

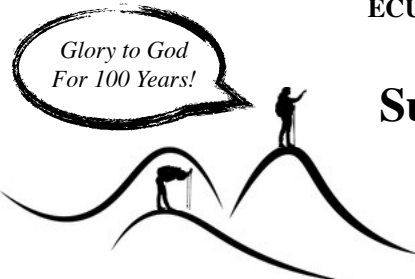


ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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LENTEN BLACK & WHITE EDITION

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2025: FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 **Gospel:** Matthew 6:14-21 **Troparia:** p 43 (Tone 3), p 76-7 (Forgiveness)

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY marks the eve of our entrance into Great Lent itself. It also goes by another name: Cheesefare Sunday. This means for those following the fast, it is the last day of dairy. Either way you refer to it, it refers to the moment where we empty ourselves before God and one another. In the spirit of repentance, we use this time to dedicate special time for prayer in the fast, make plans to have your Confession heard.

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.*

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

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.

FORGIVENESS VESPERS will take place after coffee hour. Closing with the mutual exchange of forgiveness, this marks the beginning of Great Lent and our journey towards the Resurrection of our Lord. See you there!

A REMINDER THAT CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Fr. William will be available for confessions before Liturgy on Sundays, before & after Lenten services, and by appointment during the week. Let us begin to shine in spirit once again, being made free of the weight and stain of our own faults!

“Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” (Lk 5:12)

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, MARCH 4th - GREAT COMPLINE & ST. ANDREW’S CANON @ 7 PM: As we take our plunge into the Great Fast, this special service is set aside for the days of the first week of Great Lent, among few others. It has considerable length, filled with many, many special verses and Psalms, and calls for frequent prostrations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th - PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY @ 7 PM w/ LITE MEAL: We do not perform Divine Liturgy during the weekdays of Great Lent, being dedicated to more solemn celebration. That said, still desiring to receive the Body & Blood of Christ, we distribute “pre-sanctified” Holy Communion. **Please fast from all food and drink before service, 3 hours or more. A common recommendation is from lunchtime onward, if able.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 6th - ST. NICHOLAS BOARD MEETING @ 7 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 7th - PARAKLIS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD @ 7 PM: This special service involves many deep prayers asking the Mother of God for her help & intercession, especially helpful as we prepare ourselves through the Great Fast and continue to ask for God’s grace & mercy.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY’S CHURCH, NYC
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM**

NEXT WEEK: MARCH 9th, 2025

ORTHODOXY SUNDAY PROCESSION will take place before Divine Liturgy. Parish children are asked to gather in the front pews to be carry either their own icons from home or icons from the church. ALL faithful are specially invited to bring their own icons from home, to bring them to the center aisle during procession.

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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!*

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.

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2025 **REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

Our dates for the Summer Camping Program:

Week 2: Sunday, July 27 – Saturday, August 2, 2025 – New England, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Science and Nature Camp: Sunday, August 10 - Saturday, August 13, 2025

Register at – www.campnazareth.org

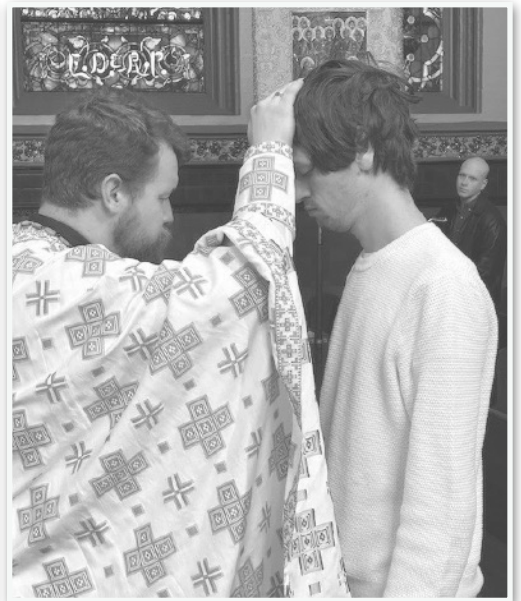
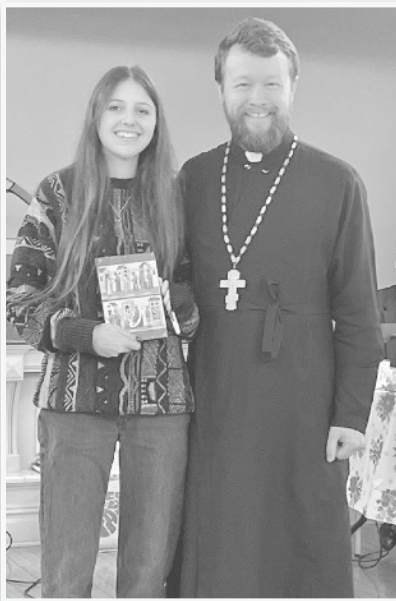
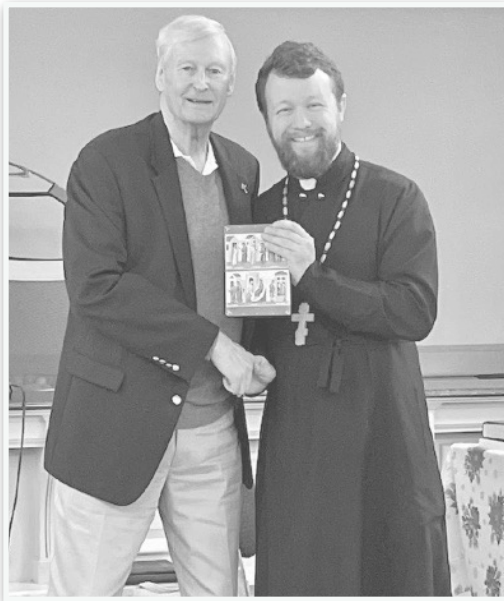


