



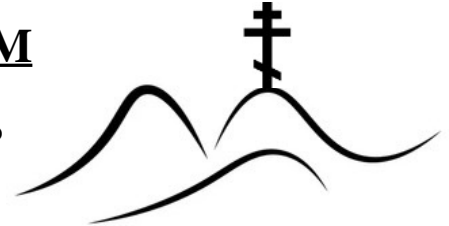
ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

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Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko
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WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024: Saints Adrian & Natalia

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:23-35 **Troparia:** p 42 (Tone 2)

*SAINTS ADRIAN & NATALIA were married for only a year when they were placed under such intense persecution and suffering. Adrian was the head of the Praetorium when other Christians were being put to the test. His heart was swayed and he made the decision to become a Christian, as his wife was already a Christian secretly. Natalia, so encouraged by her husband's willingness to lay down his life and, there existing no greater work, encouraged him & strengthened him. She even encouraged his persecutors to begin with him, lest he should fall into temptation and turn from Christ. She would later die of her own sufferings as well. **Holy Martyrs Adrian & Natalia, pray to God for us!***

DIVINE LITURGY @ 10 AM: SUMMER HOURS ARE OVER!

CHOIR SUNDAY: The St. Nicholas Choir is specially invited to lead responses during Divine Liturgy. May God grant to our choir members many happy & blessed years! If you would like to join or are interested, make your way to the choir loft today.

PROSKOMEDIA CHILDREN'S SERMON will take place following the reading of the Holy Gospel. At this particular time, all children in the parish will be called forward to participate and at a certain point, to give their names as their particles are offered.

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 STUDENTS & TEACHERS will take place at the end of Divine Liturgy as the school year begins. Bring your backpacks or bookbags for the occasion to also be sprinkled with holy water and blessed!

9/11 PANACHIDA will take place following Divine Liturgy in memory of those who lost their lives in the attacks on September 11th, 2001. This week will be the 23rd Anniversary of the attacks. *May their memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!*

VENERATION OF THE HAND 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 made it possible have coffee hour over the summer, without fail.

DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8th:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th - GREAT VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY, FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th - 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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 8 AM, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 7th STREET, CHURCH NEW YEAR
- GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 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.*

VENERATION OF THE HAND 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!*

PANACHIDA will take place following Divine Liturgy for the servant of God Nicholas Timko Sr., offered by John Righetti. *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!*



MNOHAJA I BLAHAJA L'ITA!

Many years to the newly-Baptized children of God Davion & Kaden, their parents and Godparents, who celebrated last week. God grant them many years!

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.



MNOHAJA L'ITA!

One year ago, student Nathan Mandell was blessed as a Catechumen. He will be received into the Orthodox Faith on Sat. Sept. 14th at 9:30 AM, St. Mary's Church, 107th Street. Many Years!



MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, SAVE US!

For the Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, faithful venerated the Burial Shroud of Mary, the Birthgiver of God.



LAST WEEK: BLESSING OF FLOWERS

In honor of the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother, we blessed flowers provided by the church and brought by faithful.

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 by: September 9 (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



A HOMILY ON THE BEATITUDES

by St. John of Kronstadt

Beloved brothers, sisters and children in Christ, incline your ear—not just the external, but, more importantly, the one within, about which our Lord Jesus Christ said: He that has ears to hear, let him hear (Matt. 11:15, Mk. 4:9, Lk. 8:8); incline, I say, your ear to listening to the commandments of our Lord to attain beatitude. In the beginning, God created the human being in and for beatitude, for the beatitude that is eternal; but the sin that appeared in the world and penetrated in all people through a single person, destroyed the beatitude of the people and subjected them to damnation, all kinds of sorrows, misfortunes, diseases and, finally, temporary and eternal death. Only the infinite love of God the Creator for his fallen creature, honored to be made in the image and likeness of God, could find a way to open a return path to the lost beatitude. This way to restoration of the fallen is the incarnation, the life among people, the divine teaching and miracles, suffering, death on the cross and the resurrection from the dead of the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ; and the way back to beatitude lies through abiding to his teaching, adhering to his ordinances, and obedience to lawful pastors and teachers of the churches. There is no other way to beatitude, as Christ says: I am the way and the truth and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me. I am the door: by me if any one enter in, he shall be saved (Jn. 14:6, 10:9).

How much do all of us crave for beatitude! How much do we fear and avoid sorrows and sicknesses! Though, unfortunately, we crave and seek beatitude on earth, where there is none, and not in Heaven, where it abides forever. We fear and avoid sorrows and sicknesses, while they are mostly, if not necessary, useful for us, for they heal the immortal soul suffering with many different passions. And, for sure, what beatitude can be in expulsion, in exile, in prison? This is our condition, our sins have banished all of us from paradise to this world, as though to a prison. What beatitude is there for those condemned to death?

