



# ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

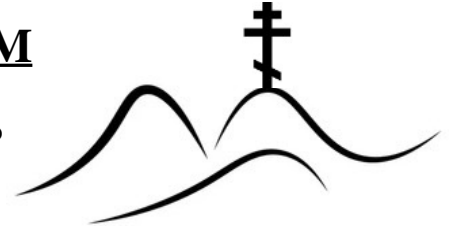
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## WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

*For Online Streaming Service: 10 minutes prior to service, visit our website ([www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org](http://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 13th, 2024: St. Gregory of Armenia

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 Troparia: p 47 (Tone 7)

**ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR OF ARMENIA** lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Century. He was the catalyst which led to Armenia being the first nation to accept entirely the Christian Faith. Though he was a beloved crowned prince, he made the choice to withdraw from all public life and to pass the remainder of his life in solitude and prayer. **O Saint Gregory, pray to God for us!**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION** will take place today following the Gospel Lesson & Sermon in the Divine Liturgy. This is being taken up to help those in the South affected by Hurricane Helene, which led to the loss of 227 lives (and counting), many more injured, and the destruction of countless homes. This is in addition to the \$250 that was collected the previous week, and will be sent to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), which is on the ground with victims at this moment. May God bless whatever you can give, and keep them in prayer!

**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 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!*

**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!*

**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.

**FESTAL VESPERS @ 6 PM, FEAST OF POKROV**

**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.

**LOTS-O-LUCK ACRY CALENDARS** are here! They are \$25 each, and only a few left. Please see Dawn Krzyzanowski if you are interested in one. Checks should be made out to "Lots-O-Luck Calendar Fund".

### **DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13th:**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM:** We are continuing Vespers services every Wednesday, along with a lite meal and some study. We are going following the book Of Water & The Spirit by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, a study of Holy Baptism of the Orthodox Church. Books are available.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th STREET  
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM**

### **NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 2024:**

**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.*

**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING OF LUBOMIR & MAGDALENA MATLAK:** All are invited to remain at the end of Divine Liturgy to pray for Luboš & Magda in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, at which time we will offer them a special blessing from the Church. May God grant them, their children, and their children's children many happy & blessed years! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

**FESTIVE ANOINTING (MIROVANIJE) & BLESSED BREAD** will be offered after Divine Liturgy for all faithful and visitors that morning. *May God grant you all many happy & blessed years!*

**PANACHIDA** will take place for the handmaiden of God +Helene Potishnak Stowe, offered by Diana Essock and other beloved family as a first anniversary remembrance. May her memory be eternal! *Vičnaja Jej Pamjat!*



**LAST WEEK:**  
*May God grant many happy & blessed years to the new Catechumen Maryam, received last week.  
Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON** will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall downstairs. *All parishioners are specially invited by the family of Luboš and Magda to join and celebrate!*

**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!** God bless our organizers and volunteers already hard at work pulling the Kermeš together this year. We look forward to a joyful celebration as always, a possible performance or two from the children, and a visit from His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory. Stay tuned for ticket information going forward.



*New books are in! Available at the gift case in the #2 Hall, \$20 each.*

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## **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 September of 2024:***

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b><i>INCOME:</i></b>            | <b><i>\$14,678</i></b> |
| <b><i>EXPENSES:</i></b>          | <b><i>\$15,175</i></b> |
| <b><i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i></b> | <b><i>(\$497)</i></b>  |

### ***Income/Expense Report for the last 12 Months (October 2023 - September 2024)***

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><i>INCOME:</i></b>            | <b><i>\$216,573</i></b>  |
| <b><i>EXPENSES:</i></b>          | <b><i>\$253,939</i></b>  |
| <b><i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i></b> | <b><i>(\$37,366)</i></b> |





## HOMILY ON THE DAY OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (POKROV)

*by St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

*The bright feast of the Protection of the Mother of God! It is a witness to us of the great glory with which the Most Holy Mother of God is crowned in the heavens. On this day she appeared in heavenly glory, and people saw her and rejoiced. In her hands she held a wondrous protecting veil, to show how she protects and defends people from all evil. There is a two-fold joy for us on this feast: One is that we see a great and righteous woman, a sufferer in earthly life, crowned with such heavenly glory; and the other is that, while abiding in the heavens, she attentively cares for Christians, for the heirs of her Son and God.*

*And if she makes us glad by her defense, by her appearances, both before, and now, and always, we also, brothers and sisters, should make her glad. We truly can bring joy to the Most Holy Mother of God. You ask, how?*

*If we believe in the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary, we bring joy to the Mother of God.*

*If we love Him, as She loves us, we bring joy to the Mother of God.*

*If we keep Christ's commandments, by this we bring joy to the one who gave birth to the Lord Christ.*

*If we repent of our sins, she rejoices with the angels and all the heavenly powers of God. For the Lord said, Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance (Lk. 15:7).*

*But if we sin and do not repent, we offend the Most Pure Mother of God, we offend the bright angels of God, and all the righteous ones in heaven. What then would be the use of our celebration? What profit is there in prayerful assembly and spiritual hymns? The Lord looks not at the lips, but at the heart; and when He comes to judge the world, He will judge not our talk, but our hearts. If our hearts are not pure He will reject us, but if He finds our hearts pure and filled with mercy and love, He will accept us into His eternal Kingdom. This is why the wise one of the Old Testament said, Keep thine heart with the utmost care; for out of these are the issues of life (Prov 4:23). If the core of a tree is rotten, will it live much longer? But the human heart rots from sin and when it rots, then a man becomes the shadow of a man and he drags across the earth until he disappears from it entirely.*

*May it not be so with you, my brothers and sisters—do not turn into a shadow but remain people of God; and if you are people of God, then you are also the heirs to the Kingdom of God.*

