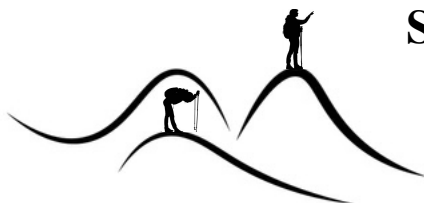




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Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

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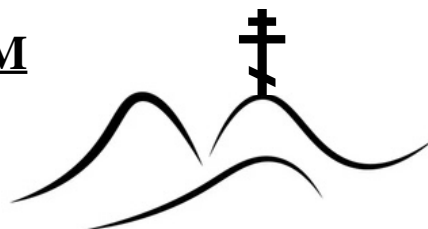
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WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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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JUNE 25th, 2023: St. Onuphrius the Great

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33 Troparia: p 42 (Tone 2)

TODAY: SUNDAY, JUNE 25th:

ST. ONUPHRIUS THE GREAT is one of the venerable desert fathers of the Orthodox Church. The early Desert fathers were individuals who ventured into the desert wilderness for two reasons: 1) to move away from the temptations of the world that had gripped them for so long, and 2) to enter into a realm where they can battle the sin that dwells within, giving their entire time to prayer and contemplation of God. They ate little, spoke little, and prayed much. St. Onuphrius lived in the wilderness for sixty years after being raised in the city of Hermopolis. His life was an example of how much our spiritual life involves our guardian angel, being astutely aware of his angel's guidance and receiving direction and assistance. He is a witness to the Lord's glory. May the Venerable Onuphrius intercede for us all!

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. There are bread stamps available for purchase on the gift case and recipes alongside.

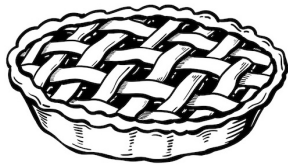


BLESSING OF A NEW ICON! A newly-created, 'written' gold-leaf icon of the Mother of God has been made and given by area iconographer Lee Vasu, photographed. He has a studio located on 11th Street between Avenues B & C. This is a unique and beautiful donation to St. Nicholas Church. We will bless and venerate it

following Liturgy this morning. May God grant to Lee and his family many blessed years! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

VENERATION OF THE HAND 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!*

MOLEBEN FOR THE SICK will be celebrated after Divine Liturgy for the servant of God Gregory Rydzik, offered by the Wan Family. Gregory is currently hospitalized at New York - Presbyterian and has been in a coma since February. May God see fit to grant health to Gregory and strength to his family for many blessed years! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*



A SPECIAL PICNIC-THEMED COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall today, all are invited downstairs. There were some requests made last week for particular types of pie; many of those requests have been fulfilled, made by Fr. William & Pani Ileana. Join us! *If you are not part of a coffee hour team and would like to be, please contact Debbie at debbiedev@verizon.net*

COOKIE WALK MEETING! The last Cookie Walk was in 2019 - the 11th Annual. The question is if we should have a 12th and if yes, how do we best organize the event. Today, we are going to have a CW meeting during Coffee Hour. It is the start of a conversation as to how to proceed. Yes or no? One day or two? Pre-packaged or build your own box? Pricing? Contingency plans.

Your input is essential. If we decide it is a yes, the CW Organizing Committee can get started over the summer and have a plan to present in the Fall for final approval. Then, it's dough-rolling time.

Any questions - contact Kim at kimbusel@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the meeting!



DURING THE WEEK:

SATURDAY, JULY 1st - Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's Church, 121 East 7th Street)
- Great Vespers @ 6 PM

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2nd:

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN! With longer, warmer days at hand, Divine Liturgy will begin at 9 AM, one hour earlier than the usual start time. This will be the case for two months, through Labor Day weekend. Plan ahead, take the opportunity to make it part of any upcoming travels, and invite others to come along.

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

SUMMER "DIY" COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy. There will be coffee, drinks, and pre-packaged snacks. Any extra "nice to have" goodies are brought by those who are in attendance. Thank you for your contribution. And may God continue to bless our fellowship!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHURCH BUILDING REPAIRS CONTINUE! I would like to bring to your attention as a parish family that we have been making great progress with our church building. You can notice even now the building repairs continue. Thanks to Church Officers, the Air Conditioning installation is all but complete. And now on the heels of one project always comes another; the Board recently approved the difficult but necessary expenditure of \$25,000 for repairs to the roof. Thanks be to God we have the finances to meet these needs but these finances bleed away before long if they are not replenished. Please consider a special donation today!

