



ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



Glory to God
For 100 Years!

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!

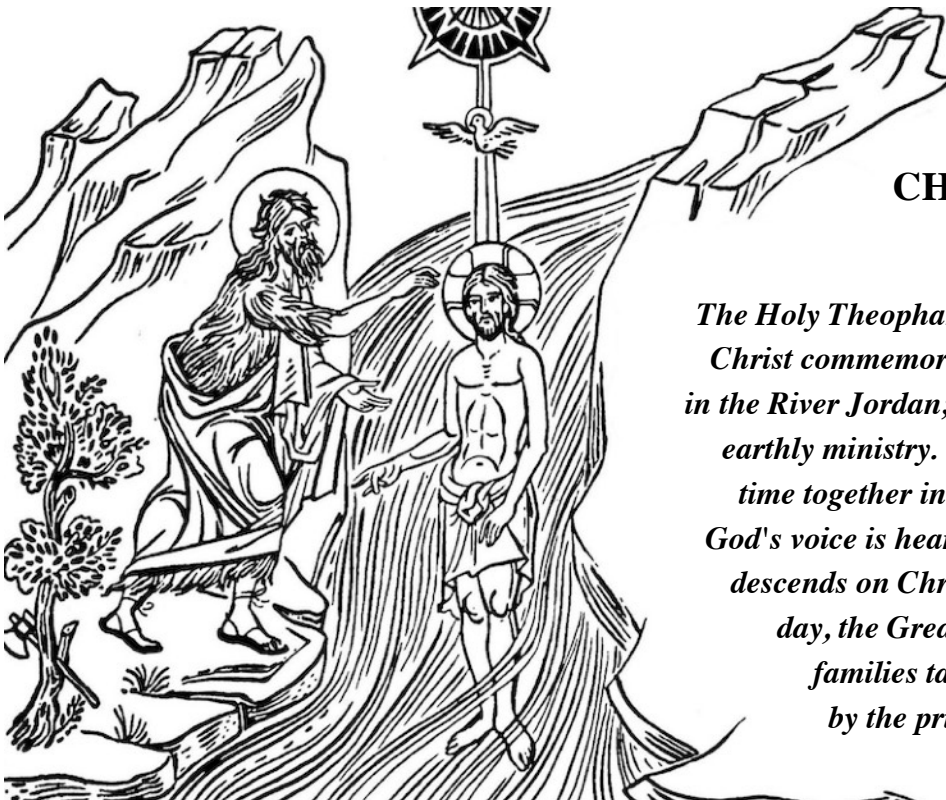
For Online Streaming Service: 10 minutes prior to service, visit our website (www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org) and scroll down and press play on our live service feed. If using a smartphone, use our YouTube Channel: "St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church NYC"

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

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th, 2025: FEAST OF THEOPHANY

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17 **Troparia:** p 120-3



**CHRIST IS BAPTIZED!
IN THE JORDAN!**

**CHRISTOS KREŠČAJETSJA!
VO JORDANI!**

The Holy Theophany of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ commemorates His Baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan; this marks the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry. The Holy Trinity appears for the first time together in written record during this Holy Day. God's voice is heard from Heaven while the Holy Spirit descends on Christ in the form of a dove. Also on this day, the Great Blessing of Water is performed and families take the blessed water home to be used by the priest during the blessing of the homes.

BAPTISM OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD NATHAN DEUTSCH & DANIEL LAI @ 9 AM: Join us before Divine Liturgy, and may God grant many blessed years to Nathan & Daniel as they enter into the fulness of Christ's Salvation by birth through water and the Spirit (John 3:5). Please pray for them, their families, & their Godparents on this momentous day!

THE ST. NICHOLAS CHOIR, led by Choir Director Nicholas Timko, will lead responses for the Divine Liturgy. May God grant our Choir many years!

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.*

FESTIVE ANOINTING OIL (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!*

PARASTAS will be celebrated for the servant of God +John Ochlan, offered by son John as both an Anniversary & 100th Birthday Remembrance. We will also include the servants of God Mary, Anastasia, Katarina, Michal, & Nicholas. *May their memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!*

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. *If you are not a part of a coffee hour team and would like to be, please see Debbie Derevjanik.*

DURING THE WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are continuing Vespers services on Wednesdays, followed by a brief meal and reading. This will be our first session reviewing the Book of Daniel. Come!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th ST, NYC
- HOME BLESSINGS (*NO VESPERS)

NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 26th, 2025

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PARASTAS will take place after Divine Liturgy for the servants of God +John & Anna Strenk, offered by the Matlak, Petrik, & Rusinak families. *May their memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will take place as scheduled.



*May God grant many years to our newest Catechumen Sidney. Keep her in your prayers and all of our Catechumens.
Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

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.

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, 2024, 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, Matthew Stack 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
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

**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



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



HOLY THEOPHANY: FEAST OF RENEWAL AND RE-CREATION

By Fr. Theodore Dorrance

The Feast of Epiphany in the Orthodox Church commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by the hand of John the Baptist. It is considered one of the twelve major feasts of Jesus Christ in the Orthodox Church. This particular feast has several titles, which help tell us something about its meaning. The word 'epiphany' means manifestation. Most Orthodox refer to this feast as Theophany, which means "manifestation of God." Another title for Jesus' baptism is "The Feast of Lights."

