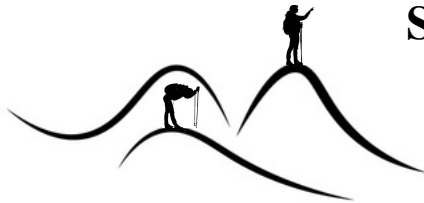




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Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

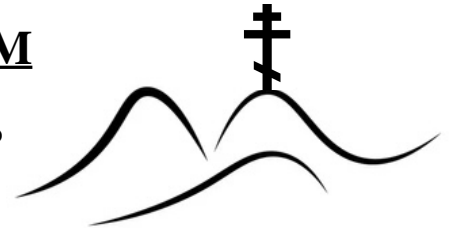
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Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko

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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, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2024: Sunday After Elevation of the Cross

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 **Gospel:** Luke 7:36-50 **Troparia:** p 45 (Tone 5), p 96 (Sunday after Cross)

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS** is the commemoration of two events: 1) the finding of the Cross by St. Helen at Golgotha, the place where Christ was Crucified, and 2) the recovery of the Cross centuries later from the Persians, after it had been stolen. Regarding its discovery by St. Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine, it was found under a constructed pagan temple on Golgotha, which had been authorized two hundred years earlier by Emperor Hadrian. St. Helen was sent by her son to find it and once she recovered it and returned it, they celebrated the first Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross in 326 AD. In 614 AD, Jerusalem was sacked by the Persians and the Cross was taken as a prize. The Cross is the symbol of Christ's victory over Sin & Death; through the Cross alone, we enter into Christ's victory, passing not from life to death but from life to eternal life. **Through Your Precious Cross, 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.*

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 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.

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.



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 29th:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd - 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 5th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th STREET
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2024:



*LAST WEEK: Blessing of Travelers:
Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

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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 will be invited downstairs!

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.



THE WORD OF GOD IS AN IMMEASURABLE TREASURY

by Metropolitan Serafim

There is a tendency in the Orthodox Church: Very few of the total number of the faithful read and know the Holy Scriptures, and only a handful of Orthodox Christians read the Bible regularly. Unfortunately, some people don't even have a Bible at home. During the Divine Liturgy, the most frequently celebrated Orthodox service, only two sections of the Bible are read: one from the Epistles and one from the Gospels. Nevertheless, all three parts of the Divine Liturgy are Biblically inspired in their entirety: the proskomedia (preparation of the Holy Gifts for their consecration), the Liturgy of the catechumens and the Liturgy of the faithful (the Eucharist in the true sense).

The Orthodox Liturgy is the Bible in hymns and prayers, the Holy Scriptures in images and symbols. Because in the form of prayers and hymns the Word of God enters the human heart more easily than when it is read aloud. But the Divine Liturgy (the Eucharist) is never celebrated alone, but according to the Holy Psalmist, is always framed by daily prayers: Seven times a day do I praise Thee because of Thy righteous judgments (Ps. 118:164). These prayers include Vespers, Compline, Midnight Service, Matins and Hours. These services consist of Biblical texts, especially psalms, as well as troparia and prayers inspired by the Bible.

Over the Church year the entire New Testament and almost the whole of the Old Testament are read at the services of the Orthodox Church. But of all the texts of the Bible, the Psalms are read the most. All 150 psalms are read and sung at least once a week in the daily liturgical cycle, but only at monasteries. The ancient monastic motto "ora et labora" (from the Latin: "pray and labor") should inspire every Orthodox monk and nun even now. We must pray even while working. Of course, the Apostle Paul's instruction, Pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), applies to all Christians, not just monastics. But monks and nuns are the first to be called on to pray unceasingly for the whole world and for all mankind. Monastics are Christians who have renounced the world. But they did not renounce it out of hatred for people, but in order to help them in a different way than if they had remained in the world—that is, through their prayer. They pray first of all at the liturgical services of the Church, as well as in their monastic cells, reciting the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus

Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner”, which was inspired by the Bible as well. Every monk and nun strives to say this prayer as often as possible and in any situation.

In the Orthodox tradition, the Holy Fathers insist that believers read and study the Holy Scriptures. The Paterikon, a collection of quotations from the Holy Fathers, especially loved by monastics, reads: “Whatever you do, do it according to the testimony of the Holy Scriptures” (Abba Anthony). It means that it is vital not only to know the Holy Scriptures, but also to apply them in your daily life and conform your life to the Word of God. That is why reading the Holy Scriptures should not be limited to a merely intellectual reading or meditation, but should be done in the spirit of prayer so that the Word of God can penetrate deeply into your soul and gradually help you become like God: But we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16); Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5).