WE ARE NEWLY SUPPORTING THE FLEMINGTON AREA FOOD PANTRY! With the help and arrangement of Elizabeth Krzyzanowski, we will be donating our food collection going forward toward the food pantry in Flemington, NY. The parish will make a dedicated push in the coming weeks, please look to purchase something extra on your next grocery trip and bring it to our food bin in the #2 Hall. The suggested donation list provided by the food pantry lists the following:



SUGGESTED DONATION LIST:

Cold (lower sugar) cereals

Canned chicken

Tuna in packets

Canned black or kidney beans

Salad dressing

Instant hot oatmeal

Canned peaches

Cream soups (chicken or mushroom)

Grape jelly

Beef/vegetable soups

Crackers (saltines, wheat thins, etc.)

Dried beans

Disposable razors

Shaving cream

Toilet paper (2-ply)

Dish soap

Baby formula - Yellow Enfamil, powdered

Pullup Diapers, size 4, 5, or 6

Adult Diapers

Tampons

Sanitary pads

Baby wipes

Adult hygiene wipes

Food store gift cards

Thank you to Elizabeth for being the active parishioner who volunteered and will transport food constantly. May God bless you all for your generous donations!

9 AM SUMMER CHURCH HOURS & LIGHT DIY COFFEE HOURS START NEXT WEEK: A reminder that from July 2nd through Labor Day Weekend, Divine Liturgy will take place at 9 AM instead of the usual 10 AM. In addition, summer coffee hours will be simple, light, & DIY; there will be coffee, drinks, and pre-packaged snacks. Any extra “nice to have” goodies are brought by those who are in attendance. Thank you for your contribution. And may God continue to bless our fellowship!

MURAL ICONS BOOKLET - \$25: Copies of this newly-published booklet are still available for purchase at today’s coffee hour. This published booklet is a compilation of the mural icons of St. Nicholas Church, photographed together with their dedications and their backgrounds. This was put together with good work done by Junior Trustee Andrew McAusland, Trustee Bogdan Horbal, Photography by Paul Krzyzanowski, and edited by Jeffrey Paison. Thank you to all of them for their work! All proceeds will be put toward upcoming projects for the parish, including the creation of a new St. Nicholas Parish Honor Roll, which is currently ‘rolling’.



ANOTHER PORTION FROM *BEGINNING TO PRAY*

by (Metropolitan) Anthony Bloom

Let us think of our prayers, yours and mine; think of the warmth, the depth and intensity of your prayer when it concerns someone you love or something which matters to your life. Then your heart is open, all your inner self is recollected in the prayer. Does it mean that God matters to you? No, it does not. It simply means that the subject matter of your prayer matters to you. For when you have made your passionate, deep, intense prayer concerning the person you love or the situation that worries you, and you turn to the next item, which does not matter so much—if you suddenly grow cold, what has changed? Has God grown cold? Has He gone? No, it means that all the elation, all the intensity in your prayer was not born of God's presence, of your faith in Him, of your longing for Him, of your awareness of Him; it was born of nothing but your concern for him or her or it, not for God. How can we feel surprised, then,

that this absence of God affects us? It is we who make ourselves absent, it is we who grow cold the moment we are no longer concerned with God. Why? Because He does not matter so much. There are other ways too in which God is 'absent'. As long as we ourselves are real, as long as we are truly ourselves, God can be present and can do something with us. But the moment we try to be what we are not, there is nothing left to say or have; we become a fictitious personality, an unreal presence, and this unreal presence cannot be approached by God.

In order to be able to pray, we must be within the situation which is defined as the kingdom of God. We must recognize that He is God, that He is King, we must surrender to Him. We must at least be concerned with His will, even if we are not yet capable of fulfilling it. But if we are not, if we treat God like the rich young man who could not follow Christ because he was too rich, then how can we meet Him? So often what we would like to have through prayer, through the deep relationship with God which we long for, is simply another period of happiness; we are not prepared to sell all that we have in order to buy the pearl of great price. Then how should we get this pearl of great price? Is that what we expect to get? Is it not the same as in human relationships: when a man or a woman experiences love for another, other people no longer matter in the same way. To put it in a short formula from the ancient world:

'When a man has a bride, he is no longer surrounded by men and women, but by people.'

