



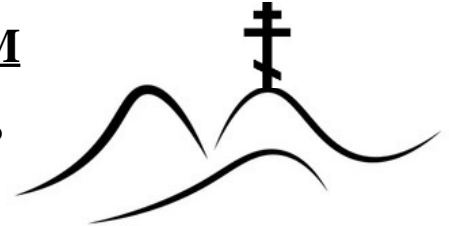
# ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE  
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE  
288 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10009



## Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9 AM

Pastor: Rev. Fr. William Bennett  
Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko  
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## WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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*At this time, we will livestream only for Lenten services, Saturday evening Vespers & Sunday morning Divine Liturgy.*  
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## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th, 2024: Holy Martyrs Anicetus & Photius**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-34 **Troparia:** p 48 (Tone 8)

***THE MARTYRS ANICETUS & PHOTIUS** were natives of the city of Nicomedia in modern-day Turkey of the Roman Empire. Anicetas was a Gov't Official who spoke against the Emperor for his open and his frequent executions of Christians. Photius was the nephew of Anicetas, who watched the consequent tortures of his uncle. In their situation, every ploy by the Emperor to execute them failed left & right. The swords broke, the fire failed to burn, the ropes broke, and the devouring lions fell tame at their feet. Upon seeing their example & the miracles, others joined with them and openly professed Christianity before accepting their deaths.*

**ANNUAL 9 AM SUMMER HOURS!** Sunday services will take place at 9 AM through Labor Day Weekend.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be distributed toward the end of Divine Liturgy for all repentant Orthodox Christian faithful who are prepared. *If you would like to make a bread offering for a Liturgy, please see Fr. William.*

**BLESSING OF FRUIT** will take place after Divine Liturgy in honor of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord during the previous week. Bring fruit to be blessed!

**MIROVANIJE (HOLY ANOINTING) & BLESSED BREAD** will be offered after Divine Liturgy for all faithful and visitors that morning. *May God grant you all many happy & blessed years!*

**PARASTAS** will be celebrated as a 1st Anniversary Remembrance for the servant of God +Frank Zizik, offered by brother Bob Zizik and Debra Zizik. *May his memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

**SUMMER “DIY” COFFEE HOUR** will take place after church services. It is a minimal summer spread, with coffee, drinks, and pre-packaged snacks. Any and all contributions you can bring will help, including any food and drinks you’re willing to bring and share yourself! And may God continue to bless our fellowship!

**OCF COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY:** Special prayers will be offered this day in the Divine Liturgy for all college students of the parish and those attending at nearby colleges, that God will bestow upon them His choicest blessings and strengthen, and may they use their talents for the glory of God. Though most students of the NYU OCF do not begin their classes yet, we will pray for them!

## **DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25th:**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th - FESTAL VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY @ 6 PM, DORMITION**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD @ 6 PM, W/ MEAL**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st - \*NO SERVICES (ACRY CONVENTION)**

## **NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2024:**

**HOLY BAPTISM** of Davion & Kaden Spontak will take place before Divine Liturgy at 8:30 AM. Come together to pray for them as they are received into God’s Holy Orthodox Church!

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## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WE ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE FLEMINGTON AREA FOOD PANTRY!** With the help and arrangement of Elizabeth Krzyzanowski, we are donating our food collection going forward toward the food pantry in Flemington, NY. The parish will continue to make a dedicated push, please look to purchase something extra on your next grocery trip and bring it to our food bin in the #2 Hall.

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES PRAYER LIST WAS RESET!** There is a birthday/anniversary form in the back of the church for the current church attending and their families. Please fill one out for you and your family to be prayed for in the Divine Liturgy each week when the special occasion comes around. The list was officially reset on Pascha Sunday, May 5th. Submit a copy to the office or hand directly to Fr. William.



## ON SPIRITUAL LIGHT

*A Portion of a Sermon on the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, by St. Luke of Crimea*

*On this great day, we commemorate the glorious **Transfiguration** of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, when He revealed to us the Divine light of His Countenance and His entire Being.*

*It is fitting for us to contemplate what spiritual light is. My sermon today will be about this spiritual light.*

*You all know how every living creature yearns for the sun, for the material light shining from the heavens. You know how every insect, every blade of grass, every leaf and flower always reaches toward the light. The sunlight, the material light, is known to all of you, and you all love it.*

*But do you all know that besides the sunlight, there is another great light, an immaterial light, a spiritual light? Do all of you yearn for this spiritual light?*

*Oh, how hard it is for me to say it, but no, not all of us—far from all. I would even go further to say that very few reach for it, while the vast majority of those living on earth have no need for spiritual light and do not wish to know anything about it. They only need material light and the blessings associated with it.*

*Moreover, I will clarify what I have said—that all living things reach for sunlight. No, I did not make a mistake—there are many nocturnal birds, animals, and insects that seek darkness and avoid sunlight; there are toads and worms, and fish that live in deep waters that do not perceive light.*

*There are also many people like them—unfortunate people who need not light, but darkness. For you know that all thieves and robbers, all fornicators and adulterers seek darkness; they do their dark deeds in the gloom, in the darkness of night. Light bothers them; light is unbearable to them, and they do not love it.*

*And if they do not even love material light, how much more unbearable for them is the spiritual light, the light that shone upon the world from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Well then, let them not endure it. But nevertheless, that Divine light which Christ revealed to us on **Mount Tabor** still shines and will never cease to shine.*

*Often, heavy, black clouds block out the heavenly sun. There are people who close their eyes to the sun, and there are also blind people who cannot see the light.*

*Concerning those who cannot bear spiritual light, the Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian spoke in his marvelous Gospel, speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Light that came into the world:*

