



ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE

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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

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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 2nd, 2025: ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10 **Troparia:** p 47 (Tone 7)

THE VENERABLE ST. EUTHYMIU**, also the saint of the day, was born to parents of Armenia who prayed long to have a child. At a young age, Euthymius's father died, leaving him to his mother who then helped him fulfill what had long been the plan for whatever child had been given to them: to join monastic orders. He went on to become a great monk of his time, reposing in 473 AD. **O Holy Euthymius, pray to God for 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!*

PANACHIDA will take place after Divine Liturgy for the handmaiden of God +Christina Markovic, offered by daughter Christina Bankovic. *May her memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*

PARASTAS will take place after Divine Liturgy for the servant of God +Michal Kormanik, offered by Jan Kormanik & Family as a 40th Day Remembrance. *May his memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!* **ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated by the Kormanik Family in memory of Michal.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will take place after services in the #2 Hall.

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 5th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are continuing Vespers services on Wednesdays, followed by a brief meal and reading. We will begin our study of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. Come!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th - BOARD MEETING @ 7 PM

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th ST, NYC
- HOME BLESSINGS (*NO VESPERS)**

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 9th, 2025

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IOCC SPECIAL COLLECTION! Next week, in honor of IOCC's annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" 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.

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COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy. Only Fr. William's class will meet that evening.

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.

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 last Pascha Sunday, May 5th. Submit a copy to the office or hand directly to Fr. William, if you haven't yet.

ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you to Matt Stack & Rich Vislocky again 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 December of 2024:

<i>INCOME:</i>	<i>\$30,414</i>
<i>EXPENSES:</i>	<i>\$18,253</i>
<i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i>	<i>\$12,161</i>

Income/Expense Report for the last 12 Months (Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2024)

<i>INCOME:</i>	<i>\$235,856</i>
<i>EXPENSES:</i>	<i>\$213,232</i>
<i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i>	<i>\$22,623</i>



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, 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:

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

The outgoing Trustees are:

BOGDAN HORBAL
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



Save the Date! Sign up Today!

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

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.

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



ON ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S "ON POVERTY AND WEALTH"

By Fr. George Florovsky

Chrysostom frequently spoke about poverty and wealth, themes which were set for him by life in the large, noisy city. For him, these and all other social themes had primarily a moral significance, and he dealt with them in relation to the rules of Christian behavior. He judged the life around him on the basis of its morality. Everywhere he saw injustice, cruelty, suffering, and misery, and he understood that this was caused by the spirit of greed and by social inequality. He warned against idle luxury and also against wealth as a source of temptation, since money threatens to corrupt the man who possesses it. Wealth by itself has no value but is only a theatrical mask which covers the true image of man. However, the wealthy man comes to value his riches. He begins to deceive himself and he becomes attached to something which is good in appearance only. In Chrysostom's opinion there is danger not only in wealth which has been acquired by dishonest means but in all forms of personal property. These are not harmful in themselves but they may stimulate the will to desire things which are perishable and transient. "The love for wealth is an unnatural passion," Chrysostom writes. "The desire for wealth is neither natural nor necessary. It is superfluous." This movement of the will is dangerous and riches are a dangerous burden. "Wealth is harmful for you not because it arms thieves against you, nor because it completely darkens your mind but because it makes you the captives of soulless possessions and distracts you from the service of God."

The possession of wealth involves an unavoidable contradiction. By the spirit of greed men are attached to material things, but God teaches us to despise things and to renounce them. "There is harm not only in trying to gain wealth but also in excessive concern with even the most necessary things," Chrysostom writes. "Christ has demonstrated what kind of harm can come from the passion for money but His commandment goes even beyond this. Not only does He order us to scorn wealth, but he forbids us to be concerned that the food we eat is the best we can possibly get: 'Do not worry your soul about what you eat'." This does not exhaust the subject. "It is not enough to despise wealth," Chrysostom writes, "but you must also feed the poor and, more importantly, you must follow Christ." Thus another contradiction is revealed: the worldly drive of greed and the desire for the accumulation and preservation of material goods is opposed to the command of the Gospels to "give all you have to the poor." Against this background we see with greater clarity the injustice of the social inequality in the world. In the face of poverty and misery, all wealth is an unjust and dead thing. It testifies to hard-heartedness and the absence of love.







