

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs (Luke 8:26-39)



St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat.	Oct	26	Demetrius Great Martyr
Sun.	Oct	27	23rd SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST
		10:40am	Moleben to the Theotokos
		11:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the parishioners and for +Dennis Vargo by James Van Kula
Mon.	Oct	28	Paraskeva Martyr
Tues.	Oct	29	Anastasia Venerable
Wed.	Oct	30	Zenobius and Zenobia Martyrs
		9:00 am	Divine Liturgy for +Steven Terlescki by Richard Baranko
Thurs.	Oct	31	Bl. Theodore Romzha Martyr
Fri.	Nov	1	Cosmas and Damian Unmercenaries
		9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat.	Nov	2	Akindynos Martyr
Sun.	Nov	3	24th SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST / Theodore Romzha Martyr
		10:40am	Moleben to the Theotokos
		11:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the parishioners

2024

Weekly Collections 10/20/2024

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

Offertory \$	1188.00	Candles \$	12.00
Holy Days \$	00.00	E-donations \$	155.75
Others \$	00.00		

Total: \$ 1360.75

23rd SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST

(Lk 8:26-39)

Jesus Casts Out a Legion of Demons

Then they sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped ashore, he was approached by a man from the town who was possessed by demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes. Moreover, he did not live in a house but among the tombs. When the man caught sight of Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore you, do not torment me!" For he had ordered the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times in the past it had seized him, and on such occasions they used to restrain him with chains and shackles, but he would manage to break loose and be driven by the demon into the wilds.

Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "**Legion**," he replied, for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now on the mountainside a large herd of pigs was feeding, and they pleaded with him to let them go into the pigs. He allowed this. The demons then came out of the man and entered the pigs. Thereupon the herd charged down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

When those tending the herd saw what had occurred, they ran off and reported the incident in the town and throughout the countryside. As a result, people came out to see what had happened. When they came near Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and in his right mind, and they were frightened. Those who had been eye-witnesses to the incident told how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and went away.

The man from whom the demons had gone out pleaded that he be allowed to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "**Return to your home and give witness to what God has done for you.**" He then departed, proclaiming throughout the town what Jesus had done for him.

The meaning of this Holy Gospel:

The incident is meant to show that Jesus is stronger than all the forces of evil lumped together, the forces of Satan himself. Jesus goes to face these forces in a pagan region east of the Lake of Tiberias, where, it was thought, Satan must be reigning supreme. There is a herd of pigs there, animals unclean in Jewish eyes; the herd dashes over the cliff, signifying the return of the demons to their hell.

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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

Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire.

They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a

most unique pledge: they pledged not to take any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as "unmercenaries" – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.



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Clinton Township, MI

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Слава Иисусу Христу! Слава на вѣки!

Announcements for Sunday, October 27, 2024

2nd Annual St. Nicholas Parish Day Raffle: Have you purchased your tickets yet? How are you doing in selling your allotment of 10 tickets? Or, if you've already sold your 10 tickets, are you able to sell even more? Please help us make this fundraiser raffle as successful as possible. Tickets cost \$10/each, and the drawing will take place at our annual St. Nicholas Parish Day Dinner on Sunday, December 8th. There will be multiple winners and a top prize of \$2,000. As we've mentioned previously, we are asking all parishioners to volunteer to sell at least 10 tickets between now and December 8th. If you have not yet received your packet of 10 serialized tickets, or if you need more, please pick up your tickets today from Joanne Mozuras or George Nagrant, and start selling to your friends, relatives, and neighbors! There will be additional instructions provided when you pick up your tickets. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne, George, or anyone else on the parish council. Money and ticket stubs can be returned to the parish office at any time, up until the date of the drawing.

6th Annual Glove and Thermal Sock Drive—and new for this year-- WINTER COATS, too: Starting this weekend and continuing through Thanksgiving, we will be collecting new gloves, mittens, and thermal (i.e. warm) socks, to donate to the McWarm shelter at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in St. Clair Shores. In addition, we will also be collecting and donating new or gently used winter coats for men or women. The winter coats can be any size, but seeking especially XL to XXXL—and the coats MUST be able to fully close (zip up or button/snap completely). Donations for dry cleaning the coats will be accepted, too. If you are able to bring in any of these items to donate, please place them in the box that has been set up near the main entrance in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Reminder-- Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday (November 3rd): Please remember to change your clocks this coming Saturday night as we "fall back" one hour with the end of Daylight Savings Time.

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!

We are in a special time of the social-political life in the USA: Lay faithful must bring the Gospel to the world, advocate for justice, think analytically, be wise and prudent in expressions and serve in public office. In political life laity are called to form their consciences and make informed decisions to fulfill their duty to vote and participate in public life.

Happy Birthday this weekend to Fr. Mykhailo (10/26)! May God grant you many more years of peace, health, and happiness! Na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

Happy Birthday this coming week to Ava Prodan (10/28) and Evelyn Nagrant (11/1)! May God grant you many more years of peace, health, and happiness!

From elsewhere within the Eparchy of Parma:

The Bridegroom's Appeal: A change in this year's monastery benefit event— Due to the current needs of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, this year the monastery will not be hosting an in-person Bridegroom Banquet, but will instead have the Bridegroom's Appeal to support their monastic life. Donations will be doubled! For details on the reasons for this temporary change and instructions on how to donate, please see Mother Cecilia's full letter at www.christthebridegroom.org. In addition to online offerings, donations can also be made by mail: Make checks payable to Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, and send to 17485 Mumford Rd., Burton, OH 44021. Put "Bridegroom's Appeal 2024" in the memo line of checks. Thank you for allowing the Lord to provide for His brides through you!

May 5-15, 2025: Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church to Host Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage: Archbishop William C. Skurla, Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, and Bishop Robert M. Pipta invite the people of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh to join them on a **Pilgrimage to Italy** from May 5 to 15, 2025, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. Pope Francis has specifically appealed to the Eastern Catholic Churches to participate in this Jubilee Year, recognizing their fidelity to Christ and the Church, even in times of persecution and hardship. The pilgrimage will take participants to captivating cities such as Venice, Ravenna, Florence, Assisi, and Rome, offering unique opportunities for spiritual enrichment and renewal. Fr. Ed Cimbala will serve as the general tour coordinator. For more information, please check out: <https://stmarybccnyc.org/files/Brochure/Italy-Jubilee-2025-Metropolitan-Church-of-Pittsburgh.pdf>.

Save the Date (July 16-20, 2025): The 4th **Byzantine Assembly** will take place July 16-20, 2025, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, in Whiting, IN, under the name and calling, "Come let us worship and bow before Christ." The goal of the Assembly is to together discern ways to live our worship of Christ today in a real and practical manner while learning from the past and looking to the future. The Assembly will include formal presentations, interviews, panel discussion and roundtable exercises. More information will be published later, in our bulletins and online at the Assembly website: byzantineassembly.org.

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