

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Disabled Woman (Luke 13:10-17)

St. Nicholas of Myra

Byzantine Catholic Parish

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat	Nov	29	Paramon and Philemon Martyrs
		3:00 pm	Confession
		3:40 pm	Rosary
		4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for +Dennis
Sun	Nov	30	25 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / St. Andrew Apostle
		10:10 am	Moleben to the Theotokos
			Confession
		10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
Mon	Dec	1	Catherine Great Martyr
Tue	Dec	2	Clement and Peter
		6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy for Eli
Wed	Dec	3	Alypius Venerable
Thu	Dec	4	James Martyr
		6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy for Sam
Fri	Dec	5	Stephen Venerable
Sat	Dec	6	Paramon and Philemon Martyrs
		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

Weekly Collections 11/23/2025

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

Offertory	\$ 2,449.00	E-donations	\$ 181.81
Candles	\$ 6.00	Others	\$ 260.00

Total: \$ 2,896.81

We thank You for Your big generosity!

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Jesus Heals a Woman on the Sabbath(Lk 13:10-17)

On one Sabbath as Jesus was teaching in the synagogue, a woman was present, possessed by a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and completely unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." Then he laid his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue was indignant because Jesus had effected a cure on the Sabbath, and he said to the assembled people, "There are six days when work is permitted. Come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath." The Lord said to him in reply, "You hypocrites! Is there a single one of you who does not untie his ox or his donkey and lead it from its stall to give it water on the Sabbath? Should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has held bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath?" At these words, all his adversaries were put to shame, and the people rejoiced at all the wonderful things he was doing.

* The cure of a crippled woman on the Sabbath is in the eyes of the ancients a direct victory over Satan; it is an act of God who sets human beings free. The religious leaders are prevented by their conformist attitude from recognizing the cure as an obvious sign from God. In the face of such absurd legalism Jesus calls for simple common sense.

* **Next Sunday (December 7th)— St. Nicholas Parish Feast Day Dinner:** Please join us in our church hall next Sunday, December 7th, after the 10:30am Divine Liturgy, as we celebrate our patronal feast day with a Dinner! The dinner will be free of charge, but we will be accepting free will donations to help defray the cost to the parish. To help us in our food planning, we would appreciate if you would please sign up on the sheets posted in our vestibules. All are welcome!

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

Healing of the Disabled Woman

Moreover, in this infirm woman, it is like the figure of the Church which presents itself: when it has fulfilled the measure of the Law and of the resurrection, in this endless rest, raised to the summit of greatness, she will no longer be able to experience the curvature of our infirmity. And this woman could be healed only by means of the Law and grace: the Law by its precepts, in baptism the grace by which, dead to the world, we are resurrected for Christ; for in the ten words is the completion of the Law, in the number eight the fullness of the resurrection. So this work of a Sabbath signifies what will happen: whoever has fulfilled the Law and grace will be rid of the miseries of this crippled body through the mercy of Christ. This is why sanctification was first given in the figure by Moses, because the practice of future sanctification and spiritual

observance was to abstain from works of the century. Even God rested from the works of the world: not of (all) works, since his activity is perpetual and continual, as the Son says: "My Father is still working now, and I too are acting" (Jn, V, 17), so that the example of God will cease for us the works of the world, not those of religion. It is for lack of understanding that the head of the Synagogue did not want anyone to be healed on the Sabbath, while the Sabbath is the image of future recreation? So it is not the good works, but the bad ones, which are idle? And that for this reason we are required to carry no burden, errors, and not being fasting, good works, to celebrate the sabbaths that will take place after death?

Ambrose of Milan



St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church

Sterling Heights, MI

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!

Announcements for November 29-30, 2025

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To help St. Nicholas prepare for his visit to our parish, please also let us know if you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or other children that are planning to attend next Sunday's dinner, by signing up on the sheets posted in each vestibule.

If you would like to bring a homemade appetizer or dessert to share at our Parish Feast Day Dinner, please sign up on the sheet posted next to Father Mykhailo's office, and plan to drop it off in the church hall prior to going to Liturgy next Sunday.

3rd Annual St. Nicholas Parish Day Raffle (Drawing- December 7th): Thank you to everyone for your efforts up until now to sell tickets for our upcoming raffle!!! Our drawing will take place next Sunday at our parish dinner, so please make sure to purchase or sell any final tickets that you'd like, and **turn in all of your ticket money and stubs by next Sunday!** As a reminder, tickets cost \$10/each, and there will be multiple winners with a top prize of \$2,000. We will also be awarding prizes to the parishioner that sells the most tickets, and a prize to the parishioner that sells the grand prize-winning ticket.

Please remember that ALL raffle ticket stubs need to be returned, including any that remain unsold, for proper accounting per the State of Michigan's licensing rules. So, for example, if we gave you ten tickets to sell, and you were only able to sell seven of them, we would need you to return the seven sold ticket stubs (along with the \$70) and the three unsold/blank tickets. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mozuras, George Nagrant, John P. Minarish, or Fr. Mykhailo.

St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsals Resume this Week: The next choir rehearsal to prepare for singing on Christmas Day will be this Wednesday, December 3rd, from 7-9pm in the church. Rehearsals are also scheduled for the subsequent two Wednesdays, December 10th and 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 mariannenaagrant@yahoo.com, or 248-661-0777.

Giving Tree (Next 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 next Sunday, December 7th.** Mitten tag items should be brought in by Sunday, December 21st.

Parish Database Updates— Requesting your prompt 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 13, 2025 (10:00am)—Spiritual Retreat for Married Couples, here at St. Nicholas Church: The time of Phillip’s Fast is a good opportunity to renew the spirit of love for every marriage. We are inviting all married couples to participate in a special spiritual retreat on Saturday, December 13th. **The day will begin at 10:00am and will feature spiritual talks, discussions, prayer, and Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm—followed by a romantic dinner** in the parish hall. It is only one day, but full of joy. To register or for any questions, please contact Fr. Mykhailo Solianyk (email: msolianyk@gmail.com / phone: 216-816-6828). The cost is \$35 per person (\$70 per couple).

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 John P. Minarish (12/1)! May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!