From the moment of His Ascension, the Lord Jesus Christ has been present in our world in the Eucharistic Bread, which is His Body, as well as through the words and teachings of His disciples. However, for Orthodox believers the Eucharist, or the Lord’s Supper, is of particular importance. It gathers the faithful so that the presence of the Lord may become real among them. At the Eucharist they partake of the Body and Blood of Christ in order to have eternal life: I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever (Jn. 6:51). This is where the following Patristic saying comes from: “The Eucharist is the medicine of immortality.” At the same time, the Eucharist is an excellent opportunity for believers to remember the words of the Lord, through which His presence in this world continues until the end of time. For us Orthodox Christians, Christ our Lord is also present in icons. The icon is a witness to the incarnation of the Word in this world. Through it we contemplate Christ and His redemptive mission, entering into a living dialogue with Him in prayer. Therefore, in the Orthodox Church the Word is written, read, sung, heard, pronounced, contemplated in icons, and partaken of in the Eucharist...

When we read the Word of God in the spirit of prayer, with reverence and humility, we enter into a living and personal dialogue with God. For the Bible is not just a book, but a continuation and expansion of the Person Who inspired it—that is, the Logos, or the eternal Word of God. Thus, the dialogue of the faithful with God in common prayer in the church is further transformed into an individual believer’s personal communion with God at home through reading the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, there is a grace-filled interdependence between church prayer, in which we experience communion with our neighbor, and the private reading of the Scriptures, which even more clearly reveals to us the will of God concerning our salvation. When someone’s link with the Church weakens, his understanding of the meaning in the Bible wanes.

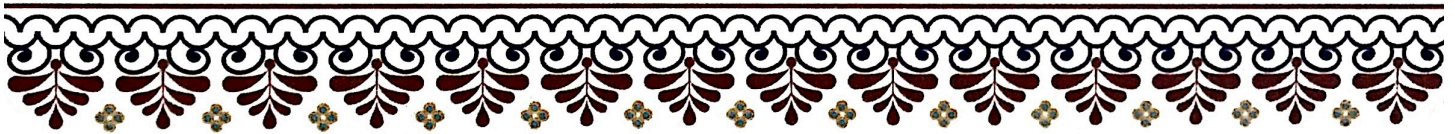
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- Departing from: **Venice**
- Returning from: **Rome**
- Price: **1,950.19/person for double occupancy (single occupancy will be about double)**
- Cabin Type: **Ocean View**
- Deposit of: **\$900 per cabin (not per person) due immediately (Fully refundable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

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ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, please contact Fr. William directly: 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
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Rachel Soh Young Yi	

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Priest David Mastroberte
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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 Barbara Muhlenberg, Justine Timko, & Stefan Bittner! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For the Departed Servant of God +Nicholas Timko Sr. as a 40th Day Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

For the Departed Servant of God +Charlie Gaydos as a One-Year Anniversary 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

SEPT - OCT 2024

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
SEPT 29 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>40th Day Parastas for</i> <i>Nicholas Timko Sr.</i> - <i>Coffee Hour & Sunday School</i>	30	OCT 1	2 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>& Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	3	4	5 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
OCT 6 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>Coffee Hour & Sunday School</i>	7	8	9 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>& 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
OCT 13 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>Festal Vespers @ 6 PM</i> - <i>Coffee Hour & Sunday School</i>	14 FEAST OF POKROV	15	16 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>& 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
OCT 20 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>50th Anniversary Blessing for</i> <i>Luboš & Magda Matlak</i> - <i>Coffee Hour & Sunday School</i>	21	22	23 <i>Vespers, Meal,</i> <i>& 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

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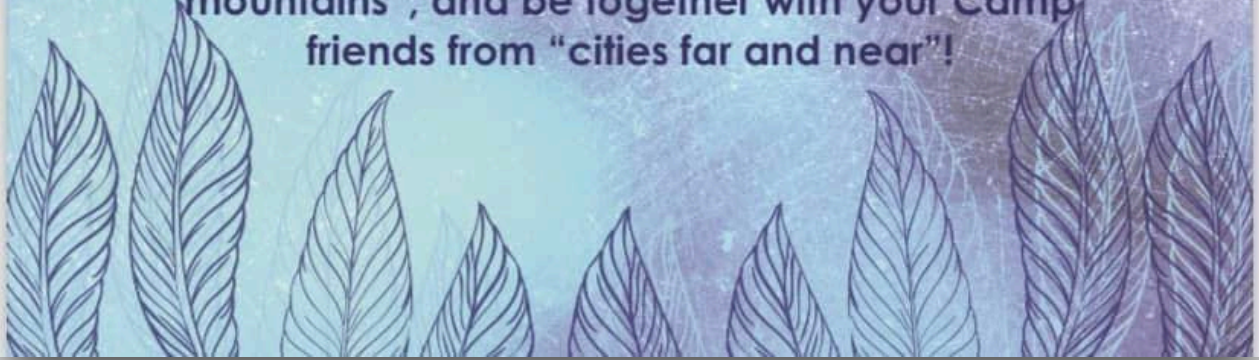
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OCTOBER 25-27, 2024

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THE SELF**

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TAKING CARE OF OUR HEALTH - MENTALLY,
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