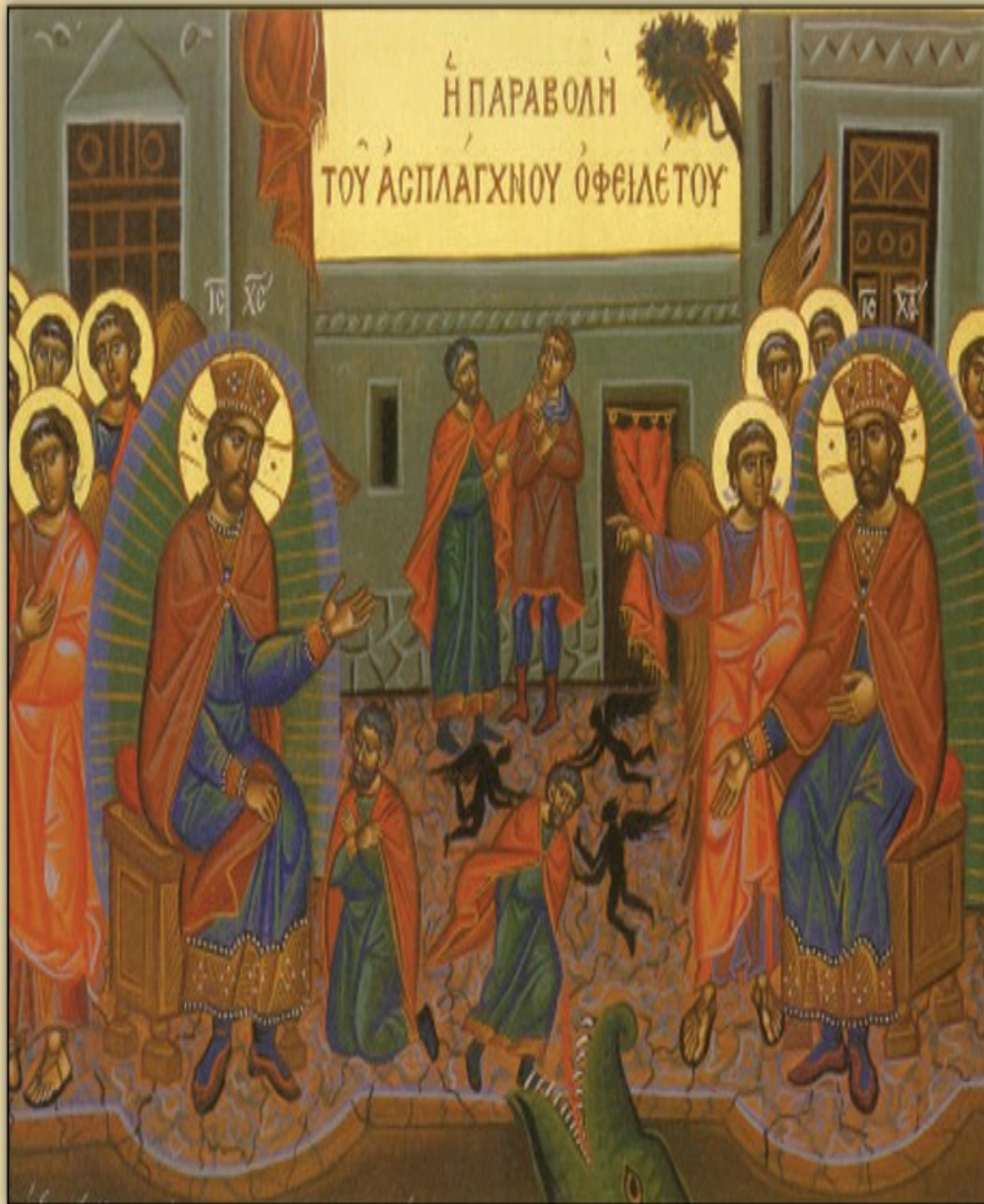


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:23-25)*

# St. Nicholas, St. Basil and Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Parishes

## Liturgical Schedule:

Sat	Aug	23	Lupus Martyr	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (SH)
				11am-1pm	Silent prayer, All Saints Shrine (SH)
				4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sun	Aug	24	11 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:45 am	Divine Liturgy (SB)
				10:30 am	Divine Liturgy (SH)
				11:30 am	Divine Liturgy (SN) for +George Van Kula
Tue	Aug	26	Adrian and Natalie Martyrs		
Wed	Aug	27	Poemen Venerable	1pm-4pm	Silent prayer, All Saints Shrine (SH)
Thu	Aug	28	Moses the Ethiopian	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy (SH)
Fri	Aug	29	Beheading of John the Baptist	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (SN) for +Gary Edward Kostusyk
				7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sat	Aug	30	Alexander, John and Paul - Patriarchs	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy (SH)
				11am-1pm	Silent prayer, All Saints Shrine (SH)
				4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (SB)
Sun	Aug	31	12 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	9:45 am	Divine Liturgy (SB)
				10:30 am	Divine Liturgy (SH)
				11:30 am	Divine Liturgy (SN) for +Mary Ann Jaskolski

### St. Nicholas Parish Weekly Collections 8/10/2025

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

Offertory	\$ 1257.00	Candles	\$ 30.00
Holy Days	\$ 42.00	E-donations	\$ 181.81
Others	\$ 249.00	Stew-p rebate	\$ 771.80

**Total: \$ 2,531.61**

**We thank You for Your big generosity!**

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## **11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

(Mt: 18:23-35)

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### **The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

"For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a man was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. Since he had no possible way to repay what he owed, his master ordered him to be sold, together with his wife, his children, and all his property, to satisfy the debt. At this, the servant fell to his knees, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will repay you in full.' Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and canceled the debt.

