



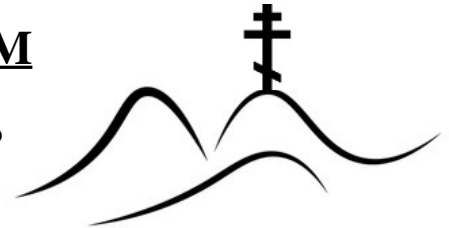
# ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE  
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288 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10009



## Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

Pastor: Rev. Fr. William Bennett  
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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 6th, 2024: Conception of St. John the Baptist

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11 **Troparia:** p 46 (Tone 6)

**THE CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** was truly a miraculous event by several measures. Zacchaeus was visited in the Holy of Holies in the Temple by an angel who told him of the conception of John within Elizabeth. This is depicted on the left-hand side of the icon. On the right-hand side, they come together in celebration of the conception. It is known that Elizabeth was well beyond child-bearing years and such an event was quickly perceived as a sign of God's favor and promise for the child. **O Holy Prophet John, pray to God for us!**

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**VENERATION OF THE 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!*

**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.

**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** have 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 6th:**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th - 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 12th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th STREET  
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM**

## **NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2024:**

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

**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.



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

**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.



## **GOD GIVES PRAYER TO HIM WHO PRAYS: SELECTED SAYINGS OF ST. HILARION OF OPTINA**

*by St. Hilarion*

*The following teachings of **St. Hilarion of Optina** were taken from *Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina*, Holy Trinity Publications, 2005:*

### **Anger**

*If you feel that you cannot control your anger, remain silent, and for the time being, simply say nothing, until, through continuous prayer and self-reproach, your heart has become calm.*

### **Caution in speech**

*During conversation with others it is no hindrance to be cautious in speech, and at the same time one can retain the Jesus Prayer in the mind.*

### **Relations with neighbors**

*One must strive to have a good opinion of everyone. Only God is the Knower of hearts. We cannot infallibly judge people.*

### **Repentance**

*In case of a fall of some kind in deed, word, or thought, you should immediately **repent** and, acknowledging your infirmity, humble yourself and force yourself to see your sins, but not your corrections. From examining his sins, a person comes to humility and acquires a heart that is broken and humble, which God does not despise.*

### **Prayer**

*We must not attribute miracle-working power to our prayer; we must not think that what we ask of the Lord is always fulfilled. This thought comes from pride and leads to deception. God does not demand undistracted prayer from beginners. It is acquired with much time and labor, as the writings of the holy fathers say: "God grants prayer to those who pray..."*

### **Thoughts**

*When having thoughts of self-praise, we must look at our sins and remember that without the help of God we can do nothing good and beneficial, we have only sins and infirmities.*

### **Praise**

*Pay no attention to praise and fear it; remember what one of the holy fathers says: "If someone praises you, expect reproaches from him too."*

### **Reconciliation**

*If you reconcile your own heart towards someone who is angry at you, the Lord will tell his heart to reconcile with you.*

### **Self-will**

*By desiring to live or die in this place, but not that one, we establish our own will, we desire to fulfill our own desires, which we must not do. Do not pray to the Lord for any such thing, but pray that His holy will may be fulfilled in us.*

### **Sorrows**

*Let us endure for a little while and we will receive eternal blessedness. Let us consign to oblivion all earthly pleasures and joys—they are not for us. It has been said: Where our treasure is, there our heart will be (cf. Luke 12:34), and our treasure is in heaven; therefore let us strive with all our heart for the heavenly Fatherland. There all our sorrows will be turned to joy; abuse and disparagement—to glory; sorrows, tears and sighs—to consolation; sicknesses and toil—to everlasting peace without pain.*

*When sorrow comes to us, we must await consolations, but after the consolation, we must again await sorrows.*

*We cannot live in such a way that no one grieves or offends us, for the Apostle Luke writes: we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22), and bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). Let us therefore ask that we may bear **sorrows** with self-reproach and humility and not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, and with the Prophet say: With them that hate peace I was peaceable (Ps. 119:6).*

*You are bored because you think too much about yourself and you censure those who are weak.*

### **Spiritual welfare**

*In the pure writings of the Holy Fathers, we see that he who desires to cleanse his heart of the passions must call on the Lord for help—this is so. We cannot say the **Jesus Prayer** without our thoughts being plundered. With beginners, God does not demand undistracted prayer: it is acquired with much time and labor. As the writings of the Holy Fathers say: "God gives prayer to him who prays," thus we must nevertheless continue to pray, orally, and with the mind.*

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



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## **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	

### **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 Wan, Marin Petricha, & Martina Petijova! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially to John & Tanya McAusland and John & Kim Busel! *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 6</b> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>Coffee Hour &amp; Sunday School</i>	7	8	9 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>&amp; Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	10	11	12 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
<b>OCT 13</b> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>Festal Vespers @ 6 PM</i> - <i>Coffee Hour &amp; Sunday School</i>	14 <i>FEAST OF</i> <i>POKROV</i>	15	16 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>&amp; Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	17	18	19 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
<b>OCT 20</b> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>50th Anniversary Blessing for</i> <i>Luboš &amp; Magda Matlak</i> - <i>Panachida for +Helene</i> <i>Potishnak Stowe</i> - <i>Coffee Hour &amp; Sunday School</i>	21	22	23 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>&amp; Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	24	25	26 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
<b>OCT 27</b> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>Coffee Hour &amp; Sunday school</i>	28	29	30 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>&amp; Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	31	NOV 1	2 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM

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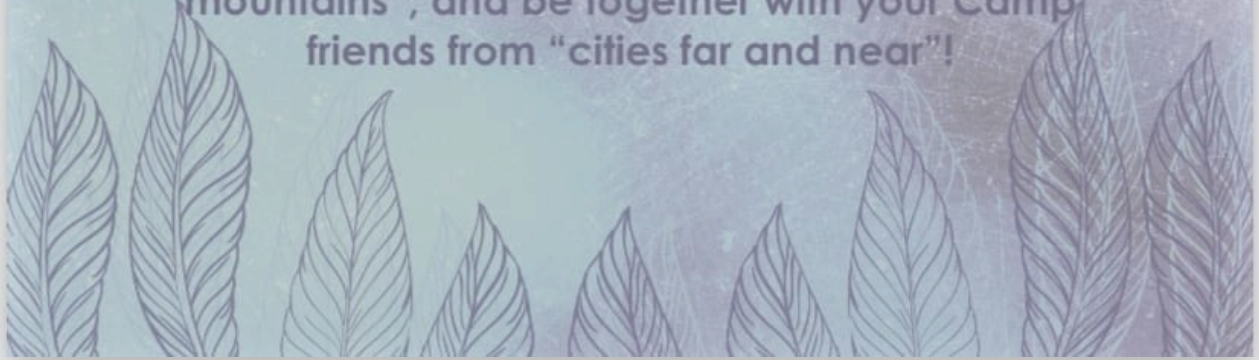
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

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