

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING,
JAMES THE BROTHER



Icon of the Visit of the Magi

St. Nicholas of Myra

Byzantine Catholic Parish

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat	Dec	27	Stephen Protomartyr 2:00 pm	Divine Liturgy at St. Stephen Parish (Allen Park) Regional Celebration of Christmas
Sun	Dec	28	SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	
			10:10 am	Moleben to the Theotokos Confession
			10:30 am	Divine Liturgy for the parishioners
Mon	Dec	29	Holy Innocent Martyrs	
Tue	Dec	30	Anysia Martyr	
Wed	Dec	31	Melany Venerable	
Thu	Jan	1	CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - ST. BASIL THE GREAT	
			10:30 am	Divine Liturgy, Myrovanie
Fri	Jan	2	Sylvester Pope	
Sat	Jan	3	Saturday before Theophany	
			3:00 pm	Confession
			3:40 pm	Rosary
			4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
Sun	Jan	4	SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY	
			10:10 am	Moleben to the Theotokos Confession
			10:30 am	Divine Liturgy

Weekly Collections 12/21, 24, 25/2025

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

Offerstory	\$ 7,276.00	E-donations	\$ 155.75
Candles	\$ 30.00	Others	\$ 223.31

Total: \$ 7,685.06

We thank You for Your big generosity!

Propers of the Sunday: pages 141, 303.

SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS

The Birth of Jesus (Mt 2: 13-23)

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and instructed him, "Arise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Remain there until I tell you. Herod seeks the child to kill him." Therefore, he got up, took the child and his mother, and departed that night for Egypt, where they remained until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that the wise men had deceived him, he flew into a rage and issued an order to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and the surrounding area who were two years old or less, in accordance with the information that he had obtained from the wise men. Thus were fulfilled the words that had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah, lamenting and sobbing bitterly: Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be consoled, because they were no more."

After the death of Herod, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Arise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought to kill the child are dead." He got up, took the child and his mother, and returned to the land of Israel.

But when Joseph learned that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod in Judea, he was afraid to go there. After he had been warned in a dream concerning this, he withdrew to the region of Galilee. He settled in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the Prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazorean."

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- * Just as Israel was called out of Egypt at the time of the Exodus, so Jesus, the Son of God, will be called out of Egypt at the New Exodus.
 - * Rachel, was the wife of Jacob, weeping for her children taken into exile in 721 B.C. Matthew applies it to the mourning for the Holy Innocents."
 - * "Nazorean" was a synonym for "despised". Or, may be saying that according to the plan of God Jesus was to live his childhood and youth in Nazareth and begin his ministry there. Some think "Nazorean" fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah: Jesus is the "shoot" (*nezer* in Hebrew) of the race of Abraham and David.
 - * *Nazareth*: a town that stands on the last spurs of the Galilean hills, some 87 miles north of Jerusalem.

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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

The Lord Has Made His Salvation Known to the Whole World

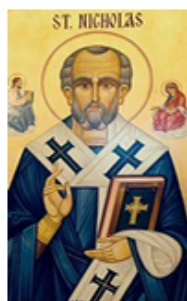
The loving providence of God determined that in the last days He would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith.

In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world. ... As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke

you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. ...

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



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Sterling Heights, MI

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho!

Announcements for December 28, 2025

Potluck Dinner next Sunday (January 4, 2026)— Parish Christmas/New Years/Feast of St. Basil Party and ECF

Play: We invite all parishioners, family members, and friends to stay after Liturgy on Sunday, January 4th, for a parish potluck dinner as we continue our celebration of Christmas as a parish family, and to celebrate New Years and the Feast of St. Basil (January 1). Additionally, that same day our ECF students will present a special Christmas play and some Christmas carols that they have been learning in Singing Class.

Saturday, January 10, 2026— Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural Society of Michigan Annual Potluck Dinner: The Carpatho-Rusyn Cultural Society of Michigan invites you to an “Old Friends, New Friends” potluck party at our very own St Basil Hall on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Bring a dish to share; ethnic favorites are encouraged but not required. BYOB. Doors open at 5:15pm (following the 4pm Liturgy), dinner at 6:00pm. Music provided by the Beskidy Folk Ensemble. Wear your “kroj,” and have fun together! Please look for fliers to be posted soon, with additional details.

Church wall calendars and offertory envelopes for 2026 are now available in the vestibule. If you don't currently have your own set of envelopes and would like to receive a box for 2026, please see Fr. Mykhailo and he will make sure you get one. For the calendars, please limit yourselves to 1 or 2 calendars per household for now, so that we can have enough for everybody.

Reminder: Parish Database Survey- If you haven't done so already, please fill out and turn in the short survey that can be found by the pink striped box just outside of Father's office. 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. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Mykhailo, Joanne Mozuras, or one of our ushers. Thank you for your cooperation on this!

Stewardship 2025-2026: This year's Stewardship Appeal officially started on November 1 and runs through May 31, 2026. All members of parishes within the Eparchy should have received Stewardship Appeal information in the mail. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Fr. Mykhailo so that he can provide you with the pertinent information, and confirm that your address information is listed correctly with the Eparchy. Online contributions can be made through the eparchial website: www.parma.org.

Reminder: Request for Feedback (Eparchial Statutes): We would like to hear what suggestions you might have for improving, clarifying, or otherwise enhancing our Eparchy's list of statutes. Please see Fr. Mykhailo to obtain a copy of the current statutes if you don't already have one; then read, pray, and reflect upon them, and submit any suggestions in writing to Fr. Mykhailo. Bishop Robert's intention is to finalize the next edition of our statutes at the next Eparchial Assembly in Fall 2026.

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 the baskets that are located in the main vestibule. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary this week to Deacon Phillip and Cynthia Dinsmore (12/30)! May God grant you many more happy, healthy, and blessed years together!

Happy Birthday this week to Michael Nagrant (12/31)! May God grant you many more years of peace, health, and happiness!

From elsewhere within the Eparchy of Parma:

The 5th Annual Men's Retreat will take place January 30 – February 1, 2026, at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, OH. The retreat master will be Fr. Jan Maturkanic, the pastor of St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Parish in Brecksville, OH. The topic is "Our Lord Jesus Christ- The Path to the Father." For further information or to register, please contact Karl Busam at 419-626-6811 or karl.busam.77@gmail.com. Please note that **space is limited**, and **the deadline to register is January 9, 2026**.

The 13th Annual Women's Retreat will take place February 20-22, 2026, at the Maria Stein Retreat Center in Maria Stein, OH. The retreat master will be Fr. Joseph Loya, OSA, PhD, an Augustinian friar on the faculty of the Theology and Religious Studies Department at Villanova University. The topic is "Luke 2:19- Mary Kept Everything in Her Heart." For further information or to register, please contact Joan Washburn at 865-696-7809 or stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com. Please note that **space is limited**, and **the deadline to register is February 6, 2026**.