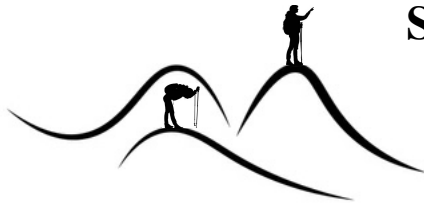




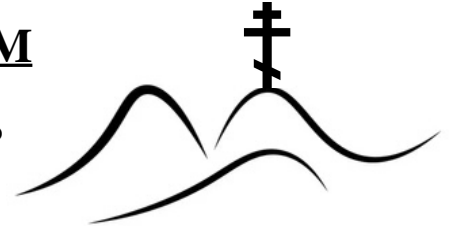
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At this time, we will livestream only for Lenten services, Saturday evening Vespers & Sunday morning Divine Liturgy.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2024: Sts Joachim & Anna

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-42 **Troparia:** p 44 (Tone 4), p 92 (Cross)

*STS JOACHIM & ANNA are the parents of Mary, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin. Her conception, though not immaculate, was miraculous in that Anna was very advanced her years when she conceived by Joachim. Joachim, of the tribe of Judah and descendant of David, took as his wife Anna of the tribe of Levi, the daughter of Matthan the Priest. They tried so long to conceive but remained childless all their marriage. They grieved over this greatly. In its time, it was considered a great humiliation among the people, that even their sacrifices were not regarded by others in the Temple. In their humiliation, separately, they began to offer prayer and to fast deeply, asking God to grant them a child. Their prayer was heard and an angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, who would be blessed above all other women. Only a few years after Mary's birth, Joachim died at the age of 80 years. Anna would follow soon after at the age of 70 years. They are the patrons for those trying to have children. **Righteous Joachim & Anna, 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.*

BLESSING OF TRAVELERS will take place for a large group in the parish who will be traveling on a trip together. May God bless them and grant them safe return!

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



*Proskomedie Sermon from
Sunday, September 8th*

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, and for pre-Confession children, there will be a brief lesson available downstairs on the stage with Stephanie, as able.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will take place in the #2 Hall. May God continue to bless them!

WEEKLY POST-CONFESSION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS TODAY @ 7 PM! Students will meet in the evening online with Fr. William for a half-hour 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 CALENDARS have arrived! They are \$25 each. 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 SEPTEMBER 22nd:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th - VESPERS, MEAL, & SCRIPTURE @ 6:30 PM: We are resuming 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 will be available.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - GREAT VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY @ 6 PM, FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th STREET
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM**

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2024:

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HOLY 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!*

40th DAY PARASTAS will take place for the servant of God +Nicholas Timko Sr, offered by the Timko family. May his memory be eternal! *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

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

PRE-CONFESSION & HOLY CONFESSION CLASSES, TO FOLLOW; POST-CONFESSION @ 7 PM

MONTHLY PARENTS CLASS BEGINS@ 7:30 PM! Parents are specially invited to meet in the evening online with Fr. William for a one-hour session with Fr. William with discussion, following readings from Parenting Toward the Kingdom, by Dr. Philip Mamalakis. Fr. William sent out an invitation to parents by email. If you did not receive that invitation, please contact Fr. William immediately. Meetings will be the same time, the last Sunday of each month.



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.



HONESTY AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SALVATION

by Julia Balayants

..The Gospel is a very honest Book; it demands honesty from us in our relationships with God, others, and ourselves.

It appears that the chief priests and Pharisees hated Christ not only because He did not intend to give them an earthly kingdom, but because, being the Truth, He demanded that very honesty in the light of which their lives were a lie and required radical change. This was something they could not forgive.

Every modern Christian is doomed to face the same challenge. After 5, 10, or 20 years in the Church, they will confront the formality of their lived Christian life, recognizing churchgoing as just one of many “selves” they show to the world, and realizing that they have not truly come to know God. At this point, everyone faces a choice: to leave everything as it is or to change. This is where personal freedom and personal choice manifest.

God is a Person; He is who He is, does what He deems necessary, and does not try to appear good, kind, or loving, to please anyone, or to “save” anyone. And as a Person, He wants to enter into a relationship with another person—His creation, who is absolutely unique and invaluable in His eyes. Who else but the Creator knows His creation? Therefore, one can only build a relationship with Him by showing one's true self.