*Registration for Camp will be on a **First-Come First-Serve Basis!**
Once capacity for a given week is filled, all other campers will be put on a waiting list.*

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child! (one-time only, not per week)

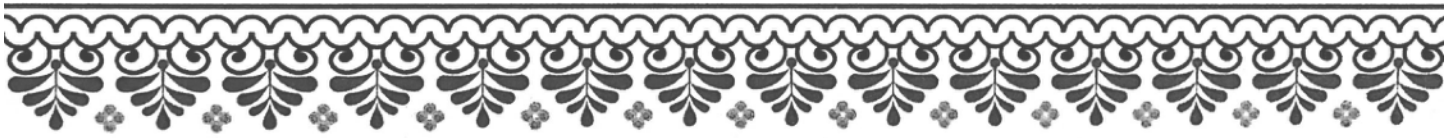
Must Register & pay by May 1, 2024!

Online Registration MUST be complete AND payment must be submitted by May 1 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount. Registration will close on June 15, 2024 @ 12pm!



LAST WEEK

God grant many happy & blessed years to Bob Zizik & Elizabeth Krzyzanowski, who received icons at the Annual Meeting for their devotion and work with the hungry. We also blessed the newly-catechized servant of God Joseph at the end of Divine Liturgy. Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!



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, Michal Kormanik, Alex & Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, Christine & Rick Martines, Lucia Matisinova, Troy Oset, John Petrick, Nadežda Bulikova Petrikova, Deacon Michael Pirich, Gregory Rydzik, 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 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 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 Charles Seewald, Meagan Sikoryak, Emma Clemente, Helen Bennett, AJ Busel, & Joanne Medvecky! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

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

MAR - APR 2025

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
MAR 2 <u>FORGIVENESS/</u> <u>CHEESEFARE SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Forgiveness Vespers	3 <i>Great Lent Begins!</i>	4 <i>Canon of St. Andrew of Crete @ 7 PM</i>	5 <i>Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite meal to follow</i>	6 <i>St. Nicholas Board Meeting @ 7 PM</i>	7 <i>Paraklis @ 7 PM</i>	8 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
MAR 9 <i>Procession w/ Icons</i> - <u>ORTHODOXY SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	10	11	12 <i>Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite meal to follow</i>	13	14 <i>Paraklis @ 7 PM</i>	15 <u>+ALL SOULS</u> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
MAR 16 SUNDAY OF <u>ST. GREGORY PALAMAS</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	17	18	19 <i>Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite meal to follow</i>	20	21 <i>Paraklis @ 7 PM</i>	22 <u>+ALL SOULS</u> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
MAR 23 <u>SUNDAY OF THE CROSS</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - “Our People” presented by Bogdan Horbal	24	25	26 <i>Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite meal to follow</i>	27	28 CAMP NAZARETH RETREAT *No Services	29 CAMP NAZARETH RETREAT *No Services
MAR 30 CAMP NAZARETH RETREAT - SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	31	APR 1	2 <i>Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite meal to follow</i>	3	4 <i>Paraklis @ 7 PM</i>	5 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
APR 6 SUNDAY OF <u>ST. MARY OF EGYPT</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - “History of the Diocese” by Fr. William Bennett	7 FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION <i>Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM</i>	8	9 <i>Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite meal to follow</i>	10	11 <i>Paraklis @ 7 PM</i>	12 LAZARUS SATURDAY <i>Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
APR 13 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Blessing of Palms & Branches, to follow	14 HOLY <u>MONDAY</u> Bridegroom Matins @ 9 AM - Holy Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite social to follow	15 HOLY <u>TUESDAY</u> Bridegroom Matins @ 9 AM - Holy Presanctified Liturgy @ 7 PM, lite social to follow	16 HOLY <u>WEDNESDAY</u> Bridegroom Matins @ 9 AM - Holy Unction Service @ 7 PM	17 HOLY <u>THURSDAY</u> Vesperal Liturgy @ 9 AM - Twelve Passion Gospels @ 7 PM, tomb decoration to follow	18 HOLY <u>FRIDAY</u> - Burial Service & Procession @ 7 PM	19 HOLY <u>SATURDAY</u> Vesperal Liturgy @ 9 AM - Resurrection Matins @ 7 PM - Blessing of Baskets
APR 20 <u>GREAT & HOLY PASCHA!</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Blessing of Baskets	21 BRIGHT <u>MONDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM	FAST-FREE WEEK				26 Great Vespers @ 6 PM
APR 27 <u>THOMAS SUNDAY</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Blessing of Graves	28	29	30 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	MAY 1	2	3 Great Vespers @ 6 PM
MAY 4 <u>MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM	5 Vespers & Liturgy @ 6 PM	6 FEAST OF ST GEORGE	7 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	8	9	10 Great Vespers @ 6 PM
MAY 11 SUNDAY OF THE <u>PARALYTIC</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Mother's Day Blessings	12	13	14 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	15	16	17 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