*That the righteous inherit the Kingdom of God is witnessed by the Most Pure Mother of God through her appearance in glory and light, with her protecting veil, with which she protects from evil all who run to her with tears, prayer and faith. She appeared and she still appears—not just for the sake of appearing, but in order to open the spiritual eyes of those without faith, so that they would learn of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven;*

*To console the sorrowing, so that they would know what great joy awaits them in the next life;*



*To be a support to the little and the weak, so that they might walk their earthly path with joy, and enter into the Kingdom;*

*To encourage the penitent, so that they would not stumble on the path of repentance, but stand fast and be saved;*

*To repay every drop of her Son's blood with the salvation of many, many human souls;*

*So that for every drop of her Son's blood she might protect from destruction thousands and thousands of human souls—for precious, brothers and sisters, is the Blood of the Son of God spilled for mankind. Woe to him who disdains this precious blood—eternal torment will be his just reward. Blessed are you who revere this blood and are voluntarily and consciously saved through it—your reward will be eternal life. Truly precious is the Blood of the Virgin Mary's Son. All people from the beginning of the world to its end, be they numerous as the blades of grass on the earth and grains of sand in the sea, can be saved by this Blood. But alas, not all will be saved. Only those who want it—and those who do not want it will be turned away, for they disdained the price by which they were purchased.*

*Be contemptuous of no one, brothers and sisters. There is not a person on earth for whom the Son of the Most Pure Virgin did not give His precious Blood. If one disdains the Blood by which he was bought, he will answer for his own demise; but may none of you be the cause of anyone's demise. And if you have contempt for a person you have contempt for the blood Christ spilled for his salvation. Strive to bring the sinner to reason and confirm him in the faith, and if you are able to do so, you will obtain a brother and co-heir of Christ's Kingdom. Praise the righteous, correct the sinner, encourage those who repent. But just as dirty water cannot whiten soiled cloth, neither can the sinner cleanse another sinner until he has cleansed himself. Therefore the Lord warns you to heal thyself! If you want to correct others, correct yourself, and then be zealous for others. This is the law of Christ.*

*This is how you will bring joy to the Most Pure Mother of God, who brings us joy always. She guards us from attacks and prays for us to God, and kisses us as a mother does her children. She burns with the desire that everyone be saved and enter into Her Son's Kingdom. Glory and praise be to our God, and to you peace, health, joy, and blessing unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

*(Taken from [www.orthochristian.com](http://www.orthochristian.com))*



### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SEE OUR NEW WEBSITE!**

We officially launched our new website design and content. Thank you to Kim Busel, who has not only helped make this possible but maintained our previous site for many years. There are still some pages being worked on but thanks be to God, we are ready to show. Explore the site, and may it be an assistant to all of you, those in the faith and those who may visit.

Our domain name is unchanged: <https://www.stnicholaschurchnyc.org>



## **ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST**

*For additions or updates, please contact Fr. William directly: [fr.william.bennett@gmail.com](mailto: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 Lillian Benc, Max Walker, Vasil Rusinak, & Mikulas Salon! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

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

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:**

For the Newly-Departed Servant of God, the Priest +Thomas Blaschak. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

For the Newly-Catachized Handmaid of God Maryam Gueye. *Many & Blessed Years!*

For the Victims of Hurricane Helene, Milton, and other impending storms. *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](mailto:fr.william.bennett@gmail.com)

## OCT - NOV 2024

\*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

| SUN  | MON                      | TUES | WED  | THUR | FRI   | SAT  |
|--|--------------------------|------|--|------|-------|--|
| <b>OCT 13</b><br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 10 AM<br>-<br><i>Coffee Hour &amp; Sunday School</i><br>-<br><i>Festal Vespers @ 6 PM</i>  | 14<br>FEAST OF<br>POKROV | 15   | 16<br>Vespers, Meal,<br>& Scripture<br>@ 6:30 PM | 17   | 18    | 19<br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 8 AM,<br>St. Mary's, 7th St.<br>-<br><i>Great Vespers</i><br>@ 6 PM |
| <b>OCT 20</b><br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 10 AM<br>-<br><i>50th Anniversary Blessing for</i><br><i>Luboš &amp; Magda Matlak</i><br>-<br><i>Panachida for +Helene</i><br><i>Potishnak Stowe</i><br>-<br><i>Luncheon &amp; Sunday School</i> | 21                       | 22   | 23<br>Vespers, Meal,<br>& Scripture<br>@ 6:30 PM | 24   | 25    | 26<br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 8 AM,<br>St. Mary's, 7th St.<br>-<br><i>Great Vespers</i><br>@ 6 PM |
| <b>OCT 27</b><br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 10 AM<br>-<br><i>Led by St. Nicholas Choir</i><br>-<br><i>Coffee Hour &amp; Sunday School</i>  | 28                       | 29   | 30<br>Vespers, Meal,<br>& Scripture<br>@ 6:30 PM | 31   | NOV 1 | 2<br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 8 AM,<br>St. Mary's, 7th St.<br>-<br><i>Great Vespers</i><br>@ 6 PM  |
| <b>NOV 3</b><br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 10 AM<br>-<br><i>Parastas for +Betty Kormanik</i>   | 4                        | 5    | 6<br>Vespers, Meal,<br>& Scripture<br>@ 6:30 PM  | 7    | 8     | 9<br><i>Divine Liturgy</i><br>@ 8 AM,<br>St. Mary's, 7th St.<br>-<br><i>Great Vespers</i><br>@ 6 PM  |

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AS SHE SHARES HOW WE AS ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIANS CAN HONOR OUR LORD BY  
TAKING CARE OF OUR HEALTH - MENTALLY,  
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### 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](mailto:stephanie.salony@comcast.net)) or call me on 908-268-4883*