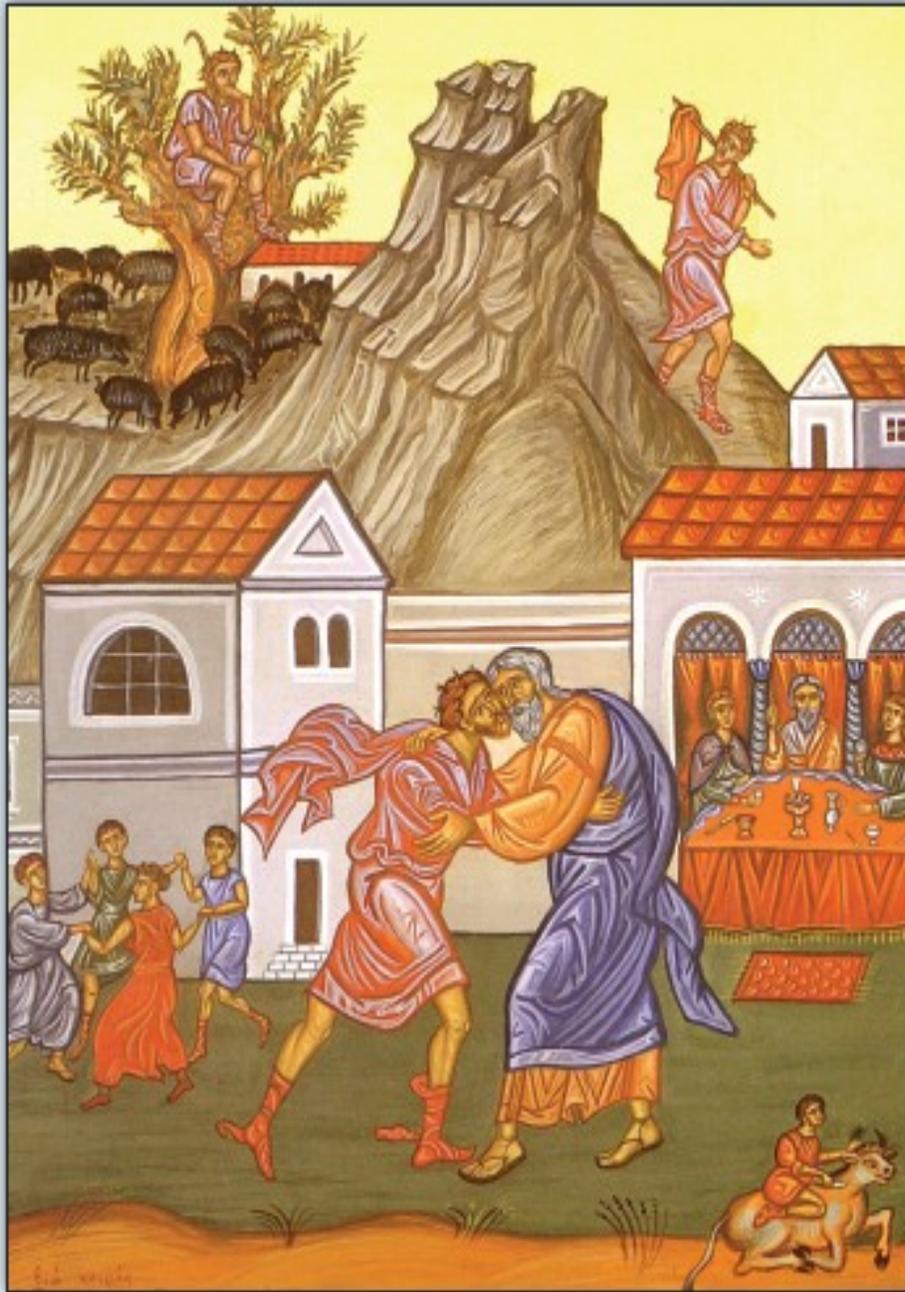


SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY TO HIM FOREVER!