Isn't that what could, what should happen with regard to all our riches when we turn to God? Surely they should become pale and grey, just a general background against which the only figure that matters would appear in intense relief? We would like just one touch of heavenly blue in the general picture of our life, in which there are so many dark sides. God is prepared to be outside it, He is prepared to take it up completely as a cross, but He is not prepared to be simply part of our life.

New books like "Beginning to Pray" are being added constantly to the Gift Shop case in the #2 Hall. This Summer is a wonderful opportunity to get into spiritual reading. May God grant you the growth!

“When a man has a bride, he is no longer surrounded by men and women, but by people.”

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, please contact Fr. William directly: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

CONTINUOUS: Phyllis Kanya Adams, Matuska Olga Andrejuk, Walter Bubniak, David Bulko, Kim Busel, Bianca Ceselka, Peter & Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Michal Derevjanik Sr., Paul Dolhy, Pani Kathy Dutko, Cassandra Eddy, Mary & Tommy Fackovec, Gia Fazio, Charlie & Helen Gaydos, John Geida, Julius Gontkovsky, Olga Gubinski, Danny & Marilyn Halama, Diana Hannan, Priest Joseph Hoffmann, Noah Homyak, Aleksandra Horbal, Luke Iera, Magdalena Ilanovska, Jana Johnson-Plutchok, Sharon Kanya, Jade Kern, Michael Kerr, Paul Koehler, Joanna Kolaczko, Maria Koneval, Betty Kormanik, Michal Kormanik, Ann Mammoliti, Anna Mamrillova, Alex & Holly Marchak, Kamila Matišinova, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Stephanie McNellis, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, Christine & Rick Martines, Lucia Matišinova, John Ochlan, Stephen Pezzulich, Deacon Michael Pirich, Gregory Rydzyk, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, Paul Sikoryak Sr, Toni Sikoryak, George Sipko, Miroslav Strenk, Katherine Tam, Paul Tymus Sr, Teri Upton, Tim Upton, Lorraine Vira, Marek Vattek, Bill Vislocky, Catherine Vislocky, Sandy Wagner, Cathryn Walker, Dennis & Cathy Walsh, and Reader Bob & Debbie Zizik. For those suffering from the invasion of Ukraine. For those suffering from the earthquakes in Syria & Turkey.

ENGAGED:

Benjamin Worobey & Sophia Timko

Catechumens:

Ricardo Sullivan
John Stutts
Donovan Valencia

DIOCESAN CLERGY:

Priest Demetrious Glimidakis
Priest Kevin Greenwood
Deacon Robert Conjelko

DEANERY CLERGY:

Priest Alexandre Ioukliaevskikh (NY, NY)
Priest David Kossey (Yonkers, NY)
Priest Andrew Gromm (Seaford, NY)

SEMINARIANS: Nicholas Worobey, Seamus Murray, Samuel Lopusky, Timothy Paproski, Nicholas Fong, & Nicolas Laliberte. *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.

BIRTHDAYS: May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially to Olga Horbal, Julia Clemente, Nicolette Mammoliti, Justina Brown, Jonathon Loughlin, Merka Stack, Monica Derevjanik, & Janet Vanatko! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL OCCASIONS:

Newly-added Gregory Rydzyk, cousin of Peter Wan. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*
Newly-added Luke Iera. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*
Newly-added Jade Kern. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*



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

JUNE - JULY 2023

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| JUNE 25 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Moleben for Gregory Rydzyk</i> - <i>Picnic-Themed Coffee Hour</i> - <i>CW Walk Meeting</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | JULY 1 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i> |
| 2 <u>SUMMER HOURS BEGIN!</u> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM</i> - <i>DIY Coffee Hour</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 <i>Vespers & Liturgy @ 6 PM</i> | 7 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | 8 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i> |
| 9 <u>SUMMER HOURS</u> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM</i> - <i>DIY Coffee Hour</i> | 10 | 11 <i>Vespers & Liturgy @ 6 PM</i> | 12 FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL | 13 | 14 | 15 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i> |
| 16 <u>SUMMER HOURS</u> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM</i> - <i>40th Day Panachida for +John Derevjanik</i> - <i>DIY Coffee Hour</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i> |

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