

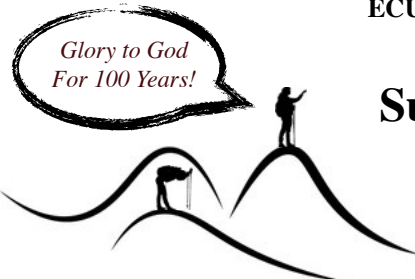


# ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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: 9:30 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](http://www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org) Church Email: [info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org](mailto:info@stnicholaschurchnyc.org)

## WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

*For Online Streaming Service: 10 minutes prior to service, visit our website ([www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org](http://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.*

*Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StNicholas10street](http://www.facebook.com/StNicholas10street) / Follow us on Instagram: "10thSt.Orthodox"*

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025: THE LAST JUDGMENT**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46 **Troparia:** p 42 (Tone 2), p 75 (Last Judgment)

*SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT is a parabolic glimpse at the Last Day from our Lord in the Gospel of St. Matthew. Christ speaks to two groups of people: one referred to as sheep, the other as goats. Sheep and goats both serve a noble purpose on their own merit but in this example, their difference in their inheritance couldn't be more stark. The sheep show themselves to be obedient and considerate to our Lord and "even the least" of their brethren; feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and the imprisoned. The goats, who struggle against any shepherd, fail to do the same and, to their bewilderment, fail to see how they failed their Lord. So much does our Lord identify with His children, that whatever happens to them happens to Him. **O Lord, save us!***

**ST. NICHOLAS CHOIR** will lead responses during today's Divine Liturgy. If you wish to join in, come on upstairs! May God continue to bless our choir and their voices!

**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.*

**HOLY ANOINTING (MIROVANIJE) & 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 for the servants of God +John & Anna Benyo, offered by their children. *May their memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!*

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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!

**COFFEE HOUR** will take place after Divine Liturgy. A special thank you to everyone who makes it possible to 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.

**MONTHLY PARENTS CLASS @ 7:30 PM!** Parents are specially invited to meet in the evening online with Fr. William for a half to one-hour session with Fr. William with discussion, following readings from Parenting Toward the Kingdom by Dr. Philip Mamalakis. Invitation for parents was sent by email. If you did not receive that invitation, please contact Fr. William immediately.

### **DURING THE WEEK:**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM:** We are continuing Vespers services on Wednesdays, followed by a brief meal and reading. We are finishing our study of the Epistle to the Romans. Come!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1st - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NYC**  
- HOME BLESSINGS (\*NO VESPERS)  
- PUŠČANA KROJOVA ZABAVA! @ 8 PM

### **NEXT WEEK: MARCH 2nd, 2025**

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**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!*

**FORGIVENESS SUNDAY** prayers and the exchange of forgiveness will take place after Divine Liturgy. Later the evening will mark the beginning of Great Lent and the asking of forgiveness from everyone is the traditional beginning. We ask forgiveness from *everyone*, known or unknown, because we can never truly realize the reach of our own sin.

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

**OFFICIAL NOTICE  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH  
LOCATED AT 288 EAST 10<sup>TH</sup> 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:

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

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE  
PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH  
LOCATED AT 288 EAST 10<sup>TH</sup> 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~~ **February 23, 2025**.

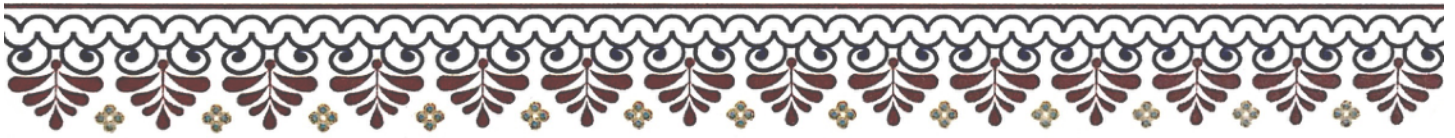
Proposal:

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](mailto: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 Vatteck, Ann Vislocky, Bill Vislocky, Sandy Wagner, Cathryn Walker, Dennis & Cathy Walsh, and Reader Bob & Debbie Zizik.

### **CATECHUMENS:**

Maryam Gueye	Christopher Villatoro
Yoelvi Maria	Isabel Deranieri
Sidney Gdanski	Samuel Staffan

### **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 Hartsellers, & 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 Julianna Petrik, Justina Ryan, Fr. William, & Maeve Timko! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:**










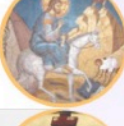


For the Departed Servants of God +John & Anna Benyo. *Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!*

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

# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week <b>FEBRUARY 9th</b>	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> <b>Publican and the Pharisee</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 16th</b>	 <b>The Prodigal Son Returns!</b> 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 <b>FEBRUARY 23rd</b> FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 <b>The Last Judgement</b> 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 <b>MARCH 2nd</b> FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 <b>Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!</b> <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 <b>MARCH 9th</b>	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> 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 <b>MARCH 16th</b>	 <b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> 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 <b>MARCH 23rd</b>	 <b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> <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 <b>MARCH 30th</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> 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 <b>APRIL 6th</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> 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! <b>APRIL 13th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> 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 <b>APRIL 18th</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <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! <b>APRIL 20th</b> NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> 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](mailto:fr.william.bennett@gmail.com)

## FEB - MAR 2025

\*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>FEB 23</b> <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	<b>MAR 1</b> Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers - Puščanja Krojova Zabava @ 8 PM
<b>MAR 2</b> <u>FORGIVENESS/</u> <u>CHEESEFARE SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	3 Great Lent Begins!	4 Canon of St. Andrew of Crete @ 7 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
<b>MAR 9</b> <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 +ALL SOULS Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - Great Vespers @ 6 PM
<b>MAR 16</b> <u>SUNDAY OF</u> <u>ST. GREGORY PALAMAS</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	17	18	19 Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite social to follow	20	21 Paraklis @ 7 PM	22 +ALL SOULS Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - Great Vespers @ 6 PM

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## 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





*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  
Magda Matlak    Danuta Horbal    Helena Gajdoš  
718-373-2279    347-724-9944    917-498-9556

No Tickets Sold at the Door

*Please dress in your Kroj or Ethnic Attire*




***OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, THE PARISH RAISED \$315 TOWARDS THE FLEMINGTON AREA FOOD PANTRY, BETWEEN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS.***

***THE FOLLOWING IS WRITTEN BY ELIZABETH KRZYZANOWSKI, PARISH LIAISON TO THE FOOD PANTRY:***

*"The Flemington Area Food Pantry provides food and personal care items to people in Hunterdon County who are food insecure. Food insecurity is a national problem. In Hunterdon County, of 126,000 residents, an estimated 5,000 have income below the poverty level. Many of these residents, including children and infants, don't get enough to eat without some form of assistance. The Flemington Area Food Pantry depends on the generosity of the Hunterdon County community for its very existence. Without donations of food and funds, the Pantry would not exist. More than 80% of Pantry income is derived from contributions of monetary donations and groceries. The Pantry provides supplemental groceries to*

*approximately 1,600 income qualified Hunterdon County families. Pantry clients are often underemployed hard-working adults, veterans, families with children, and seniors who simply cannot make ends meet and who go without food for several meals, or sometimes several days at a time. These people are your friends and neighbors. Some have lost jobs, and some are homeless. They are of all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds, but have one thing in common: they don't have the resources to buy the food they need to subsist."*

***Suggested donations: Canned chicken, Canned fruit in juice, Scalloped or au gratin potato mix, Pasta sauce Muffin mix, Ketchup, Diapers (size 5 and 6), Baby wipes, & Sanitary pads***