Who among us would want to be friends with someone pretending to be someone else? Where is the sincerity, the commonality of worldview and interests, in that? However, for a time, God accepts, endures, waits, and regrets.

In the Patristic tradition, a special place is given to such an ascetical practice as self-reproach. Not in the sense of self-flagellation or self-abasement, but rather as a healthy ability to see personal responsibility in

any situation. This is, if you will, using the language of modern psychology, the most constructive way to resolve complex situations. As the foundation of spiritual life, self-reproach is based on that very honesty. But does our honesty guarantee peace, contentment, or success in the world? Obviously not.

In the Book of Exodus, it is said that the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart (Ex. 9:12). He also hardens the hearts of those around us, wishing to lead us out of the slavery of sin, to destroy the leaven of Phariseism, to make us worthy of Himself, saying through the prophet, and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God (Ezek. 36:28).

Speaking of temptations, the first Bishop of Jerusalem encourages us with a great promise: *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him* (Jas. 1:12).

Hence it is said above: *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations* (Jas 1:2). *With joy, because you are being tested not as strangers but as His own possession, heirs of great blessings, to be made perfect, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing* (Jas 1:4), *freed from passions and cleansed of sins.*

And not just with joy, but "great" joy, the apostle urges. Or, as this verse sounds in Church Slavonic: "All joy have, my brethren, when ye fall into divers temptations."

Notably, the Church Slavonic word "всѣко" is translated into Russian as "by no means, completely, entirely, certainly, surely"; the Greek "πάσαν," Armenian "ամենայն" have a similar translation of "every"; in German the word "rein" is used – pure, undefiled, true, genuine, and in English "all" – whole, all kinds.

One can boldly and fearlessly confess one's faith only by honestly understanding who your God is and who you yourself are. So it is "with great joy" in the sense of manifold, complete, perfect, absolute, true, unlimited, sincere, unconditional, and flawless.

St. Gregory Palamas aptly notes:

"He does not simply say, 'rejoice,' but 'count it all joy.' [...] 'All' joy, He says, meaning perfect, greatest, unceasing joy, especially when faced with manifold temptations. Why is this? Because by enduring temptations, we are strengthened and become more tested before God. And not only that, but we also become more experienced in temptations; for this very thing, the Wisdom of Solomon says concerning the Saints: 'For God tested them and found them worthy of Himself' (Wisdom 3:5). Is not such a trial worthy of all joy?"

Endurance in facing temptations is impossible without what was mentioned above. The lives of Christian martyrs and confessors (regardless of the period of their podvig) show them as people devoid of all deceit. And one can boldly and fearlessly confess one's faith only by honestly understanding who your God is and who you are.

(Taken from www.orthochristian.com)

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**
- Price: **1,950.19/person for double occupancy (single occupancy will be about double)**
- Cabin Type: **Ocean View**
- Deposit of: **\$900 per cabin (not per person) due immediately (Fully refundable until February 1, 2025), Credit Cards only.**

If you are interested, please contact me either via e-mail (stephanie.salony@comcast.net) or call me on 908-268-4883



ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

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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 Jan Kinda, Owen Drummond, Lubomir Matlak, & Sophia Timko! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the Departed Servant of God +Michael Salony as a 103rd Birthday Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

For the traveling Servants of God Stephanie Salony, Merka & Robert Stack, Magda & Luboš Matlak, Maria & Mikolaj Salon, Michael Kelcho & Isabelle Infante, Michael & Anna Salony, and Joanne & Lorraine Medvecky. *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

SEPT - OCT 2024

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
SEPT 22 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING	23	24	25 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	26 <i>Festal Vespers & Divine Liturgy</i> @ 6 PM	27 ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS	28 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St. - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
SEPT 29 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - 40th Day Parastas for Nicholas Timko Sr.	30	OCT 1	2 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	3	4	5 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St. - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
OCT 6 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM	7	8	9 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	10	11	12 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St. - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
OCT 13 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - Festal Vespers @ 6 PM	14 FEAST OF POKROV	15	16 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	17	18	19 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, St. Mary's, 7th St. - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM

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