You may say: there are many innocent pleasures on earth, which God does not forbid: for example, God gave wine that delights the heart of man, and opened the art of playing the psaltery, harp, organ, cymbals and many other musical instruments. he taught us to form choirs and sing with jubilation; he surrounded us with the birds that sing, as calling us to bliss and joy; and before our eyes he spread the majestic spectacle of nature, in which we see the joy and happiness of creatures everywhere who call us to rejoice with them.

So, by the goodness of God, in this world there are some innocent consolations for us, wounded by a sting of mortality, to relieve our wanderer's fate and sorrows. But these consolations must be used with moderation, without holding on to them in any way. We must strive for the promised beatitude through the hardest way of labor, vigil, prayer, abstinence, purity and every virtue in which it is impossible to succeed without great suffering and temptation. Brothers, our true, complete and eternal beatitude is in Heaven, where the All-Blessed God lives in unapproachable light, where the forefathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, hierarchs, martyrs, monks, the righteous and all the saints dwell; where the queen of Heaven and Earth, the Most Holy Mother of God, reigns together with her Son. The beatitude we have here, the earthly, bodily, and evanescent fleets like a dream; it is often coarse and impure. Only true virtue may anticipate the Heavenly beatitude on earth.

So, where can we seek the true way to beatitude? What guidance and which commandments should we observe to achieve it? Under the guidance of the Lord's nine Beatitudes, which he recounted on the mount to his disciples and people, and which are chanted or recited to us as a daily instruction at the Liturgy, at the Little Entrance, when the royal doors are opened for the first time. They read like this: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the

mEEK, for they shall inherit the Earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when people shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven (Matt. 5:3–12).

This is the way to true beatitude!

(Taken from www.orthochristian.com)



ST. NICHOLAS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you to Matt Stack & Rich Vislocky 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 August of 2024:

<i>INCOME:</i>	<i>\$9,375</i>
<i>EXPENSES:</i>	<i>\$14,818</i>
<i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i>	<i>(\$5,443)</i>

Income/Expense Report for the last 12 Months (September 2023 - August 2024)

<i>INCOME:</i>	<i>\$213,114</i>
<i>EXPENSES:</i>	<i>\$276,021</i>
<i>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):</i>	<i>(\$62,907)</i>



ANNUAL PROSKOMEDIA SERMON TAKES PLACE TODAY! ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED FORWARD.



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, Anka Ludwig, Alex & Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Stephanie McNellis, 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, Nicholas Timko Sr, 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	Nathan Mandell

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, & the Newly-Ordained Priest Timothy Paproski! *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 Michael Tymus, Nicole Vanatko, Christopher McCormick, Olga Vanatko, & Nick Timko! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

ANNIVERSARIES: May God grant many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially to Paul & Helen Tymus and Peter & Patricia Wan. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

For all of our Students & Teachers, those receiving blessings today. *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*
+9/11 Departed, as a 23rd Anniversary Remembrance. *Vičnaja Jim 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 2024

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
SEPT 8 <u>END OF SUMMER HOURS!</u> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>Responses led by the Choir</i> - <i>Proskomedie</i> <i>Children's Sermon</i> - <i>Blessing of Students & Teachers, Backpacks</i> - <i>9/11 Panachida</i>	9	10 <i>Festal Vespers & Divine Liturgy</i> @ 6 PM	11 BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	12 <i>St. Nicholas Board Meeting</i> @ 7 PM	13	14 <u>CHURCH NEW YEAR</u> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
SEPT 15 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM - <i>Panachida for Nicholas Timko Sr.</i>	16	17	18 <i>Vespers, Meal, & Scripture</i> @ 6:30 PM	19	20 <i>Festal Vespers</i> @ 6 PM	21 <u>NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD</u> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 8 AM, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM
SEPT 22 <i>Divine Liturgy</i> @ 10 AM	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, <i>St. Mary's, 7th St.</i> - <i>Great Vespers</i> @ 6 PM

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“MY SOUL STILL REMEMBERS AND SINKS WITHIN ME.
THIS I RECALL TO MY MIND, THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE.”

LAMENTATIONS 3:20

This famous line, taken from the Lamentations of Jeremiah, are part of a collection of writings that come after the destruction of Jerusalem. It is Jeremiah's personal lament over the loss of the Holy City and the Temple of God. Moreover, the people have been taken and enslaved by the Babylonians. He writes with great sorrow and lamentation, always with hope in the Lord for what will come of it all in the end. It is also a line that lives permanently on the Holocaust Memorial in Washington, DC.

The destruction we call to our minds from the terrorist attacks only 23 years ago destroyed the lives of so, so many. Like Jeremiah, we reflect with great sorrow and lamentation, which if done with the fear of God, will ultimately give way to that same hope in the Lord. What comes of it even now is up to the Lord, if we continue to yield our lives to Him and His will. With that priority, in the Liturgy, we will continue to pray for the souls of those who fell asleep in the Lord and for those still deeply wounded. Where there are wounds, may we come together as Christians to bind them up for each other. A child is brought great comfort for his wounds even by a mother's kiss; bring the love of our mother, the Church, to those who have need of it.

For those fallen asleep, may their memory be eternal! Vičnaja Jim Pamjat!