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Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

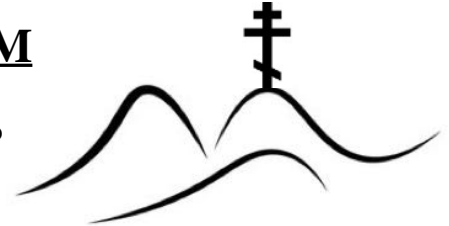
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WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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, DECEMBER 1st, 2024: Martyrs Platon & Romanus

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21 **Troparia:** p 46 (Tone 6)

TODAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

*HOLY MARTYR PLATON was born in Galatia, in the city of Ancyra. He was inspired to both consume and share the Word of God. He was exceptionally gifted in his speech and eloquence, showing his profound education. At the time, before Christianity was legalized in the empire, Platon was brought before the authorities, which ultimately led to giving his life. **HOLY MARTYR ROMANUS** was a deacon born in Palestine. He lived in Antioch at the time of great Christian persecutions in the Roman Empire and encouraged faithful to stand firm in their confession of Christ. In addition to encouraging faithful to prevent the destruction of the House of God, he went to the pagan temple to upbraid the legal authorities for their impiety. His reward was torture and death, giving up his own life at last. **Holy Martyrs, pray for 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!*

COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall, all will be 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!*

THE NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES! As we travel through the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord by fasting from foods, use this time to slow things down, to fast even more from sin, and give special attention to your daily prayers to God while creating more time with Him and reflection.

SCHEDULE YOUR CONFESSION: Make time for Holy Confession with Fr. William. There can be no growth in the Orthodox Faith without Confession, and it is necessary for your membership in God's Holy Church. These past couple years have been difficult to maintain participation together but the Church is open and the time is now. Father will be available before every Divine Liturgy, you can come early, or at Saturday Vespers services.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Dawn's Confession Class will meet next week 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 next week 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 OF DECEMBER 1st:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd - FESTAL VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY @ 6 PM, FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are continuing Vespers services every Wednesday, along with a lite meal and some study. We are reviewing and reading from the Ante (Pre)-Nicene Fathers (1st - 4th Century). Reading materials will be provided.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th - ST. NICHOLAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING @ 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th - COOKIE WALK DOUGH ROLLING @ 6-9 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, St. Mary's Church, NYC
- DOUGH ROLLING @ 9 AM - 3 PM
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2024

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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.

WELCOME TO COOKIE WALK 2024!

COOKIE WALK SET-UP IS NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 8th

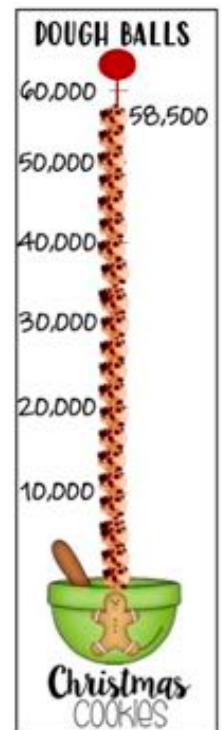
As you can see in the Main Hall today, we have started setting up for the Cookie Walk. Next Sunday, we will be transforming the hall into our Cookie Wonderland. Today, we need a few volunteers with young legs and strong backs to help bring down boxes from the "attic" - same next week. See Kim Busel if you can help.

COOKIE WALK VOLUNTEER PAGE USING SIGNUP.com Please visit <https://signup.com/go/PuApRaz> to view the CW online volunteer sign-up page. This handy tool gives a quick overview of what will be done and makes it much easier to track who is helping each day. Thank you.



BAKING WEEK is Dec 9-13th. Bogdan and John Busel will be reaching out about helping during Baking Week (or use the online tool above). There are three shifts each day and baking from 9 am – 9 pm. No experience in baking is needed. Lunch will be provided each day.

Can't make it during baking week but want to help? We would greatly appreciate 8oz water bottle 12-packs/case, 2-liter soda bottles (Coke, Diet



Coke, Sprite, Ginger ale), and snacks of any kind. See Helenka or Kim if you can contribute.

COOKIE WALK VOLUNTEERS: Will you be at the Cookie Walk and want to help? We need to know if you are coming. There are several different areas and volunteers are needed. But, you must let us know if you will be at the CW. You can sign-up online (above) or see Kim Busel. Thank you!

THANK YOU to everyone who brought empty paper towel rolls. We are rolling our last dough with the paper towel holders this weekend. The few leftovers will be saved for next year. We so appreciate your effort to bring in the rolls in each week. It's about 30-40 cookies per roll equating to approximately 12,000 cookies this year.



