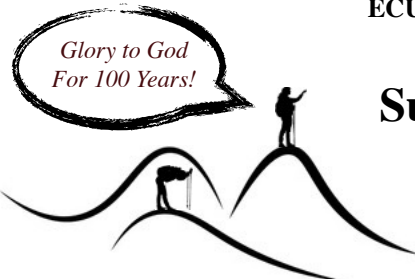




ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE
ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

288 E. 10th Street, New York, NY 10009



Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Fr. William Bennett

Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko

Asst. Cantor: Reader Robert Zizik

Hours: Reader Alexander Ioukliaevskikh

Church Phone #: 212-254-6685



Church Website: www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org Church Email: info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org

WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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

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

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 2025: THE PRODIGAL SON

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 **Gospel:** Luke 15:11-32 **Troparia:** p 41 (Tone 1), p 74 (Prodigal Son)

*THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON sets us up with a masterful theme to live out as we prepare and enter into the fasting season. The son in the parable is us, moving away from our heavenly Father in order to live as we so please and gaining exactly what separation from our Father merits. Suffering and death came into the world through sin, through separation from our Father, and only by returning to our Father through repentance and prayer can we enter into the saving grace of our Lord. The Kingdom of Heaven is our inheritance, freely given to His children, and we are called to enter into the repentant work, the very act of returning to our heavenly Father. If we do this repentant work in faith, asking forgiveness and humbling ourselves, we will be embraced as the son. **O Lord, save us!***

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.*

VENERATION OF THE HAND CROSS & BLESSED BREAD will be offered after Divine Liturgy for all faithful and visitors after Divine Liturgy. *May God grant you all many happy & blessed years!*

IOCC SPECIAL COLLECTION! Today, once more, in honor of last week's annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" by IOCC on Super Bowl Sunday, there will be a special collection taken up following the sermon to benefit the Flemington Area Food Pantry, who currently receives our week-to-week food donations. Also, please bring in non-perishable food items for the food bin! God bless all you can do!

COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy. A special thank you to everyone who makes it possible have coffee hour without fail, especially to our teams and Sunday regulars.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Dawn's Confession Class will meet as scheduled with student families; for pre-Confession children, there will be a brief lesson available downstairs on the stage with Stephanie, as she is able.

WEEKLY POST-CONFESSION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS @ 7 PM: Students will meet in the evening online with Fr. William for a 30-minute session with an activity and a lesson. Fr. William sent out an invitation to all parish families with students by email. If you did not receive that invitation, please contact Fr. William immediately.

DURING THE WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are continuing Vespers services on Wednesdays, followed by a brief meal and reading. We are continuing our study of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. Come!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd - +ALL SOULS DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH
- HOME BLESSINGS (*NO VESPERS)**

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025

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ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL MEETING will take place following Divine Liturgy. A reminder to please make sure all church members have their sacramental and financial affairs in order. See you there!

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.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
LOCATED AT 288 EAST 10TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10009**

The regular Annual Meeting of the St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church will be held on Sunday, ~~February 9, 2025~~, **February 23, 2025** at the regular Church Meeting Hall after Church services.

In addition to the regular, old and any new business, election of Church Officers and Trustees will also be held.

The outgoing Officers are:
outgoing Trustees are:

PRESIDENT - PAUL SIKORYAK
HORBAL
VICE PRESIDENT - JAN GAJDOS
TREASURER - RICH VISLOCKY
FINANCIAL SECRETARY - MAGDA MATLAK
RECORDING SECRETARY - DAWN KRZYZANOWSKI

The
BOGDAN

MAGDA MATLAK
TANYA MCAUSLAND
RICHARD VISLOCKY

Should you want to run for office or wish to nominate someone, it must be done before the meeting. A Nominations Committee consisting of Hector Fontanez, Bogdan Horbal, Lorraine Medvecky and Dawn Krzyzanowski has been established. If you are interested in running or nominating someone for the above referenced positions, contact the Committee as soon as possible.

Respectively Submitted,

Dawn Krzyzanowski
Recording Secretary

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
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The Board of Trustees and Officers of St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church are submitting the following proposal for discussion at the annual meeting to be held on Sunday, ~~February 9, 2025~~ **February 23, 2025**.

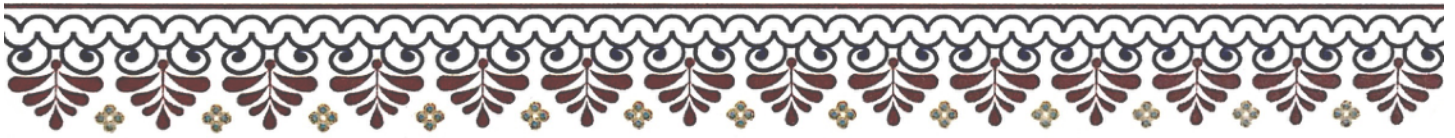
Proposal:

The Board, Officers and 100th Anniversary Committee have been preparing for our centennial celebration in November. At a recent meeting, a suggestion was made to clean the stain glass windows within the church proper. After considerable discussion, the board agreed to solicit quotes from companies who specifically perform church stain glass window repair, maintenance and restoration in the New York City vicinity. We received and evaluated several quotes before agreeing to present to the parish a proposal to clean and repair the 4 large stain glass windows and two smaller windows above the altar boy room and sacristy. The New Jersey based company who provided this proposal gave us a quote of \$13,159.