"However, when that servant left, he encountered one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii, and, choking him, he demanded, 'Pay me back what you owe.' His fellow servant fell to his knees and pleaded with him, saying, 'Be patient with me and I will repay you.' But he turned a deaf ear and had him thrown into prison until he had repaid the debt.

"When his fellow servants observed what had happened, they were greatly upset, and, going to their master, they reported everything that had taken place. Then his master sent for the man and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you for your complete debt because you begged me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant as I had mercy on you?' And in his anger his master handed him over to be tortured until he repaid the entire debt. In the same way, my heavenly Father will also deal with you unless each of you forgives his brother from the heart."

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- The law of pardon must ceaselessly renew the fraternal relationships in the Church. It is founded on the goodness of God who gratuitously forgives the immense sin of human beings!!!
- *Ten thousand talents*: A talent was a large amount of money. Estimates vary on just how much a talent would be worth in modern terms. But one way of measuring it by considering the fact that a single talent was worth twenty years of a common laborer's wages. An approximation might be to say, a modest wage labor earns \$40,000.00 in salary plus benefits (statistic of 2022 year). If so, this comes to \$800,000.00. When Jesus said the servant owed ten thousand talents, His point was not the precise amount (in our case \$8 billion), any more than the limits of forgiveness was to be four hundred and ninety times. His point was that the debt the servant owed his king was absurdly unpayable for him.
- *One hundred denarii*: The amount of the fellow slave's debt was a hundred denarii. A denarius was worth a day's wages. So, this amount was considerable (a third of a year's income—\$13,333.33 in our example) but minuscule by comparison to what the king's servant was forgiven.



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John P. Minarish, Richard Baranko and Deacon Phillip Dinsmore

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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

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### *Condemn Ourselves for Our Sins, and to Forgive Others*

Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; and the former for the sake of the latter, that this may become more easy (for he who considers his own sins is more indulgent to his fellow-servant); and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

Let us not then thrust the sword into ourselves by being revengeful. For what grief has he who has grieved you inflicted upon you, like you will work unto yourself by keeping your anger in mind, and drawing upon yourself the sentence from God to condemn you? For if indeed you are watchful, and keepest yourself under control, the evil will come round upon his head, and it will be he that will suffer harm; but if you should continue indignant, and displeased, then yourself will undergo the harm not from him, but from yourself.

For if we be willing, no one shall be able to injure us, but even our enemies shall advantage us in the

greatest degree. And why do I speak of men? For what can be more wicked than the devil; yet nevertheless, even hence have we a great opportunity of approving ourselves; and Job shows it. But if the devil has become a cause of crowns, why are you afraid of a man as an enemy?

See then how much you gain, bearing meekly the spiteful acts of your enemies. First and greatest, deliverance from sins; secondly, fortitude and patience; thirdly, mildness and benevolence; for he that knows not how to be angry with them that grieve him, much more will he be ready to serve them that love him. Fourthly, to be free from anger continually, to which nothing can be equal. For of him that is free from anger, it is quite clear that he is delivered also from the despondency hence arising, and will not spend his life on vain labors and sorrows.

*St. John Chrysostom*



## St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

Clinton Township, MI

***Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!***

***Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!***

### Announcements for Sunday, August 24, 2025

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** last weekend to John L. and Helen Minarish (8/16)!!! May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years together!

**Happy Anniversary this weekend** to Fred and Val Marszalec (8/23)! May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years together!

**Happy Birthday this week** to George Nagrant (8/24) and Drew Hycki (8/29)! May God grant both of you many more years of peace, health, and happiness!

**Next Weekend (August 29- September 1, 2025): Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA:** This will be the 91<sup>st</sup> annual pilgrimage hosted by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, in Uniontown, PA. All are welcome. ***If you haven't already done so, please make your hotel/lodging reservations ASAP, as they tend to book up fast!!!*** For the detailed pilgrimage schedule of events, please check out: <https://sistersofstbasil.org/pilgrimage-program>.

**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:** St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church (Allen Park, MI) is celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The parishioners of St. Nicholas Church have been invited to join the St. Stephen parish community as they celebrate reaching 70 Years of serving the Allen Park and neighboring downriver communities. There will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Robert at 2:00pm, followed by a celebratory banquet in their Crystal Ballroom at 4:30pm featuring The Woods Family Singers and a presentation by Bishop Robert. Tickets to the banquet cost \$30 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under (no charge for babies). To purchase tickets, please email [ststephen@parma.org](mailto:ststephen@parma.org) or call either 313-382-5901 or 313-930-0801.

**Non-perishable Food Collection:** To assist those in need, we are accepting donations of canned and other non-perishable foods. Please place any donations in, on, or next to the black plastic bin that is located in the vestibule. Thank you!