*That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not (Jn 1:9–11).*

*Oh, what terrifying words—His own received Him not.*

*But as many as received him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (Jn. 1:12).*

*And this Light shines, and it will shine forever, no matter how many people turn away from it, no matter how unnecessary this light seems to the world.*

*But in the eyes of the world, this light grows dimmer and dimmer. It shines in the heavens, but in human souls it grows dim, like the sunlight obscured by heavy clouds...*

*And the darkness grows ever thicker, and it frightens us, it frightens us when we see that this darkness reigns in the hearts of many people.*

*Outwardly, they seem well-off; they have everything—strength, vigor, beauty, an abundance of earthly fruits, and beautiful clothes—they have everything. It seems they are alive—but this only seems so because the darkness in their hearts is spiritual death. The words of Revelations can be said of them: Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead (Rev. 3:1).*

The words of the holy Apostle John the Theologian apply to them: *He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes (1 Jn. 2:9–11)...*

*(Taken from [www.orthochristian.com](http://www.orthochristian.com))*



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## ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

*Thank you to Matt Stack & Rich Vislocky for pulling this report together for the parish month after month. This provides a helpful snapshot of the financial health of the parish. The more we contribute, the more that becomes possible for as a parish family, with God's help. God bless what you do!*

### ***Income/Expense Report for July of 2024:***

<b><i>INCOME:</i></b>	<b><i>\$13,259</i></b>
<b><i>EXPENSES:</i></b>	<b><i>\$14,643</i></b>
<b><i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i></b>	<b><i>(\$1,384)</i></b>

### ***Income/Expense Report for the last 12 Months (August 2023 - July 2024)***

<b><i>INCOME:</i></b>	<b><i>\$212,397</i></b>
<b><i>EXPENSES:</i></b>	<b><i>\$278,936</i></b>
<b><i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i></b>	<b><i>(\$66,539)</i></b>





## **ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST**

*For additions or updates, please contact Fr. William directly: [fr.william.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:fr.william.bennett@gmail.com)*

**CONTINUOUS:** Matuska Olga Andrejuk, David Bulko, Kim Busel, Peter & Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Stephanie Downes, Mary & Tommy Fackovec, Gia Fazio, John Geida, Julius Gontkovsky, Olga Gubinski, Diana Hannan, Todd Henderson, Priest Joseph Hoffmann, Noah Homyak, Aleksandra Horbal, Luke Iera, Magdalena Ilanovska, Jana Johnson-Plutchok, Michael Kerr, Paul Koehler, Joanna Kolaczko, Maria Koneval, Michal Kormanik, Anka Ludwig, Alex & Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Stephanie McNellis, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, Christine & Rick Martines, Lucia Matišinova, Nadežda Bulikova Petrikova, Deacon Michael Pirich, Gregory Rydzyk, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, Paul Sikoryak Sr, Toni Sikoryak, George Sipko, Michael Slavkovsky, Miroslav Strenk, Katherine Tam, Nicholas Timko Sr, Teri Upton, Tim Upton, Marek Vattek, Ann Vislocky, Bill Vislocky, Sandy Wagner, Cathryn Walker, Dennis & Cathy Walsh, and Reader Bob & Debbie Zizik.

### **CATECHUMENS:**

Ricardo Sullivan	Nathan Deutsch
John Stutts	Daniel Lai
Rachel Soh Young Yi	Nathan Mandell

### **DIOCESAN CLERGY:**

Priest David Mastroberte  
Priest Luke Mihaly  
Protodeacon Emil Gulick

### **DEANERY CLERGY:**

Priest Alexandre Ioukliaevskikh (NY, NY)  
Priest David Kossey (Yonkers, NY), for his Health and Salvation  
Priest Andrew Gromm (Seaford, NY)

**SEMINARIANS:** Seamus Murray, Ignatios Leonardo, Nicholas Fong, Nicolas Laliberte, & Alexander Hurtsellers. The newly-graduated Nicholas Worobey, Samuel Loposky, & the Newly-Ordained Priest Timothy Paproski! *That God may grant them many more blessed years, and for more vocations to the Priesthood!*

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** May God bless all of our parish college students both near & far, and members of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), especially the NYU OCF & Rutgers OCF. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

**BIRTHDAYS:** May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially to Owen Drummond! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:**

For the Newly-Departed Servant of God +Nicholas Timko (Sr.)! *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

May God bless all of the travelers for the National ACRY Convention this coming weekend. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

## **O HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!**



# CHURCH SERVICE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

## AUG - SEPT 2024

\*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>AUG 25</b> <u>SUMMER HOURS</u> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM</i> - <i>Blessing of Fruit</i> - <i>Parastas for +Frank Zizik</i> - <b>OCF COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY</b>	26	27	28 <b>FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD</b> - <i>Moleben to the Mother of God @ 6 PM</i>	29	30 <b>NATIONAL ACRY CONVENTION</b>	31 <b>NATIONAL ACRY CONVENTION</b> - *No Services
<b>SEPT 1</b> <i>Baptism of Davion &amp; Kaden Spontak @ 8:30 AM</i> - <u>SUMMER HOURS</u> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM</i> - <i>Blessing of Flowers</i>	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4 - <i>Vespers, Meal, &amp; Scripture @ 6 PM</i>	5	6	7 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
<b>SEPT 8</b> <b>END OF SUMMER HOURS!</b> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Responses led by the Choir</i> - <i>Proskomedia</i> <i>Children's Sermon</i> - <i>Blessing of Backpacks, Students, &amp; Teachers</i> - <i>9/11 Panachida</i>	9	10	11 <b>BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> - <i>Vespers, Meal, &amp; Scripture @ 6 PM</i>	12	13	14 <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>

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