Liturgical Schedule:

YEAR 2023

Sat.	Feb	4	Isidore Venerable 5 :00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun.	Feb	5	SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON 9:30 a.m. The Moleben for Vocations to the Priesthood 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for our Parish
Mon.	Feb	6	Bucolus Bishop 7:00 p.m. Vespers
Tues.	Feb	7	Parthenius Bishop 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Old Slavic) for +Frank 7:00 p.m. Vespers
Wed.	Feb	8	Theodor Great-Martyr 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for +Joseph 7:00 p.m. Vespers
Thurs.	Feb	9	Nicephor Martyr 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Old Slavic) for +Frederick 7:00 p.m. Vespers
Fri.	Feb	10	Charalampus Martyr 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for Jim St. Germain, Seth Michael Boyer and Nora Craig by Brian St. Germain 7:00 p.m. Vespers
Sat.	Feb	11	1st All Souls Saturday 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for All Souls 5 :00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sun.	Feb	12	SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE 9:30 a.m. The Moleben for Vocations to the Priesthood 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for our Parish 5:00 p.m. Vespers

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON (Lk 15:11-32) or SUNDAY OF THE MERCIFUL FATHER

At that time Jesus said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when **this son of yours** who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

"My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Weekly Collections

1/29/2023

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

Offertory	\$ 1032.00
Holy Days	\$ 65.00
Candles	\$ 17.00
E-donations	\$ 455.76
Other	\$ 635.00
Total:	\$ 2204.76

"Giving beyond Living!"

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John P. Minarish, Richard Baranko and Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore

Confessions: Before each Divine Liturgy in the sacristy or by appointment

Baptisms: Arrange six weeks in advance

Weddings: Arrange six months in advance. Bride or groom must be a member of the parish

Communion: Monthly for sick and shut-ins. Call the church for scheduling

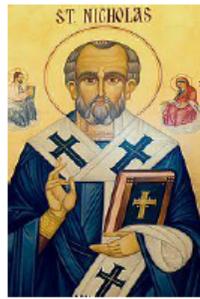
Mercy and Forgiveness

All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and He forgives a multitude of sins. ... There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame of his poverty. The son who went away represents those who fall after baptism. This is clear from the fact that he is called a son, since no one is called a son unless he is baptized. Also, he lived in his father's house and took a share of all his father's goods. Before baptism no one receives the Father's goods or enters upon the inheritance. We can therefore take all this as signifying the state of believers.

What does he say after falling into the depths of evil? I will return to my father. The reason the father let him go and did not prevent his departure for a foreign land was so that he might learn well by experience what good things are enjoyed by the one who stays at home. For when words would

not convince us God often leaves us to learn from the things that happen to us. When the dissolute returned after going to a foreign country and finding out by experience what a great sin it is to leave the father's house, the father did not remember past injuries but welcomed him with open arms. Why? Because he was a father and not a judge. And there were dances and festivities and banquets and the whole house was full of joy and gladness.

Are you asking: "Is this what he gets for his wickedness?" Not for his wickedness, but for his return home; not for sin, but for repentance; not for evil, but for being converted. What is more, when the elder son was angry at this the father gently won him over, saying: You were always with me, but he was lost and has been found; he was dead and has come back to life. "When someone who was lost has to be saved," says the father, "it is not the time for passing judgment or making minute inquiries, but only for mercy and forgiveness."



St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

Clinton Township, MI

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!

Announcements for Sunday, February 5, 2023

For a Synodal Church 2021-2023: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Welcome all Scouts!!! This Sunday, February 5th, is Scout Sunday at St. Nicholas Church. All scouts are invited to wear their uniforms and participate in a short ceremony at the start of the 10:00am Divine Liturgy. Scouting organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls have a great track record of developing boys and girls into men and women of good character and values—one of which being reverence for God. May God bless all our parish Scouts as they grow, learn, and advance their way up the Scouting ranks!

All Souls Saturdays- Please turn in your envelopes today: You can remember your deceased loved ones in prayer by filling out the All Souls (“Hramoty”) envelope that is in your envelope packet, or one of the white generic envelopes on the bulletin stand, and returning it to the parish office. Any loved ones that you list will be remembered at each of the five All Souls Liturgies listed in the church calendar (the first of which is this coming Saturday, February 11th).

Furniture available- to a good home! (Must Claim by February 12th) We have a couple of pieces of used furniture that we would like to offer to any parishioner that can make good use of it. In our hall, both the large rectangular table near the microphone (the TV on it is not included) and the desk/table next to it along that same wall, are available—please see Fr. Mykhailo if interested! There is no cost, but we would gladly accept any donations in exchange for the furniture. You do have to coordinate your own transportation to haul it away. The furniture will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If either of the pieces are not claimed by next Sunday (February 12), we will scrap them ourselves, as we will need them removed to set up the hall for the Ladies Tea fundraiser.

Reminders: Our Ladies Mardi Gras Tea Party fundraiser is Sunday, February 19th, 2023.