100th Centennial Anniversary Information and Important Dates

Celebrate St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church's Centennial Anniversary by taking part in a variety of upcoming exciting activities. Check back here regularly for up-to-date info and plan to share in the festivities throughout this year!

- **PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS-** Share your cherished photos capturing celebrations over the past 100 years. Whether from christenings, communions, weddings, or special events, we'd love to include them in our anniversary Journal book. Each family can scan and upload their photos (one photo/per event) and email to Bogdan Horbal at horbalyk@gmail.com. Include names of persons in photos and include your contact information in email. The deadline for submissions is on or around May 4. This is a big undertaking, but your contributions will be invaluable to preserving our shared history in this beautiful keepsake!
- **VIDEO-** If you'd like to be featured in the Program video for the 100th Anniversary celebration, we invite you to reflect on your responses to the following questions:

What is your fondest memory of St. Nicholas?

What does your faith mean to you?

Recording sessions will be scheduled on select Sundays, so please check back here and plan accordingly. We look forward to capturing your stories and memories on video.
- **ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL-** We are soliciting participation to fill 8 ½" x 11" Ad pages from businesses and personal donors such as "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" memorials from parishioners and friends to memorialize past and present family members and to include special Congratulatory notes from community partners.

Full pg./\$100 Half pg./\$60 Quarter pg./\$30

Also, we are sending **Letters of Solicitation** to prospective monetary donors (These monies will be earmarked to defray the expenses incurred for the event. **Solicitation Levels- \$1,000; \$750; \$500 & \$300.** There will also be letters sent to businesses to invite them to sponsor \$100 ads in the journal. These are businesses with whom the church collaborates.

- **Mark Your Calendars!** - Learn about our rich cultural History and plan to join us for three presentations this Spring:

MARCH 23rd - "Our People" presented by Bogdan Horbal

APRIL 6th - "History of the Diocese" presented by Fr. Will

TBA - "History of Our Parish" presented by Nick Timko

- **SEPTEMBER 28** – Fr. William will be conducting a special Divine Liturgy commemorating the first Liturgy celebrated here on 10th Street back in 1925 on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. In its honor, there will also be music, games, and activities downstairs in the church hall during coffee hour to celebrate the anniversary of this important date for our church. Special guests will include a number of our attending college students demonstrating their talents and representatives of OCF National, who will also make a special presentation to the parish in honor of the role the church has played in supporting campus ministry. There will also be one or more additional surprise guests...
- **NOVEMBER 16 - 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY!** - Divine Liturgy will be led by Metropolitan Gregory to help celebrate our anniversary. Pre-purchased tickets are required for dinner and a program in our church hall. Look out to purchase tickets to this upcoming event. Tickets will be \$100/each keeping with our 100th theme. Help us in organizing your table assignment early with your family and friends.
- **DONATIONS** - Feeling generous? We're accepting donations to keep costs low and offset expenses for the upcoming celebration. Please consider donating, as any amount is greatly appreciated.

We are very excited (and busy) during these coming months in planning for a memorable Centennial celebration! Mark your 100th Anniversary calendar (available in Church Office) with these important dates and contribute your time and talents to help with the planning, organization, and execution of all aspects of the 100th Anniversary. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to any Committee member below:

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