rd – *No Services

Sat, September 24th - *No Services

Week of September 25th – October 1st

SUNDAY, September 25th – Deacon Service, 10 AM

- **Substitution made by Fr. Dn. Gregory Benc**

Note from Fr. William: If you would like anyone remembered during the course of these Divine Liturgies or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or email him at

fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It seems odd saying "Happy New Year" in September, but that's when the Church marks Her annual beginning. September 14th is the first day of the Liturgical calendar, the Ecclesiastical New Year (Indiction). There are three thoughts to the reason for this tradition. The first holds that Jesus of Nazareth began preaching the good news of His mission on September 14th. Tradition also holds that it was during the month of September that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land. And, the custom of beginning a new year with autumn was common in Biblical and

A LOOK AHEAD

By God's grace, we were blessed with a beautiful summer and hopefully, we have allowed ourselves that time to rest and recuperate. But the Church knows only ONE season, the season of the Lord, and our work continues! It is going to be a very busy and memorable few months at St. Nicholas Church. Here are some highlights:

September 25th – In Fr. William's absence, Deacon Gregory Benc will serve a Deacon service.

October 2nd – Altar Society Meeting – Please plan on attending this important meeting.

October 23rd – **Traffic Alert:** Bike MS – 30, 50 and 100 mile Routes cause traffic havoc on the Westside Highway, FDR and Palisades Parkway.

October 30th – Costume Parade & Halloween party

Nov 13th –Cookie Walk Kick-off Meeting. We will have a "New for 2016" cookie tasting and other fun events, especially for the St. Nicholas elves.

November 20th – Annual Kermeš
We have been gifted the presence of His Grace, our Bishop Gregory, who has joyously agreed to join us for our annual Kermeš. Eis Polla eti Despota! Many years, Master!



Dec 4th – Cookie Walk Hall Decorating & Dough Rolling Day

Dec 10-11th – 8th Annual Cookie Walk

Dec 18th - St. Nicholas Day Luncheon

NEWS FROM THE ACRY CONVENTION



Congratulations to Julia Timko, this year's Miss Jr. ACRY! Julia is also an officer of the JR ACRY.



26 people traveled to Austria, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia this past summer - a great time was had by all! Many new friendships developed and old ones got stronger. Those that traveled were not only from our parish, but also from St. Mary's Orthodox Church (E. 7th Street, NYC), the Byzantine Catholic Church of The Resurrection (Smithtown, NY), St. John Nepomucene Roman Catholic Church (E. 66th St., NYC), and other parishes in Baltimore, Boston, and Washington, DC. Where to next everyone asks!

BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Today, the Orthodox Church commemorates the martyrdom of the glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist, one of the most revered saints in the Orthodox Church. According to the Eastern Orthodox tradition, St. John the Baptist is both an Old Testament prophet and the first of the saints in the New Testament. He is the bridge between the period of Revelation and the New Covenant.

St. John the Baptist is a cousin of Christ through his mother, St. Elizabeth. He was born only six months before Christ as foretold by Archangel Gabriel and through prophesies, 700 years before. King Herod ordered the death of baby John. St. Zachariah, his father was killed protecting the whereabouts of his wife and child. St. Elizabeth died forty days later.

St. John spent his childhood living a simple life in the wilderness. It is said that, at the age of thirty, St. John started to preach on the banks of the river Jordan. He preached against the evils of the time. His only message was to repent, as the Lord was coming. He baptized many people. According to the Holy Scriptures, Christ also turned to John to attain baptism. St. John instantly recognized the Lord and proclaimed Him to be the Messiah. John baptized Christ, marking the beginning of His ministry. In turn, John inspired his followers to follow Christ.

After Christ's baptism, St. John the Baptist continued preaching in the Jordan valley. St. John's growing popularity came to the attention of King Herod Antipas, son of the late King Herod who ordered St. Zachariah killed. St. John the Baptist is said to have publically denounced Herod's adulterous and incestuous marriage to Herodias, the wife of his brother. He had St. John imprisoned and then beheaded, supposedly at the instigation of Herodias with her daughter, Salome believed to be the messenger of her mother's wishes. His death is estimated to be 29-30 AD.

If you want to grab God's attention so He'll hear you during prayer, turn the dial to humility, for God always works in this frequency; then humbly ask for His mercy.

Saint Paisios of Athos

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



May the lives remembered, the deeds recognized, and the spirit reawakened be eternal beacons, which reaffirm respect for life, strengthen our resolve to preserve freedom, and inspire an end to hatred, ignorance and intolerance.

Annual Church Picnic

Saint John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church

211 West Grand Ave, Rahway, NJ 07065



After the Liturgy from 11:30am - 3pm

GAMES for adults and children

PRIZES and MORE!

IT'S THAT TIME! PLEASE BRING IN EMPTY PAPER TOWEL TUBES

(to the kitchen)

Thank you to everyone who brought in empty paper towel rolls last year. The technique produced perfectly-shaped cookie slices.



Thanksgiving Food Drive



St. Nicholas Church collects food year round. Thank you for your continued generosity to this outreach program. Last year, we were assigned specific meal items in order to increase the number of families who received Thanksgiving meals. Please check back to this box for our appetizer, meal and dessert assignments.

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER, 2016

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
11 Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist <i>Divine Liturgy resuming at 10am, end of summer hours</i> 9/11 Memorial Service <i>Blessing of Children, Sunday School Resumes</i> Full Coffee Hour Resumes Parish Board Meeting Jr. ACRY Meeting		12/13	14 Ecclesiastical New Year <i>Divine Liturgy, 8am</i>	15	16 <i>Divine Liturgy, 8am</i>	17 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i> <i>Great Vespers, 6pm</i>
18 40-Day Parastas for +Olga Petrick Team BQE	19	20	21 Nativity of the Theotokos <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	22	23 *No Services	24 *No Services
25 <i>Deacon Service</i> The A Team	26	27 Elevation of the Cross <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	28 <i>Daily Matins, 8am</i>	29	30 <i>Daily Matins, 8am</i>	OCT 1 *No Liturgy <i>Great Vespers, 6pm</i>
2 Altar Society Meeting Team Kitchen Cousins	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Diocesan Sobor in Johnstown Team Slovakia & Poland	10	11	12	13	14 Protection of Mother of God	15
16 Annual DDD dinner Team Black & White	17	18	19	20	21	22

OCT 23 Traffic Alert: MS Bike Tour DIY Coffee Hour	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Costume Parade & Party Altar Society	31	NOV1	2	3	4	5 Cookie Dough Prep (tentative)
6 Traffic Alert: NYC Marathon DIY Coffee Hour	7	8	9	10	11	12 Cookie Walk Preparation – Stack House
13 Cookie Walk KICK-OFF Mtg. Team Koneval	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Annual Kermeš	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Cookie Dough Prep
27 Cookie Rolling DIY Coffee Hour	28 Nativity Fast Begins	29	30	DEC1	2	3
4 Hall Decoration Dough Preparation Team Tristate	5 Baking - Evening	6 Baking – All Day	7 Baking – All Day	8 Baking – All Day	9 Baking – am Plating - pm	10 Cookie Walk 11 - 4
11 Cookie Walk 12-3 DIY Coffee Hour	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	19 Feast of St. Nicholas	20	21	22	23	24
25 DIY Coffee Hour	26	27	28	29	30	31

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