

Quiz: The Saints of New York

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- Which of the following actually happened on St. Marks Place (8th St. from 3rd Ave. to Ave. A)?
 - Rockefeller got his start selling fruit on the corner
 - Karl Marx got his start giving away fruit on the corner
 - Leon Trotsky worked on Russian Communist journal *Novy Mir*
 - Vladimir Lenin and John Lennon once ate at the same table, 60 years apart
- Which is NOT a real offering at Saint's Alp Teahouse (39 3rd Ave., (212) 598-1890)?
 - Mung bean milkshake
 - Salmon roe bubble tea
 - Honey & yolk cocktail
 - Peanut butter & jelly toast
- St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx is named after a saint who:
 - Angered Jewish leaders by converting Jews; was stoned to death
 - Angered pagans by denying their gods; was torn limb from limb
 - Cured lepers; died of leprosy
 - Angered cannibals of Damascus; judged very tasty.
- In 1995, the Supreme Court ruled that Manhattan's St. Patrick's Day Parade:
 - Was very loud and very green
 - Could not prohibit non-Irish from responding to "Honk If You're Irish"
 - Could ban gay and lesbian groups from marching
 - Violated rights of non-Irish to be kissed equally
- In the '80s, if a New Yorker said he was going to The Saint, he meant:
 - He would be asking forgiveness from a plexiglass-encased virgin in East Harlem
 - An alternative Catholic church featuring rock bands and cocktails
 - An all-women fight club at Columbia Teachers College
 - The legendary gay discotheque at 6th St. and 2nd Ave.
- The Bronx's Academy of Mt. St. Ursula is named after a saint who:
 - Lets the Little Mermaid become human if she receives the kiss of true love
 - Converted cats and dogs to Christianity
 - Lived off the No. 4 stop at Mosholu Parkway
 - Led 11,000 virgins on a European pilgrimage ending in ... the beheading of 11,000 virgins
- In the movie *Valentine's Day*, Ashton Kutcher's character:
 - Is an NYC taxi driver
 - Is a Wall Street businessman
 - Is a Park Slope dog walker
 - That movie is set in Los Angeles, fool.
- The Orthodox Church recognizes a saint from Brooklyn, St. Raphael:
 - Was the only Brooklynite burned at the stake after 1970
 - Was beheaded by a rival Orthodox group from Long Island
 - Died from a heart ailment; all-around nice guy
 - Was not amused by jokes about these newfangled "ninja turtles"
- The St. Albans neighborhood in Queens is named after a saint who:
 - Was beheaded by Caesar Severus
 - Was burned by Caesar Inflammus
 - Was stoned by Caesar Thwackius
 - Just didn't get along with Caesars in general
- St. John has which of the following named after him in NYC?
 - A music hall, a public health clinic, four churches
 - A rec center, a university, a cathedral
 - The catacombs under NYU
 - A legendary gay discotheque

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Answers: 1. C, 2. B, 3. A, 4. C (note: see spatforall.com for LGBT-friendly alternative in Queens), 5. D, 6. D, 7. D, 8. C, 9. A, 10. B