

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: 10 AM

Pastor: Rev. Fr. William Bennett
Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko
Asst. Cantor: Reader Robert Zizik
Hours: Reader Alexander Ioukliaevskikh

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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, NOVEMBER 10th, 2024: Great Martyr Paraskevi

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 **Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39 **Troparia:** p 43 (Tone 3)

GREAT MARTYR PARASKEVI was born in Iconium to Christian parents in the third century. Since her parents reverenced every Friday in memory of the death of our Lord, as all Christians did, they saw fit to name her Friday (Paraskevē), the day of her birth. She was remarkably young when she made the decision to be a stranger to the world and be wholly dedicated to God, committing to celibacy. This was during a deep period of persecution of Christians and pagans brought her to the city prefect. In her denial to offer sacrifices to pagan idols, she was stripped, tied, and beaten. Following that, she was raked with iron claws, imprisoned, and lacerated to the bone. Though God preserved and healed her at a miraculous rate, she was eventually given over and beheaded. O Holy Martyr Paraskevi, pray to God 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!*

PANACHIDA will be offered for the servant of God +Michal Koneval, offered by wife Maria and family as a 3rd Anniversary Remembrance. *May his memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

PARASTAS will be offered for the handmaiden of God +Anka Ludwig, offered by daughter Diane & Gary Heidenfelder and family as a 40th Day 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! 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!*

KERMEŠ DANCE PRACTICE: Children are specially invited to gather in the #2 Hall to learn our new dance. See you there!

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.



<u>Sunday, October 27th</u> Children's Costume Party!

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 OF NOVEMBER 10th:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are continuing Vespers services every Wednesday, along with a lite meal and some study. We are continuing our reading of the *Didache*, the 1st Century Apostolic Constitutions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th ST, NYC - *NO GREAT VESPERS

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2024:

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PARASTAS will be offered for the servant of God +Andrey Benc, offered by wife Lillian and family as a 15th Anniversary Remembrance. *May his memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

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

KERMEŠ DANCE PRACTICE

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.

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.

It's CW Sign Day Sunday - the official start of the Cookie Walk for the public today. There will be many happy faces as they pass the church each day.

SAT. NOV. 9 & TODAY, SUN. NOV. 10th – DOUGH BALL

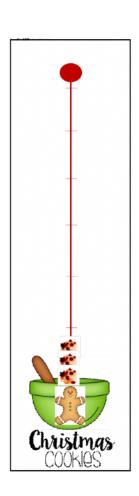
WEEKEND: We are nearing 15,000 dough balls rolled to date. Watch the thermometer for the next two weekends as we will approach 40,000+. It's going to take teamwork to accomplish this mountain of dough balls. Today are three monster doughs with nearly 3,600 balls, so please plan on rolling during coffee hour. Thank you.

Helenka and Kim will be working 9-9 on Thursday and Friday making dough with a pizza night planned on the 15th for a big dough rolling evening. Saturday will be 9-2 and Sunday, the 17th week be another huge day. Let us know if you can join us during these four days. You make a difference. You can sign up online at https://signup.com/go/PuApRaz.



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.





DON'T FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS!

by Ariadna Nefedkina

In our fast-paced world, where hours fly like birds and things strike us like bolts from the blue, it's easy to lose sight of what's really important. We plunge into our routine, forget about moments of peace and quiet, and have no strength to rejoice in the small simple things that make up our whole lives. Like frightened animals, we hide in our "burrows", which take the form of endless work business, and have stopped looking at heaven.

We run, overtaking each other in the subway, we are afraid to be late, and we hurry even when there is no need to hurry. This is a habit developed over the years—the habit of running after time. And how can we see clearly the world around us at such a speed? But we do not see each other, not to mention the world! We keep running, pushing one another, trying to make it to our destinations in time... But where are we hurrying?... On the way we scroll through news feeds, a string of chats, peek at the alluring and attractive "lives" of other people living on the other side of the screen, and reflect on how lucky they are.

What will we see when we look away for a moment? Here is a young man standing with a bunch of beautiful flowers, smiling and thinking about something—probably about the one the flowers are intended for. There is a woman standing opposite, so pensive and sad, as if she is about to cry... And tears are already flowing down her face. Who has offended her? What is tormenting her soul so much? There is no answer. The train stops, and the woman disappears into the stream of passers-by.