The Orthodox Church refers to Jesus' baptism as an Epiphany or Theophany, since God as Trinity was made manifest to the world through this event. When Jesus submitted Himself to be baptized by John, the heavens opened and the Father spoke, saying, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased." (Lk. 3:22) At the same time, the Holy Spirit descended from heaven in the likeness of a dove and rested upon Jesus. Never before, in such a clear way had the three Persons of the Holy Trinity been manifested to the world at one time.

Epiphany is linked to baptism, and baptism for Orthodox Christians has always stood for sacramental rebirth and re-creation. When a person is baptized, the distorted and marred image (the old man) is put to death and burial. As the new creature in Christ is raised out of the water, he is raised in union with Christ's own resurrection. He is forgiven and made new. It is significant, then, that Jesus began His public ministry with baptism. The act of Jesus' baptism contained the entire purpose of His ministry on earth: to appear on earth to bring all things, which were tainted by sin and death, to an end, and at the same time, to make all things new.

Christ did not personally need baptism, for He was unaffected by the fall, sin or death. He submitted to baptism for the sake of humanity. Quite often in Jesus' ministry, He submitted Himself to things for the sake of instruction, to provide an example. This, in part, is what He meant when He replied to John the Baptist, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." (Mt. 3:15) John was a mighty prophet of God, filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus proves His own righteousness in heeding the directive of a prophet. He also fulfills all righteousness in another even more significant way.

The Orthodox Church believes that Christ's baptism in the Jordan River is the Feast of Lights, because Jesus has through His baptism re-created the cosmos. It was not Jesus who needed cleansing, sanctification or renewal, but it was the Jordan, the deserts, the mountains, the people; it was the entire fallen world. By His divine presence in the Jordan River, the earthly source of life for the entire region, not only was the Jordan renewed but so too was the rest of God's creation. All of life was once again given back the potential to be seen and used by mankind as a means toward communion and union with God. In a sense, the cosmos in Christ was made once again a means toward Paradise. Since the Son of God has entered and joined Himself to His creation both through His incarnation and His baptism, all flesh and all matter that participate in Christ are sanctified. Everything has a chance to be made pure and holy in Him.

The glory, power and purpose of the incarnation of God are only slightly revealed to the world at Jesus' birth. This potential begins to be more clearly revealed through His baptism, until it is seen in all its breadth at Golgotha and especially in and through the empty tomb. In closing, let extracts from the hymns sum up the depth of significance of this glorious feast: "We behold an earthly event, but what we comprehend is higher than the heavens; through cleansing comes salvation; through water, the Spirit; through descent into the water, our ascent to God." He who takes away the sting of the world is cleansed, that I might be made clean." "Christ our God, Light of Lights, God made manifest, has shone upon the world. O peoples, let us glorify Him." (from the Vigil of Theophany)

(Taken from www.stjohngoc.org)



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:

Nathan Deutsch Yoelvi Maria
Daniel Lai Sidney Gdanski
Maryam Gueye

EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Max & Melia Walker

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! *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 Nathan Deutsch, Anna Petrik, Maria Bittner, & Melia Walker! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the Newly-Baptized Servants of God Nathan Deutsch & Daniel Lai. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*
For the Servants of God +John Ochlan, Mary, Anastasia, Katarina, Michal, & Nicholas. *Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!*
For the Servant of God +Vasil Vislocky as a 127th Birthday Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!



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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

JAN - FEB 2025

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| JAN 19 <u>FEAST OF THEOPHANY</u> Baptism of Nathan Deutsch & Daniel Lai @ 9 AM - Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Parastas for +John Ochlan | 20 | 21 | 22 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers |
| JAN 26 Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Parastas for +John & Anna Strenk | 27 | 28 | 29 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM | 30 | 31 | FEB 1 Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers |
| FEB 2 <u>ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Panachida for +Christina Markovic - 40th Day Parastas for +Michal Kormanik | 3 | 4 | 5 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM | 6 | 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 <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 |

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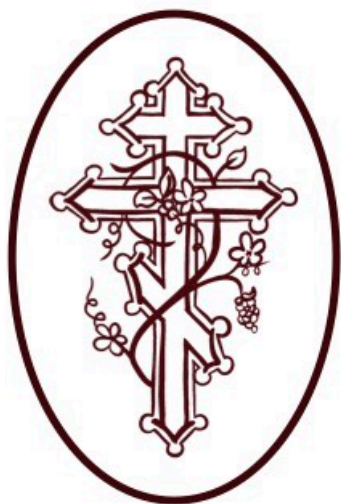
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❁ NOV. 16th ❁

100th Anniversary Celebration

HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY & BANQUET

◆ ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH ◆
◆ & FORT HAMILTON COMMUNITY CLUB ◆

STAY TUNED FOR MORE PLANS
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.
SEE YOU THERE!