

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:12-19)

St. Nicholas of Myra

Byzantine Catholic Parish

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat	Dec	6	St. Nicholas of Myra Wonderworker
			3:00 pm Confession
			3:40 pm Rosary
			4:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Lindsay
Sun	Dec	7	26 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
			10:10 am Moleben to the Theotokos
			Confession
			10:30 am Divine Liturgy
Mon	Dec	8	Maternity of the Holy Anna
			6:30 pm Divine Liturgy for Melanie
Tue	Dec	9	Patapius Venerable
Wed	Dec	10	Menas Martyr
Thu	Dec	11	Daniel and Spiridon
			6:30 pm Divine Liturgy for +Naevi
Fri	Dec	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sat	Dec	13	Eustratius and Others Martyrs
			3:00 pm Confession
			3:40 pm Rosary
			4:00 pm Divine Liturgy for + Mary, Phillip, Joseph
Sun	Dec	14	SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS
			10:10 am Moleben to the Theotokos
			Confession
			10:30 am Divine Liturgy

Weekly Collections 11/30/2025

"My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me"

Offertory	\$ 1,002.00	E-donations	\$ 375.75
Candles	\$ 31.50	Others	\$ 65.00

Total: \$ 1,473.50

We thank You for Your big generosity!

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26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / St. NICHOLAS OF MYRA

Healing of Ten Lepers (Lk 17:12-19)

When he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Standing some distance away, they called out to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." When he saw them, he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he realized that he had been cured, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He prostrated himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. This man was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten made clean? Where are the other nine? Has no one except this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well."

STORIES ABOUT ST. NICHOLAS

- * When he was young, Nicholas sought the holy by making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There as he walked where Jesus walked, he sought to more deeply experience Jesus' life, passion, and resurrection. Returning by sea, a mighty storm threatened to wreck the ship. Nicholas calmly prayed. The terrified sailors were amazed when the wind and waves suddenly calmed, sparing them all. And so St. Nicholas is the patron of sailors and voyagers.
- * One of the oldest stories showing St. Nicholas as a protector of children takes place long after his death. The townspeople of Myra were celebrating the good saint on the eve of his feast day when a band of Arab pirates from Crete came into the district. They stole treasures from the Church of Saint Nicholas to take away as booty. As they were leaving town, they snatched a young boy, Basilios, to make into a slave. The emir, or ruler, selected Basilios to be his personal cupbearer, as not knowing the language, Basilios would not understand what the king said to those around him. So, for the next year Basilios waited on the king, bringing his wine in a beautiful golden cup. For Basilios' parents, devastated at the loss of their only child, the year passed slowly, filled with grief. As the next St. Nicholas' feast day approached, Basilios' mother would not join in the festivity, as it was now a day of tragedy. However, she was persuaded to have a simple observance at home—with quiet prayers for Basilios' safekeeping. Meanwhile, as Basilios was fulfilling his tasks serving the emir, he was suddenly whisked up and away. St. Nicholas appeared to the terrified boy, blessed him, and set him down at his home back in Myra. Imagine the joy and wonderment when Basilios amazingly appeared before his parents, still holding the king's golden cup. This is the first story told of St. Nicholas protecting children—which became his primary role in the West.

St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Parish

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Clergy: Very Reverend Father Mykhailo Solianyuk, ThD (ABD)

Father Deacon Paul Latcha

Father Deacon Phillip Dinsmore

Confession:

Before each Divine Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism:

Arrange six weeks in advance, please

Marriage:

Arrange six months in advance.

Bride or groom must be the member of this parish

Communion/Anointing:

Monthly for sick and shut-ins.

Having an urgency call:

216-816-6828

Our Faith and Christ's Action

The liturgical service takes place on earth, but it belongs to the realm of heavenly realities. In fact, it was not instituted by a human being or an angel, but by the Spirit himself, so that those who are still living in the flesh should think of performing the service of angels.

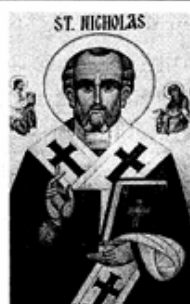
O what mercy, O what love of God for human beings! Christ who is seated with the Father in highest heaven is at that moment grasped by the hands of all and does not hesitate to give Himself to anyone who wants to embrace Him and be bound to Him.

He whom the eyes of faith perceive is possessed by everyone.

You remember how Elijah was surrounded by a great crowd and had in front of him the victim for sacrifice placed on the stone (see 1 Kings 18). Everyone stood stock still. The silence was complete. Only the prophet raised a prayer. Suddenly from heaven came down fire on the victim. It was a marvelous spectacle that filled everyone with amazement.

Here, however, something much more than a marvelous spectacle is unfolded. Something is happening that is greater than any marvel. Here the priest draws down not fire but the Holy Spirit Himself.

St. John Chrysostom



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!

Announcements for December 6-7, 2025

This Sunday (December 7th)— St. Nicholas Parish Feast Day Dinner: Please join us in our church hall this Sunday, December 7th, after the 10:30am Divine Liturgy, as we celebrate our patronal feast day with a Dinner and a visit from St. Nicholas! The dinner will be free of charge, but we will be accepting free will donations to help defray the cost to the parish. All are welcome!