We move our gaze to the end of the train car. An elderly woman is sitting there, holding a small book in her hands and constantly whispering something. Is she praying? Yes, she is praying for her children, grandchildren, and for all of us, asking the Lord to forgive His children who are "always busy" and "have no time" to remember Him even for a moment.

Vanity can cloud the mind, but it is in moments when we pause that we can find time to meditate. Try to set aside a few minutes during the day for quiet solitude. It can be a cup of tea in a corner in your office or a stroll in the fresh air. Allow yourself to stop for a while and think about what really matters. At such moments you can turn to God with questions that bother you, or just thank Him for everything that you have in your life.

Keep in mind that every morning is a new page on which we can write down our own unique and original story. To start your day with prayer means to attune your inner world. After all, every morning we brush our teeth, wash our face and put ourselves in order; likewise, prayer puts our souls in order. It doesn't have to be a long and complicated prayer. Sometimes a simple, "Thank You for a new day," or a request for support is enough. Prayers are our shields against everyday vanity.

Work is not only about tasks and reports, but also about the people around us. Each of them is an opportunity for us to show love, care and compassion. Try to see the reflection of God in your colleagues, even when it seems impossible. St. Simeon of the Pskov-Caves Monastery used to say, "You don't know a person's thoughts or what he will do in the next moment. So don't judge him and don't speak ill of him..." Thus, you will free your mind from unnecessary thoughts, and your life will become easier.

Pay attention to the world around you: to nature, the weather, and the people. Feel that you are a part of this amazing and beautiful world, and do not limit yourself to an "electronic box" with a beautiful virtual "life"

inside it. Because beyond it real life flows, runs and sings, given to us only once so that we can live it, and not run through it.

Work and prayer should not contradict each other, but they can become two sides of the same coin. It is important to remember that there is a place for God even in the most turbulent flow of life. Every moment is a chance to remind ourselves of His presence. Let God be a part of your life not only when you enter the church, and you will see how vanity turns into harmony, and work into service.

(Taken from www.orthochristian.com)





ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you to Matt Stack & Rich Vislocky again for pulling this report together for the parish month after month. This provides a helpful snapshot of the financial health of the parish. The more we contribute, the more that becomes possible for as a parish family, with God's help. God bless what you do!

Income/Expense Report for October of 2024:

 INCOME:
 \$12,302

 EXPENSES:
 \$14,354

 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):
 (\$2,052)

Income/Expense Report for the last 12 Months (November 2023 - October 2024)

 INCOME:
 \$218,633

 EXPENSES:
 \$233,603

 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):
 (\$14,970)





ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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, Michael 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:

DEANERY CLERGY:

Priest David Mastroberte Priest Luke Mihaly Protodeacon Emil Gulick 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!*

<u>BIRTHDAYS:</u> May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially to Sara Clemente! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the Departed Servant of God +Michal Koneval, as a 3rd Anniversary Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!* For the Departed Handmaid of God +Anka Ludwig, as a 40th Day Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!* For the Departed Handmaid of God +Tracy Heidenfelder, as a 37th Birthday Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!* For the Departed Servant of God +John Salony, as a 105th Birthday Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu 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

NOV 2024

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
NOV 10 Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Panachida for +Michal Koneval - Parastas for +Anka Ludwig - Kermeš Dance Practice - Cookie Walk Dough Rolling	11	12	Vespers, Meal, & Scripture @ 6:30 PM	14 Orthodoxy on Tap @ 6:30 PM, St. George, W. 54th St, NYC	15	16 Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St *No Vespers
NOV 17 Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Parastas for +Andrey Benc & Departed Family - CW Dough Rolling - Kermeš Dance Practice	18	19	20 Vespers & Divine Liturgy @ 6 PM	21 SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & THE HEAVENLY HOSTS	22	23 Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St. - Lunch & Dough Rolling w/ Metropolitan Gregory - Great Vespers @ 6 PM
NOV 24 ST. NICHOLAS KERMEŠ Hierachical Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Kermeš Celebration	25	26 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM	27 *No Vespers	28 Thanksgiving - Nativity/ Advent Fast Begins!	29	*No Divine Liturgy - Great Vespers @ 6 PM

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