

WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2025: SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 Troparia: p 123-4

ON THIS SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY, we read from the Gospel of Matthew concerning the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry at the Sea of Galilee, where He will go on to call His first disciples. The Evangelist Matthew quotes the Prophet Isaiah when he says "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, Light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:1-2) The prophet was speaking of that land of two of the children of Jacob, Zebulun & Naphtali, who each owned the land around the Sea of Galilee, which also contained also the city of Nazareth, where our Lord grew. He foretold that a "great light" would dawn there, to a people who "sat in darkness." Our Lord is our light and our salvation, Who comes to us in the darkness of our sin. **O Lord, save 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.*

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!*

PANACHIDA 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!*

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.*

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.

MONTHLY PARENTS CLASS IS BACK @ **7:30 PM!** Parents are specially invited again to meet in the evening online with Fr. William for a half to one-hour session with Fr. William with discussion, following readings from <u>Parenting Toward the Kingdom</u> by Dr. Philip Mamalakis. Invitation for parents was sent by email. If you did not receive that invitation, please contact Fr. William immediately.

DURING THE WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are continuing Vespers services on Wednesdays, followed by a brief meal and reading. This will be our next session reviewing the Book of Daniel. Come!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th ST, NYC - HOME BLESSINGS (*NO VESPERS)

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 2nd, 2025

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!*

PANACHIDA will take place after Divine Liturgy for the handmaiden of God +Christina Markovic, offered by daughter Christina Bankovic. *May her memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*

PARASTAS will take place after Divine Liturgy for the servant of God +Michal Kormanik, offered by Jan Kormanik & Family as a 40th Day Remembrance. *May his memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

COFFEE HOUR & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will take place after Divine Liturgy.

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, 2025, 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, Lorraine Medvecky 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 Recording Secretary



Wishes from the Kormanik Family in Europe! God grant them many years!

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



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GLOBALIZATION & RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE: WHAT IS ASKED FROM ORTHODOXY?

By +Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, Facing the World: Orthodox Christian Essays on Global Concerns

The Orthodox Church should certainly not allow itself to be misled by the allure of (the church of) Rome, rushing to pronounce judgment on every issue that arises, prescribing detailed solutions. This is work for specialists who do research in the political and social sciences.

The great thing that is sought from the Church remains the spiritual rebirth of the human race, salvation in Christ, the giving of meaning to life. In this way, the Church offers what is most important: it cultivates consciousness and shapes the personalities of people who, by leading responsible lives, can strengthen and revitalize society's immune system. What we need most in the modern era are people with character, vision, and tenacity; people with love that is not hypocritical; people who oppose self-centeredness - whether it be individual, national, or racial. Arrogance, lust for power, and hypocrisy are not only characteristic of large and powerful states, but lurk in the souls of us all.

The Church cannot be a member of the club of the rich and powerful. The strength of Orthodoxy has never identified itself with or relied on the exercise of worldly power. Dostoevsky's famous portrayal of the Grand Inquisitor clearly delineates the great temptation of worldly power that the West encountered, a temptation that was not unknown in the East.

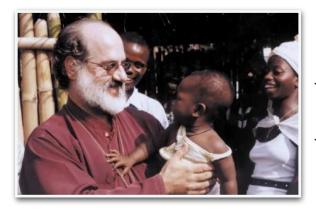
The Church should take an unremittingly prophetic and critical stand against every form of callousness toward human misery. It does this by sacrificing itself in the performance of its ministry; by summoning people to constant, conscientious repentance; by constantly participating in efforts to achieve justice and peace; and by leading a simple, ascetic, and self-restrained existence. The Beatitudes, as Christ formulated them in the Sermon on the Mount, define the authentic ethos of the Church. The goal of Orthodox Christian life is still to acquire the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Moreover, this goal has a direct effect on human relationships at local and global levels, because "the fruit of the Spirit" does not mean taking some voyage into the extraterrestrial realm, but "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self- control" (Gal 5:22); it means transcending human aggressiveness and social conflicts and achieving harmony in relationships among human beings and between entire peoples.

By encouraging this sense of universality, the Church not only helps bring people together but also proclaims - both symbolically and in practice - a worldwide communion of love. The Church offers us a foretaste of this global society or communion (the Greek word 'koinonia' has both meanings) in the form of an eschatological hope, a vision, and a celebration. Let anyone take part who wishes to do so. The Church does not forcibly impose this on anyone, but proclaims it through the lives of the faithful. The kingdom of God "has come and is coming." This "event" has been experienced in the lives of the saints - both well-known saints and those we have never learned about - and it provides prophetic solace regarding the possibilities that the future holds for the human race.

What makes the Church different from any other





religious system is that it offers us an actual relationship with the living God through the power and the grace of the eucharistic community. "For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). The world is not in our hands, but in his. We proceed with a realistic outlook along the path our lives have taken, bearing our cross and looking forward to the Resurrection. "But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). These words pinpoint the specific distinction that makes Christianity's global vision essentially different from every other form of globalization.

Christ assumed all of humanity's nature and renewed it. Any and all who truly believe in him and conscientiously participate in divine worship return to their daily lives ready to fulfill their obligations in their local surroundings by aspiring to a vision that is global.