3rd Annual St. Nicholas Parish Day Raffle (Drawing- December 7th): Our raffle drawing will take place during our Parish Dinner, this Sunday afternoon, December 7th. Tickets are still available, and can be purchased all the way up to the time of the drawing. If you'd like to make a purchase, please see George Nagrant or Joanne Mozuras. As a reminder, tickets cost \$10/each, and there will be multiple winners with a top prize of \$2,000. You do not need to be present to win. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser for our parish!

IMPORTANT: If you have any raffle tickets, sold or unsold, that you forgot or otherwise were unable to return by today's drawing, please turn them in by next Sunday if possible. Per State of Michigan raffle licensing rules, we need to account for every single ticket that we distributed for sale. Thank you for your cooperation on this. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mozuras or George Nagrant, or Fr. Mykhailo.

St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday (December 10th): The next choir rehearsal to prepare for singing on Christmas Day will be this Wednesday, December 10th, from 7-9pm in the church. One more rehearsal after that is also scheduled for the following Wednesday, December 17th, also from 7-9pm in the church. All members are asked to attend, along with anyone that may be interested in becoming a choir member or just wants to check it out. All are welcome-- from middle school age through senior citizen. No prior choral experience is required. If you have any questions, please contact the choir director, Nicholas J. Nagrant, at mariannenagrant@yahoo.com, or 248-661-0777.

Giving Tree (This Sunday is the deadline to bring in the Christmas Tree-tagged items): A Giving Tree has been set up in the vestibule. You can help a child in need by bringing a new, unwrapped gift to be donated. Suggested items are on the "tags" on the tree. Take a tag (or two, or more) home and bring in that item, unwrapped, along with the tag itself. Or, bring in any new gift that a child would like. If you have a limited budget, we highly encourage you to look up the approximate cost of a tagged item using your phone, before taking the tag home with you and potentially being surprised later. **Important: Christmas Tree-tagged items need to be brought in by this Sunday, December 7th.** Mitten tag items should be brought in by Sunday, December 21st.

THANK YOU to everyone that contributed towards our Thermal Sock and Glove drive! Because of your tremendous thoughtfulness and generosity, we were able to donate approximately 300 pairs of socks, over 60

pairs of gloves, 45 winter hats, and at least 36 scarves to the McWarm shelter at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in St. Clair Shores.

Please note that the Spiritual Retreat for Married Couples, which had been scheduled for this coming Saturday, December 13th, has been postponed. We will provide more details on the new day and time once they have been finalized. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Reminder: Parish Database Updates— Please submit your survey responses! With the recent merging of St. Nicholas and St. Basil parishes, we are in the process of consolidating our parishioner databases, and would like to make sure we have your latest contact information. To help us with this, we ask that all adult parishioners please return the short survey that was distributed recently as soon as possible. Blank forms can be found by the pink striped box just outside of Father's office. Or, please see Fr. Mykhailo, Joanne Mozuras, or one of our ushers. Thank you for your cooperation on this!

Saturday, December 27, 2025— Great Lakes Deanery Christmas Celebration at St. Stephen Parish in Allen Park: All parishioners are invited along with Byzantine Catholics from across our entire Great Lakes Deanery, to St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church in Allen Park, MI, on Saturday, December 27th, to continue the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that parish's patronal feast day (St. Stephen's Day is December 27th). The program will start at 2:00pm with the Divine Liturgy, and will be followed by dinner in their parish hall. All are invited!!!

Stewardship 2025-2026: This year's Stewardship Appeal officially started on November 1 and runs through May 31, 2026. Please keep an eye out for your Stewardship packet in the mail and consider what contribution you are able to make this year. Online contributions can be made through the eparchial website: www.parma.org.

Request for Feedback— Eparchial Statutes: Recently, Fr. Mykhailo distributed copies of the current Statutes of our Eparchy of Parma. All parishioners are encouraged to read through these statutes, pray and reflect upon them, and let us know if you have any ideas for improving or clarifying these statutes for a future publication. Suggestions should be made in writing and submitted to Fr. Mykhailo, who will collect and classify the proposals, and then send them to the Chancery. Bishop Robert's intention is to finalize the next edition of our statutes at the next Eparchial Assembly in Fall 2026. If you did not receive a copy of the statutes last week, please see Fr. Mykhailo.

Happy Birthday this week to Deacon Phillip Dinsmore (12/7), Bob Szukala (12/8), and Andriy Solianyk (12/12)! May God grant to each of you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

Calendar Look-ahead:

Wednesday, Dec 24	Christmas Eve / Vigil of Christmas – Day of Strict Fast
4:00pm	Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Thursday, Dec 25	Christmas— Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
10:00am	Christmas Matins (excerpts) and Christmas Carols (w/ choir)
10:30am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (w/ choir)
Friday, Dec 26	Synaxis of the Theotokos (Solemn Holy Day)