LAST WEEK: THE 2024 ST. NICHOLAS KERMEŠ







THE HEAVENLY HOST AND OUR MODERN LIFE

By Monk Vsevolod (Filippov)

On November 8/21 the Orthodox Church celebrates the feast of the holy Archangel Michael and the entire Heavenly Host. This celebration has great significance not only for Orthodox Christians, but for all of mankind. How is that?

..If mankind were less attracted to transient earthly ideas, but instead, more often gazed upward, it would notice that even in heaven, among the holy angels, there is no senseless equality over which the godless rave so madly. In the world of the angels, as everywhere in God's creation, there exists a definite hierarchy established by God. This hierarchical subordination and this blessed inequality cement the entire structure. If they were taken out, the structure would collapse.

In the case of the angels, a partial destruction of their heavenly assembly occurred after the insurrection provoked by the highest and most powerful angel, Lucifer—who from that time on became the father of all those fighters for equality who actually fight against God. If Lucifer had not fallen, then the Church would probably have established a feast in his honor, as it did in honor of the holy Archangel Michael. But Lucifer did not wish to subordinate himself to God. He dreamed of becoming equal to Him and lured away part of the angels to follow him in his struggle against God. Thus, the brightest angel became the blackest devil—satan.

Against Satan's army there arose the Archangel Michael, one of the highest angels who had remained faithful to the Creator. Going into battle at the head of the bright angels, the Archangel cried out: "Who else but God?" thereby denouncing proud Satan and all the future godless. The angels of God vanquished the dark forces of the first rebels, and Satan, together with the other demons, fell like lightning into the netherworld. From that time on, the Archangel Michael became the head of the entire heavenly host. He is honored by the Church even to this day for his zeal in working for God. However, the demonic forces continue their battle against the followers of Christ. God allows this, in order for us to be able to exhibit spiritual steadfastness and fealty to the Trinity.

We are surrounded by danger everywhere. But in this daily and hourly struggle we are provided by God with great defenders and helpers—the holy angels, headed by the seven highest archangels; their names are Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, Barachiel.

We have already spoken of the Archangel Michael. Archangel Gabriel has been entrusted with the service of being messenger to mankind. He came with the Lord's tidings of forthcoming miraculous events to the parents of St. John the Baptist, to the parents of the Holy Virgin Mary, and also to the Mother of God Herself and Righteous Joseph. Archangel Gabriel is the messenger of God's Providence, the attendant of miracles and divine Mysteries. When we are overcome with doubts, when it seems to us that we have been abandoned by everyone and there is no help from anywhere, let us pray to Archangel Gabriel, that by his prayers the Lord would reveal to us His most holy will and would set our life upon the course of salvation.

Archangel Raphael is a merciful healer, sent by God to comfort the sick and the sorrowing. From the Holy Scripture we know that Archangel Raphael expelled demons from a woman. And how many people there are nowadays who are possessed by demons.... Alas, both they and their relatives often turn for help to sorcerers who nowadays hide behind the pseudo-scientific name of "psychics." But will sorcerers, these servants of the devil, expel demons? Obviously not. The power to expel demons and heal those who are possessed by them belongs to the holy angels and particularly to Archangel Raphael. Let us ask him to intercede for us before the Lord, the Giver of all good things.

The name of Archangel Uriel means the light or the fire of God. This archangel enlightens the minds and the hearts of the faithful with the light of divine truth and the fire of divine love. All those who embark upon the

study of knowledge can and should pray to this archangel to enlighten their minds and hearts, in order to avoid a destructive chasm between knowledge and faith.

Archangel Salaphiel is the patron of prayer. He is even depicted so on icons: with eyes gazing downward, with hands crossed on his chest, and an air of humility and deep inner concentration. He is our primary teacher of prayer. Prayer is the most difficult thing to achieve, and one must be instructed in it. Unfortunately, some people assiduously study various worldly subjects, but disdain the study of the most important subject in the world—the Jesus prayer. Let us pray to Archangel Salaphiel for the Lord to grant us this gift of divine prayer.

Archangel Jegudiel is the patron, defender and helper of all those who toil. And we must all be such, for we have been commanded to eat our bread in the sweat of our brow. We toil not only physically, to earn our daily bread, but also spiritually, in order to perfect ourselves. Archangel Jegudiel is depicted on icons with a crown of victory in his hands. Such crowns will be earned by those of us who will endure to the very end, who will worthily bear the light yoke of Christ. We are faced with a complex task, so let us ask Archangel Jegudiel for help in our daily lives.

Archangel Barachiel is the angel of God's blessings. While asking God to bless all our good efforts, let us also appeal to Archangel Barachiel for help. However, we must accept the Lord's blessing not only for prosperity but also for our cross, i.e., the sorrows without which there is no salvation. And may Archangel Barachiel give us strength to carry our blessed crosses.

In celebrating the feast of the angelic Hosts, let us not forget the most important thing, and that is the faithfulness to God exhibited by the holy angels together with Archangel Michael. May the Lord help us to also be ready to sacrifice ourselves for Christ. Following the example of the angels' fealty, let us also remain faithful to true Orthodoxy. And nowadays this is more important than ever before, because Orthodoxy is being attacked from all sides by the adherents of other religions and by the unfaithful, who demand that very same infamous equality, this time among all religions. We can never agree to such an equalization of Orthodoxy with religions that have distorted the true worship of God, because we know that there is no salvation outside of Orthodoxy. Let us appreciate our Orthodox faith, which teaches us true knowledge and true worship of God, for which, eons ago, the archangel of God Michael and his entire heavenly host battled in the heavens.

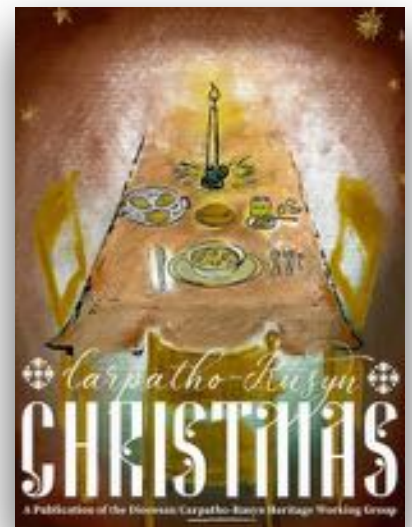
(Taken from www.orthochristian.com)



LEFT: GET YOUR 100th ANNIVERSARY CHURCH CALENDAR TODAY! Those at the Kermes were treated to a calendar designed with the help of Mike Kormanik & Justina Ryan, and were generously printed & donated by the (Patrick) Ryan Family in honor of Anna & Michael Salony's 50th Wedding Anniversary.



RIGHT: PURCHASE A NEWLY-RELEASED CARPATHO-RUSYN CHRISTMAS BOOK! Put together by the Diocesan Carpatho-Rusyn Heritage Working Group, headquartered here at the parish, this is a beautiful work. It is for sale at the gift case for \$15.





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, 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:

Ricardo Sullivan	Nathan Deutsch
John Stutts	Daniel Lai
Rachel Soh Young Yi	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 week, especially to Peter Vanatko & Maria Salonova! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

ANNIVERSARIES: May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially to Michael & Samara Kormanik! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the newly-added servants of God Max & Melia Walker, for their health and salvation. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

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

DEC 2024

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
DEC 1 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>CW Dough Rolling</i>	2	3 <i>Vespers & Divine Liturgy @ 6 PM</i>	4 FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS - <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM</i>	5 <i>St. Nicholas Board Meeting @ 7:30 PM</i>	6 <i>CW Dough Rolling @ 6 - 9 PM</i>	7 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>CW Dough Rolling @ 9 AM - 3 PM</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
DEC 8 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>CW Dough Rolling</i>	9 <i>CW BAKING WEEK</i>	10 <i>CW BAKING WEEK</i>	11 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6 PM</i> - <i>CW BAKING WEEK</i>	12 <i>CW BAKING WEEK</i>	13 <i>CW BAKING WEEK</i>	14 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - ST. NICHOLAS COOKIE WALK @ 11 AM - 4 PM - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
DEC 15 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - ST. NICHOLAS COOKIE WALK @ 12 PM - 3 PM	16	17	18 <i>Vespers & Divine Liturgy @ 6 PM</i>	19 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA	20	21 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's)</i> - <i>Great Vespers @ 6 PM</i>
DEC 22 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - ST. NICHOLAS DAY	23	24	25 *No Services	26	27 OCF COLLEGE CONF.	28 OCF COLLEGE CONF.

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St. Nicholas Cookie Walk 2024

Dec 14 & 15th

COOKIE WALK ORDER FORM



**Holiday
Takeout Box** _____ x \$25 = \$ _____
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**White Box
w/ ribbon** _____ x \$45 = \$ _____
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Check made payable to St. Nicholas Church Altar Society

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Phone or Email: _____

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For the St. Nicholas Contact:
Please give completed order forms to Kim Busel (or send a pic to kimbusel@gmail.com or by text to 914-426-3964).

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Cookies will be available for you to pick-up on Sat. Dec 14th or 15th

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