His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios (95 yrs) arrived in Albania after the fall of Communism with the words "Christ is Risen!" He was a representative bishop of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to see what could be done to support the needs of the people there, with the intention of returning to his missionary work in Africa. The people fell so in love with him and his witness for Christ, they would not allow him to leave. After his decision to remain, the Church of Albania saw only growth in love, ministry, and faith in God. There are no Orthodox missionary efforts, new or old, in the world untouched by his tireless work and impact. He entered critical care on January 3rd and remained in the hospital's care ever since. May God keep the beloved Archbishop Anastasios in His care, now and ever and unto the ages of ages!



<u>ABOVE: LAST WEEK'S HOLY BAPTISM OF NATHAN & DANIEL</u> It was a special joy on the Feast of the Theophany of our Lord to receive two of our Catechumens into the Faith through Holy Baptism before the Divine Liturgy. May God grant them, their families, & their Godparents many happy & blessed years! Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

<u>RIGHT: CHRISTOPHER RECEIVED INTO THE CATECHUMENATE</u>

Please keep him and all our Catechumens in your prayers as they prepare for reception into the Orthodox Faith. May God grant him many happy & blessed years! Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!



WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOUR NATIVITY DONATIONS



ITEM:	DONATED BY:	FOR: For the Health of the Rusinak, Matlak, Petrik, & Sikorjak Families			
14 Decorated Candles on the Altar	Kathy Matlak				
6 Main Altar Candles	Charles Honara	In Memory of Parents Charles & Helen, and Brother Steven, & Merry Christmas to all!			
Triple Bar Cross of Votives (Lord's Side)	M/M Bob Zizik	In Memory of Grandparents M/M Peter Ceselka			
Triple Bar Cross of Votices (Theotokos Side)	M/M Bob Zizik In Memory of Parents Frank & Mary Tymus, Uncle John & Aunt Helen				
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Christ in Garden)	M/M Paul Krzyzanowski	In Memory of Benyo, Sikoryak, & Krzyzanowski Family Members			
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Baptism of Christ)	Lorraine & Joanne Medvecky In Memory of Medvecky & Yanoscik				
Vigil Light - Side Altar (Nativity of Christ)	M/M Richard Vislocky	In Memory of Vislocky & Benyo Family			
Vigil Light - Side Altar (Resurrection of Christ)	M/M Richard Vislocky	In Memory of John Benyo as a 101st Birthday Remembrance			
Sacramental Wine	M/M Paul Sikoryak	In Memory of Benyo, Sikoryak, Shandrowsky, & Krzyzanowski Family Members			
Festive Oil	Iveta Canjura	In Memory of the Halama Family			
4 Vigil Lights (Top of Round Votive Stands)	The Matlak Family	For the Health of the Rusinak, Matlak, & Petrik Families			
Eternal Lamp (Center of Church)	Stephanie Salony	In Memory of Parents Michael & Anna Salony			
Charcoal	Jan Kindja	In Memory of the Kindja Family			
Altar Boy Candles	M/M Vasil Rusinak	For the Health of the Rusinak, Matlak, & Petrik Families			
Incense	Stephanie Salony	For the Health of Family			



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

<u>CONTINUOUS</u>: 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:

Maryam Gueye Christopher V. Yoelvi Maria Sidney Gdanski

DIOCESAN CLERGY:

Priest David Mastroberte Priest Luke Mihaly Protodeacon Emil Gulick

EXPECTANT PARENTS:

Max & Melia Walker Robert & Kristin Stack

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. *That God may grant them many more blessed years, and for more vocations to the Priesthood!*

<u>COLLEGE STUDENTS</u>: 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 Nick Bankovic, Jessica Bower, & Michael Kormanik! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita*!

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the Newly-Added Servant of God Michael Fackovec, for his health & salvation. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!* For the Servants of God Priest Joseph & Pani Kathy Fester, Priest Theodore & Pani Marjorie Mozes, for their health & salvation. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

For the Servants of God +John & Anna Strenk as an Anniversary Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!* For the Servant of God +John Salony as a 36th Anniversary Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!



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Junior A.C.R.Y. Spring Encounter at Camp Nazareth:

Join us for a weekend of Faith & Fun in Christ! GLORY TO GOD FOR 100 YEARS! STAY TUNED FOR MORE AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 9th.

Mercer, PA – The Junior American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Youth (Jr. A.C.R.Y.) is thrilled to invite all youth ages 8-18 to the upcoming Spring Encounter, a retreat filled with faith, fellowship, and fun, taking place at Camp Nazareth from March 7th to March 9th, 2025.

This year's Spring Encounter will focus on the beautiful Prayer of Saint Ephraim, an important part of our Lenten tradition. Through engaging discussions and activities, our youth will learn about the prayer's meaning and its role in guiding us through the Lenten season as a time of repentance and growth in our relationship with Christ.

The cost for the weekend is \$110, which includes lodging, meals, and program materials. The retreat promises to be a spiritually enriching and joyful experience for all participants, fostering a deeper connection to faith, friends, and the Orthodox Church. To register or for more information, please visit:

https://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=396857

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: <u>fr.william.bennett@gmail.com</u>

JAN - FEB 2025

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
JAN 26 Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Panachida 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 - Parastas for +Michal Kormanik - Altar Society Meeting	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 THREE HOLY <u>HIERARCHS</u> Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	13	14	15 FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN TEMPLE Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers
FEB 16 <u>PRODIGAL SON</u> Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM - Blessing of Candles	17	18	19 Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	20	21	22 <u>+ALL SOULS</u> Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM (St. Mary's) - HOME BLESSINGS *No Vespers

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