- Tickets are available, but time is quickly running out! You can purchase individual tickets for \$25/ person, or \$200 to host your own table of eight. Contact Karen Kaufman at 586-419-7075 if interested. **Note: the last day to purchase your tickets will be next Sunday, February 12th.**
- Please consider donating gift basket items for us to raffle off at the Tea, or asking the local businesses that you frequent to make a donation. If it would help, we have some copies of “begging letters” next to the bulletins in the vestibule that you can give to the owners/managers of the businesses. All donations are tax-deductible, and all donating businesses will be recognized in our program.
- Parish men—we will need your help too! Please consider volunteering to help at the Tea—either by waiting tables, selling raffle tickets, or coming to help clean up afterwards. **If you can help, please sign up on the sheet posted next to the Parish Office.** See Brian Hanel or George Nagrant if you have any questions.
- Finally, we are collecting gently-used baskets that can be used for the Tea. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the back of the hall. Thank you!

Reminder: Church wall calendars and offertory envelopes for 2023 are available in the vestibule, near the front doors. If you cannot find your envelopes, please speak with Fr. Mykhailo. Thank you for your generosity to St. Nicholas Church!

Adult Education Opportunity-- God With Us +Online+ Thursday Webinars: This coming Thursday, February 9th, from 8-9pm ET, will be the first installment of a new two-part series of webinars entitled *Orthodoxy and Life: A Patristic Approach to Life Issues*. The second installment will be held on February 16. The webinars will be led by Archpriest Josiah Trenham, PhD, who currently serves at St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Riverside, CA, and is also the founder and director of Patristic Nectar Publications. There is no cost to attend, but you must pre-register online at godwithusonline.org.

Upcoming Eparchial Men's and Women's Retreat Opportunities:

- **The Women's Retreat will be held February 24-26, 2023**, at the Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, OH. The theme will be "From Fallen Passions to Apatheia: Pursuing the Virtuous Life," and the Retreat Master will be Fr. Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA. For more information, contact Joan Washburn at 865-696-7809.
- **The Men's Retreat will be at held March 10-12, 2023**, at the Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, OH. The theme will be "The Gift of Prayer," and the Retreat Master will be Fr. Cyril Pinchak, S.J. For further information, contact Karl Busam at karl.busam.77@gmail.com or 419-626-6811.

Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal 2022-23 (Parish Goal: \$7,700; Current Status: \$2,175) -- The Annual Stewardship Appeal provides important financial support for the parishes, missions, ministries, future priests, and retired priests of the Eparchy. If you have not already made your pledge or donation, please send in the form you received in the mail, or visit parma.org/stewardship-message2022 to make your one-time or monthly donation through the secure website. **Please also remember, when you pay, make sure you list "St. Nicholas- Clinton Township" so that your donation gets logged properly.** Thank you for your generosity! Your gift will make a positive difference.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe—Catholics in the US can show their solidarity by participating in the annual Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The collection will help the Church in Ukraine bring the light of Christ to the faithful affected by the darkness of war, violence, and loss of families and homes, and provide other essential funding to the region. Your support of this collection is a tangible way of assisting the Church's response and outreach to those affected and displaced by the violence. Please be generous. If you would like to donate, please use one of the envelopes located in our vestibule, just outside of the doors entering the church. #GiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

On each Sunday of the Great Fast at 4:00pm, the priests of our Deanery (the Great Lakes Protopresbyterate) invite you to travel with them a different parish within the Deanery, to pray Vespers together, provide a brief sermon, hold confessions, and share a simple meatless Lenten meal of soup and bread after Vespers. All are encouraged to attend!!! Our parish will be hosting on Sunday, March 19. The full schedule is as follows:

Feb 19	Cheesefare Sunday	Foregiveness Vespers	Each parish to hold their own
Feb 26	1 st Sunday of Lent	St. Michael, Oregon (OH)	Fr. Bob Stash, celebrant
Mar 5	2 nd Sunday of Lent	St. Stephen, Allen Park	Fr. Mykhailo Solianyk, celebrant
Mar 12	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Sacred Heart, Livionia	Fr. Mychail Rozmarynowycz, celebrant
Mar 19	4th Sunday of Lent	St. Nicholas, Clinton Twp	Fr. John Russell, celebrant
Mar 26	5 th Sunday of Lent	St. Basil, Sterling Hts	Fr. Joseph Marquis
Apr 2	Palm Sunday	St. Michael, Flushing	Fr. Jim Batcha

Help the Caring For Cats non-profit by donating cat supplies! Caring For Cats fosters rescued cats for families. If you would like to help, please drop off donations of cat litter, food, beds, and toys in the labeled box in the vestibule. Donations will be accepted until February 26th.

Happy Birthday this coming week to John Sanders (2/8)! May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

For more info: Please see our bulletin, LIKE us on Facebook or visit our website: stnicksdetroit.com