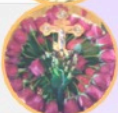





It is from this point of view that Chrysostom disapproves of the magnificent decoration of churches. "A church is not a place in which to melt gold or forge silver," he writes. "It is a triumphant assembly of the angels. Therefore it is souls which we demand as an offering because it is for the sake of souls that God accepts our other offerings. It was not at a silver table and it was not from a golden vessel that Christ offered His blood to His disciples to drink but nevertheless everything there was precious and called forth reverence, for it was filled with the Spirit. Do you want to honor the body of Christ? Do not scorn to see Christ naked. What good does it do you if here you honor His silken coverlings while outside the Church you continue to tolerate the coldness and nakedness of others? What good does it do you if the altar of Christ is covered with golden vessels, while Christ Himself suffers hunger? You make a golden goblet but you offer no cooling water to go with it. Christ as a homeless pilgrim wanders and asks for shelter, but you, instead of accepting Him, adorn your floors, your walls, and the tops of your pillars, and you put silver harnesses on your horses. But Christ remains bound in the dungeon and you do not even want to look at Him."

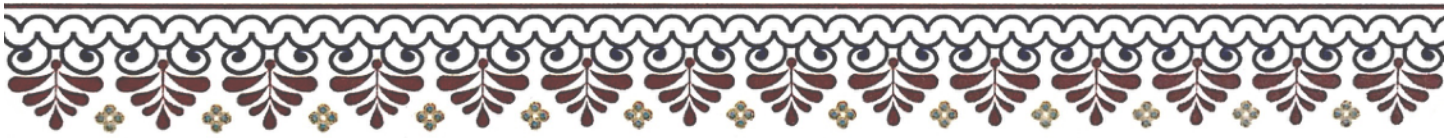
It seemed to Chrysostom that each thing that one man puts aside is taken away from someone else who needs it, for there cannot be a man who is rich without another man being poor because of it. "The source and root of wealth must definitely be hidden in some act of injustice," he writes. Chrysostom did not consider that

poverty as such was a virtue. Poverty attracted his attention as a form of need and suffering, and he considered that Christ is present among the poor, since He comes to us in the image of a beggar and not in the guise of a wealthy man. Furthermore, when poverty is voluntarily chosen for the sake of God and accepted with joy, it can be a path to virtue. This is primarily because a man without possessions is freer than a wealthy man and has fewer attachments and worries. It is easier for him to live and to strive to perfect himself.

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!



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

CONTINUOUS: Matuska Olga Andrejuk, 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
Sidney Gdanski

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. *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 Patricia Wan & Paul Krzyzanowski! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the Handmaiden of God +Christina Markovic as an Anniversary Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*
For the Servant of God +Michal Kormanik as a 40th Day Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!



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Junior A.C.R.Y. Spring Encounter at Camp Nazareth:

Mercer, PA - The Junior American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Youth (Jr. A.C.R.Y.) is thrilled to invite all youth ages 8-18 to the upcoming Spring Encounter, a retreat filled with faith, fellowship, and fun, taking place at Camp Nazareth from March 7th to March 9th, 2025.

The cost for the weekend is \$110, which includes lodging, meals, and program materials. The retreat promises to be a spiritually enriching and joyful experience for all participants, fostering a deeper connection to faith, friends, and the Orthodox Church. To register or for more information, please visit:

https://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=396857

CAMP NAZARETH PARISH LENTEN RETREAT SAVE THE DATES! MARCH 28th - 30th, FRI-SUN



MORE DETAILS TO COME.



**GLORY TO GOD
FOR 100 YEARS!**

1925 - 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT

SAVE THE DATE:

NOV. 16th

100th Anniversary Celebration

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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 2 <u>ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Panachida for +Christina Markovic - Parastas for +Michal Kormanik - Altar Society Meeting	3	4	5 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	6 Board Meeting @ 7 PM	7	8 Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers
FEB 9 <u>PUBLICAN & PHARISEE</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Parastas for +Michal Kormanik - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	10	11 Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy @ 6 PM	12 THREE HOLY <u>HIERARCHS</u> Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	13	14	15 FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE <u>LORD IN TEMPLE</u> Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers
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> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	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

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING FOOD DONATIONS
AND CONTRIBUTIONS NEXT WEEK!

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MAY GOD BLESS ELIZABETH AND OUR DONORS,
WHO CONTINUE TO HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY.

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“FEEDING THE HUNGRY IS A GREATER WORK
THAN RAISING THE DEAD.”

-ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM