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Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

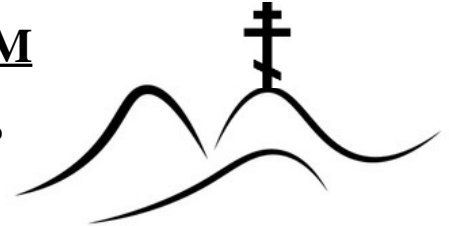
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Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko

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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, OCTOBER 27th, 2024: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 **Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15 **Troparia:** p 41 (Tone 1)

THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL are celebrated this day. In this council in 787 AD, the shepherds of the Church settled the debate over having icons in the Church. A dangerous position was spreading, that reverence through icons was idol-worship. Thanks be to God, it did not prevail, and we experience the living God through more of His creation. These beautiful images, nicknamed "Windows to Paradise", are intimate instruments for a life spent worshipping God. O Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

ST. NICHOLAS CHOIR will lead responses in the Divine Liturgy that day, led by Choir Director Nicholas Timko. May God bless 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.*

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 in the Main Hall, all are invited downstairs! And a special thank you to everyone who makes it possible to have our coffee hour; our teams, our volunteers, all without fail. God grant them many years! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

COOKIE WALK DOUGH ROLLING! It's that time. Join in during Coffee Hour!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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 again to meet in the evening online with Fr. William for a 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. Meetings will be the same time, the last Sunday of each month.



LAST WEEK:

*May God grant many more blessed years to Luboš & Magda Matlak, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They also received a 50th Wedding Anniversary Certificate Metropolitan Gregory.
Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27th:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are continuing Vespers services every Wednesday, along with a lite meal and some study. We are finishing the book Of Water & The Spirit by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, a study of Holy Baptism of the Orthodox Church. Books are available.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th ST, NYC
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM**

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2024:

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PARASTAS will be offered for the handmaiden of God +Betty Kormanik, offered by husband Jan Kormanik as a First Anniversary Remembrance. *May her memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*

COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall, all are invited downstairs!

COOKIE WALK KICK-OFF! During Coffee Hour in the Main Hall, join together for announcements for the Cookie Walk only just ahead of us and what to expect. This is a special, joyful time for us as a parish that we look forward to year after year. See you there!

PRE-CONFESSION & HOLY CONFESSION CLASSES, TO FOLLOW; POST-CONFESSION @ 7 PM

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.

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 24th, ST. NICHOLAS KERMEŠ! GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY! See the attached advertisement for prices and see the organizers to make your purchase.



LAST WEEK:

OCF Students from Columbia University and Cooper Union came together for a day retreat at Holy Protection Monastery. God blessed us with a beautiful day!



WELCOME TO COOKIE WALK 2024!

Plans are well underway for this year's event. Our theme is Cookies from Around the World. We will have cookies from all seven continents, including a special recipe from Union Glacier Camp in Antarctica. Of course, we will also have our traditional favorites from past cookie walks, but this will be a special year with some new flavors and baking styles.

COOKIE WALK VOLUNTEER CALENDAR – Next three weeks

The time has come to start making cookies – less than two months until the big event – December 14-15th. Over the next few weeks, we will be getting things up and running. Here is an overview of what's ahead.

NOVEMBER 3rd IS COOKIE WALK KICK-OFF SUNDAY!

Join us as we take a humorous look back at Cookie Walk 2023. We will then gear up for CW 2024. And, of course, there will be some dough to roll!

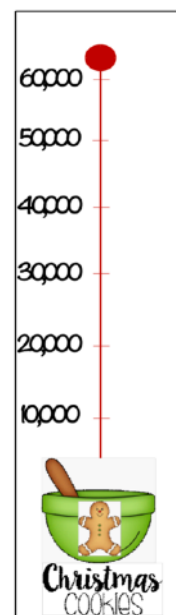
SAT NOV 9 & SUN NOV 10th – DOUGH BALL WEEKEND

Hope to put multiple thousands on the thermometer over these two days



Thank you to everyone that has brought their empty paper towel rolls, but we can always use more. Just saw that you can buy 24 for \$22 on EBAY. We really appreciate your help in avoiding this cost. There will be a box in the kitchen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Baking week 2024 is December 9-13th. We need you. There are three shifts each day and baking from 9 – 9 (and later). It's hard work and a fun time. No experience in baking is needed. There are jobs to do for all levels of experience.





ON THE EUCHARIST: THE MYSTERY OF HOLY COMMUNION

by Archpriest Vsevolod Shpillar

The most important place in the body of church services is occupied by the service we call the Liturgy. Liturgy is a Greek word that means communal service. Sometimes it signifies service to our neighbor, charity, and sometimes service in the Altar. Divine Services have as their goal to bring us closer to God, to bring us closer to Him in prayer. However, the greatest manifestation of closeness, the Lord's presence among the faithful, "Theosis" of man and nature is accomplished in the Mystery of the Eucharist, which is at the center of the life of the Church.

The Eucharist was established by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself during the Mystical Supper He hosted. Jesus Christ assembled His disciples on the night when he was to be betrayed and given over to suffering, torment, crucifixion, and death. He assembled His disciples as their head, as the eldest, although in terms of age He was not their elder. He performed the ritual of the meal according to the pattern accepted by the people in the Old Testament Church, but with one unusual difference: when He broke the Bread, and when he elevated the Cup after having read the special prayers of thanksgiving to God for everything, He said to his disciples: Do this in remembrance of Me. The Bread is My Body, and this Wine is my Blood. When you remember Me in this manner, you will be eating of My Body and drinking of My Blood. And whosoever will do that, will abide in Me, and I will abide in him, forever.

During the Eucharist, we remember everything that happened to Christ: His Incarnation, His entire life, Golgotha, the Resurrection, and the Ascension. However, when we remember all of this in the symbolism of the Divine Liturgy, it all happens anew! My Father worketh hitherto, and I work (John 5:17), and this activity never ends. The Mystery, the Sacrament, of the Holy Eucharist rests in the fact that it does not consist only of our commemorations.

The Liturgy imparts a real, actual communion with God, illumining each participant, so that in a profound mystery, during each Liturgy the bread and wine that had been brought into the Altar is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Also, at the moment each of the faithful communing of the Very Body and Very Blood of Christ, is really, actually, not merely intellectually or seemingly, united with God Himself. During the Liturgy, God's fulfillment of His promise to be among men accomplishes man's fullest enlightenment.

Here God's unique action transpires, bringing Divine power into this world; and each of us partakes of that power. It enters into our hearts and acts through us in everything we do. That power of God imparts to everything you do, however seemingly insignificant, enormous importance, profundity; in this lies the spiritual meaning of Orthodoxy. Through everything that a Christian does in this world, participating worthily in the Eucharist, God's power enters the world, the power that transforms the world that blesses the world, remakes the world. It does so even though the world does not understand it. The world does not even know about it. That is what the Eucharist is! That is why from the earliest days the Eucharist—the sacrifice of thanksgiving, the breaking of bread—has been the central fact of Christian life. The Eucharist is the greatest expression of Christian unity, of life in a single Body, the Single Holy Church of Christ. The Mystery is the source of that unity. We are a single Body - His Body. We all—living and dead—are one. In the Altar, the priest reads the words, "And all of us who partake of the one Bread and the one Cup do Thou unite one to another..." Everyone standing here, the living and the dead, the Church on earth and the glorified Church "which hath One Head."

Out of the need, the poverty, the darkness of my ego, I approach the Divine Mystery and come into the light. "Thine light hath entered and illumined my darkness." In those moments, we, still living here on earth, already enter into His grace-filled life, for He comes to us and "males our abode with Him." (John 14: 23)

During the Eucharist, the central, most important event takes place: Christ appears in our midst. Where two or three are gathered together in My Name (and it was just so that Christians gather together during the Eucharist), there I am in their midst. There Christ is in our midst with all the power of His compassionate love, able to decisively grant each of us everything that we need, and so that the seed of God's word that enters into our soul when we hear the Gospel, the Good News, might not be wasted and perish, but might grow in every heart. Amid the reign of anarchy and chaos in this world, the Mystery of the Eucharist, the Divine Liturgy, is the anticipation of a different world, a different Kingdom, "where is the light of God." The Eucharist is the link connecting the present and the future, our current state with the glorious Transfiguration to come.

In the Eucharist, time disappears, time enters into eternity. And we belong to and experience/take part in eternity. Because everything we remember as having been—Jesus Christ's embarking on his mission to preach, the Mystical Supper—this in our intellect WAS, but in God IS. Everything that was, is. That is something impossible for the mind to comprehend.

Jesus Christ's death is a sacrifice. There is His death, Resurrection, and Ascension. It all was and is. For us, it is yet to come, but for the Lord, it already is. And what is yet to come? Our own death, our own resurrection, our own ascension. But it already... is. During the Liturgy, we are in the past, the present and the future, and that is something that is not a concept, not a fantasy, not ideas, but actual reality. Such is the Mystery of the Eucharist.

(Taken from www.orthochristian.com)



A TRAVEL OFFERING

11 Night Cruise - Best of Italy & Croatia - May 5-16, 2025

- Dates: **May 5-16, 2025**
- Ports to visit: **Venice (departing); Zada, Dubrovnik, & Split Croatia; Kotor, Montenegro; Sicily (Messina), Naples, & Florence, Italy (returning to Rome)**
- Departing from: **Venice**
- Returning from: **Rome**
- Cabin Type: **Ocean View**

Anyone interested will have to be put on the waitlist for cabins to become available. If you are interested, please contact me either via e-mail (stephanie.salony@comcast.net) or call me on 908-268-4883



LAST WEEK:

Family and friends of +Helene Potishnak Stowe came together to pray for her after Divine Liturgy. God bless their fellowship, and may her memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!



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 & Tommy Fackovec, Gia Fazio, John Geida, 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 Matišinova, Nadežda Bulikova Petrikova, Deacon Michael Pirich, Gregory Rydzyk, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, 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:

Ricardo Sullivan	Nathan Deutsch
John Stutts	Daniel Lai
Rachel Soh Young Yi	Maryam Gueye

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 week, especially to Bogdan Horbal and Pani AnnMarie Ioukliaevskikh! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the Newly-Departed Servant of God +Pavol Vavrek, relative of the Seewald Family. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*
For the Departed Handmaid of God +Justine Gidicsin, as a birthday remembrance. *Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*

O HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!



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

OCT - NOV 2024

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
OCT 27 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Led by St. Nicholas Choir</i> - <i>Coffee Hour & Sunday School</i> - <i>Annual Costume Party</i> - <i>Cookie Walk Dough Rolling</i>	28	29	30 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM</i>	31	NOV 1	2 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
NOV 3 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Parastas for +Betty Kormanik</i> - <i>Cookie Walk Kickoff!</i>	4	5	6 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM</i>	7	8	9 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Cookie Walk Dough Rolling</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
NOV 10 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Parastas for +Anka Ludwig</i> - <i>Cookie Walk Dough Rolling</i>	11	12	13 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM</i>	14 <i>Orthodoxy on Tap @ 6:30 PM, St. George, W. 54th St, NYC</i>	15	16 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>*No Vespers</i>

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