



# ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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**

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## 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.*

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## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2025: PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE**

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 3:10-15 **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14 **Troparia:** p 48 (Tone 8), p 74 (Publican & Pharisee)

***THE SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE** is the next important step on the way to Great Lent. In this Parable, as with many, Christ presents two figures: the Pharisee, who receives the best places at the feasts, presents himself at the front, proclaiming to God his fasting and his deeds; and the Publican, who says little and does little, instead repenting from a life of sin by simply beating his breast and crying out "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." Would that we were like the Publican in this moment, KNOWING that we are sinful and in need of God's mercy; instead, we compare ourselves to our brothers and sisters like the Pharisee did and think ourselves in greater esteem. In reflection of this: **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!*

**IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE:** Due to unsafe weather conditions, the annual meeting will not take place today. It is rescheduled to take place Sunday, February 23rd, in two weeks. May God watch over all our travelers and bless our parish family!

**IOCC SPECIAL COLLECTION!** Today, 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!

**PANACHIDA** will take place after Divine Liturgy for the servant of God +Michal Kormanik, offered by the Salony Family as a 40th Day Remembrance. *May his memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*  
**ALTAR FLOWERS** were donated by the Ryan Family in memory of Michal. *Due to weather concerns, this is offered in the requesting family's absence.*

**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:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th - FESTAL VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY @ 6 PM: FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th - 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 15th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th ST, NYC: FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE.  
- HOME BLESSINGS (\*NO VESPERS)**

### **NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 16th, 2025**

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

## **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.

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## **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 January of 2025:***

<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>\$24,301</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$19,917</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</b>	<b>\$4,384</b>



### ***Income/Expense Report for the last 12 Months (Feb. 2024 - Jan. 2025)***

<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>\$228,124</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$206,737</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</b>	<b>\$21,387</b>



**GLORY TO GOD  
FOR 100 YEARS!**

❁ 1925 - 2025 ❁

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

❁ **NOV. 16th** ❁

**100th Anniversary Celebration**

**HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY & BANQUET**

• ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH •

**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,

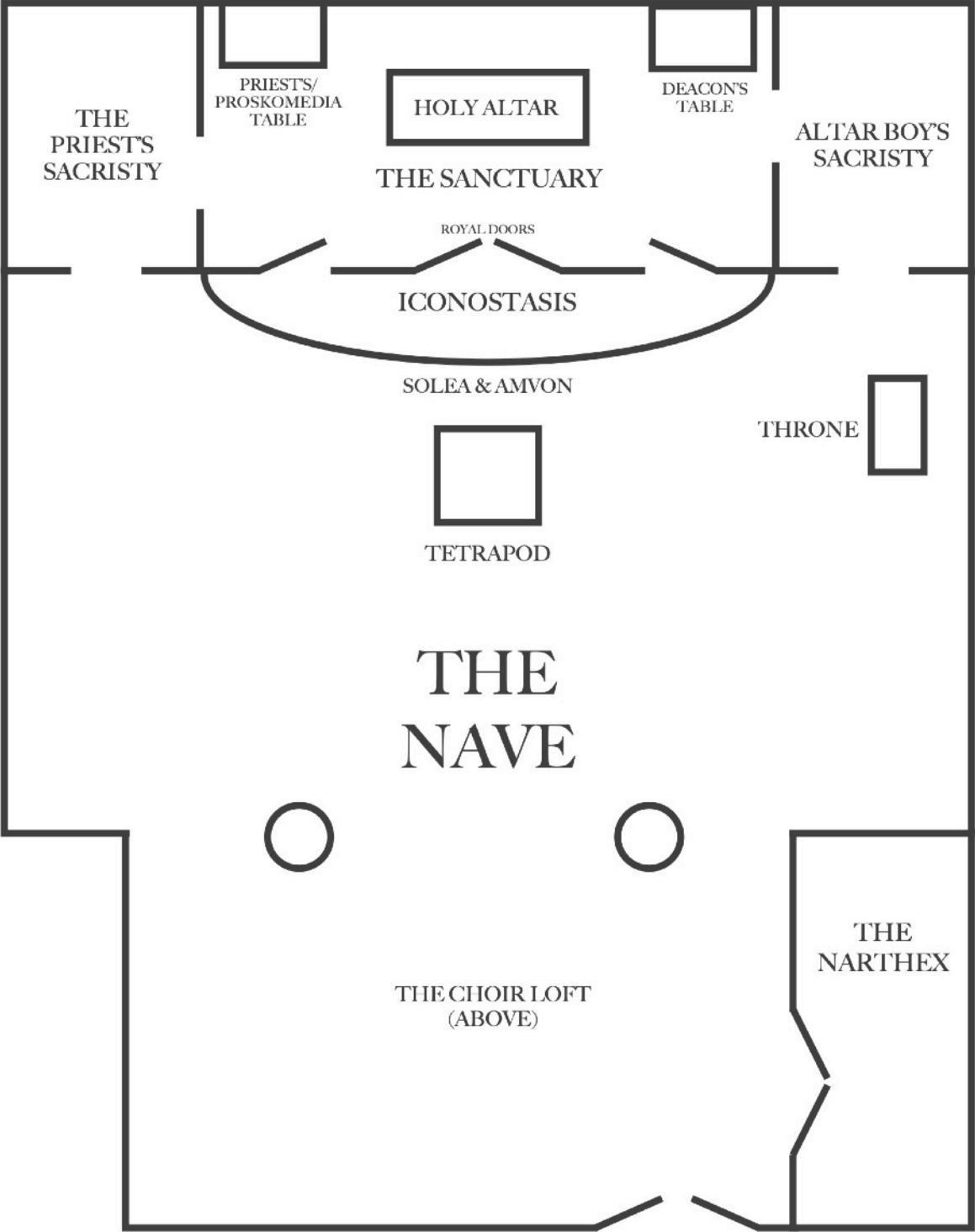
Robert Zizik  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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# THE LAYOUT OF OUR ORTHODOX CHURCH

(FOR TODAY'S SERMON)



# 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!



## **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 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, & 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 Nicole Stack, Emilija Bankovic, & Luke Stack! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:**

For the Servant of God +Michal Kormanik as a 40th Day Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

For the Servant of God +Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich as a 98th Birthday Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

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



### **FOLLOW THE DIOCESE ONLINE:**

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# CAMP NAZARETH PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

SAVE THE DATES! MARCH 28th - 30th, FRI-SUN



**MORE DETAILS TO COME!**



*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  
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**SAVE THE DATE! GET TICKETS NOW!**



# 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 9</b> <u>PUBLICAN &amp; PHARISEE</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Parastas for +Michal Kormanik - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	10	11  Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy @ 6 PM	12  <u>THREE HOLY HIERARCHS</u> Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	13	14	15  <u>FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN TEMPLE</u> Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers
<b>FEB 16</b> <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
<b>FEB 23</b> <u>LAST JUDGMENT/ MEATFARE SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	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 - Pušcanja Krojova Zabava @ 8 PM
<b>MAR 2</b> <u>FORGIVENESS/ 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

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