The Board and Officers are prepared to discuss this proposal in more detail and answer questions at the annual meeting. If the proposal proceeds to a parish vote and receives approval, the work would be completed prior to our 100th anniversary celebration.

Respectively Submitted,

Robert Zizik
Chairman of the Board of Trustees



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

CONTINUOUS: Matuska Olga Andrejuk, Mara Bennett, David Bulko, Kim Busel, Peter & Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Stephanie Downes, Mary Fackovec, Michael Fackovec, Tommy Fackovec, Gia Fazio, Priest Andrew Fetchina, 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, Alex & Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, Christine & Rick Martines, Lucia Matišinova, Troy Oset, Nadežda Bulikova Petrikova, Deacon Michael Pirich, Gregory Rydzyk, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, George & Ondrej Sikorjak, Paul Sikoryak Sr, Toni Sikoryak, George Sipko, Michael Slavkovsky, Miroslav Strenk, Katherine Tam, Teri Upton, Tim Upton, Marek Vattek, Ann Vislocky, Bill Vislocky, Sandy Wagner, Cathryn Walker, Dennis & Cathy Walsh, and Reader Bob & Debbie Zizik.

CATECHUMENS:

Maryam Gueye Christopher V.
Yoelvi Maria Isabel
Sidney Gdanski Samuel

EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Max & Melia Walker
Robert & Kristin Stack

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: The Newly-Ordained Seamus Murray, Ignatios Leonardo, Nicholas Fong, Nicolas Laliberte, Alexander Hurtsellers, & Joshua Horner. *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 & next week, especially to Jane Rusinak, Justina Chobor, John Stack, Vasi Bjeletich, & Kevin Rusinak! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

ANNIVERSARIES: May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their anniversaries this & next week, especially to Peter & Olga Vanatko! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!














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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

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

FEB - MAR 2025

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
FEB 16 <u>PRODIGAL SON</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Blessing of Candles	17	18	19 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	20	21	22 + <u>ALL SOULS</u> Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers
FEB 23 <u>LAST JUDGMENT/</u> <u>MEATFARE SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - ST. NICHOLAS CHOIR - ANNUAL MEETING	24	25	26 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	27	28	MAR 1 Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers - Pušćanja Krojova Zabava @ 8 PM
MAR 2 <u>FORGIVENESS/</u> <u>CHEESEFARE SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	3 Great Lent Begins!	4 Canon of St. Andrew of Crete @ 6 PM	5 Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite social to follow	6	7 Paraklis @ 7 PM	8 Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - Great Vespers @ 6 PM
MAR 9 <u>ORTHODOXY SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	10	11	12 Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite social to follow	13	14 Paraklis @ 7 PM	15 + <u>ALL SOULS</u> Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - Great Vespers @ 6 PM
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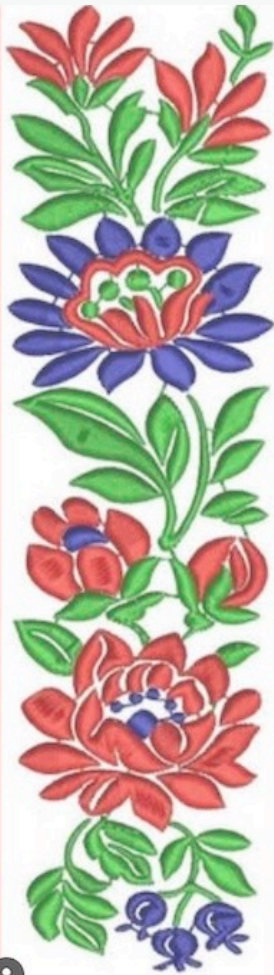
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St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church
cordially invites you to our

Puščaňa
Krojova Žabava
a Rusyn Prelenten Celebration

Saturday, March 1, 2025

St. Nicholas Church Hall

288 East 10th Street, New York City
Elevator entrance on Avenue A

8:00 PM - 2:00 AM

Music By: Vox Ethnika

Buffet Dinner, Desserts, Coffee,
Midnight Snack & Open Bar

Adults: \$125 Children 16 and under \$75

Tickets available through February 22, 2025

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FOR 100 YEARS!**

1925 - 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT

SAVE THE DATE:

NOV. 16th

100th Anniversary Celebration

HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY & BANQUET



May God grant many blessed years to Isabel & Samuel, who were received into the Catechumenate last week. Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!



Why Should the Kids Have All the Fun?

Join us for a spiritual and memorable Lenten Retreat weekend with fellow St. Nicholas parishioners at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA.

- Depart 10 AM on Friday, March 28th - Return on Sunday Evening, March 30th
- Convenient Pick-up/Drop-off Bus Transportation from Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 66 Beach Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866
- Spend time together for Religious Instruction, Faith Enrichment, Bible Study, Scavenger Hunt, Recreational Activities & Campfire
- \$150/pp (includes Bus Transportation & all Camp Meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday breakfast)

Sponsored by St. Nicholas of Myra Altar Society

Contact Father Will or Tanya McAusland for more information

