

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

St. Nicholas of Myra

Byzantine Catholic Parish

Liturgical Schedule:

Sat	Nov	15	Gurias, Samonas and Habib Martyrs
		3:00 pm	Confession
		3:40 pm	Rosary
		4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for +Maria and George
Sun	Nov	16	23 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
		10:10 am	Moleben to the Theotokos
			Confession
		10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
Mon	Nov	17	Gregory Wondervorker
Tue	Nov	18	Plato and Roman Martyrs
		6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy for Dominic and Andy
Wed	Nov	19	Obadiah Prophet
Thu	Nov	20	Gregory the Decapolite
		6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy for John
Fri	Nov	21	Entrance of the Theotokos
Sat	Nov	22	Philemon and Others Apostles
		3:00 pm	Confession
		3:40 pm	Rosary
		4:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for +Robert Stefano
Sun	Nov	23	24 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
		10:10 am	Moleben to the Theotokos
			Confession
		10:30 am	Divine Liturgy

Weekly Collections 11/9/2025

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

Offertory	\$ 2,534.00	E-donations	\$ 464.51
Candles	\$ 21.00	Others	\$ 381.81

Total: \$ 3,401.32

We thank You for Your big generosity!

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23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Greatest Commandment (Lk 10:25-37)

And behold, a lawyer came forward to test Jesus by asking, "Teacher, what must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus then said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

But because the man wished to justify himself, he asked, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him and beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be traveling along that same road, but when he saw him he passed by on the other side. A Levite likewise came to that spot and saw him, but he too passed by on the other side.

"But a Samaritan who was traveling along that road came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went up to him and bandaged his wounds after having poured oil and wine on them. Then he brought him upon his own animal to an inn and looked after him.

"The next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Look after him, and when I return I will repay you for anything more you might spend.'

"Which of those three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He answered, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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- * Jesus gives pride of place in his teaching to the commandment of love, which sums up the entire Law (see Mt 22:40); but love of God and love of neighbor are henceforth joined inseparably.
 - * The scribe had asked who was his neighbor. Jesus responds with the example of the Samaritan who, without regard for national rancors and religious disputes, recognizes the neighbor in an unknown person who is in need of help. Hence, the person who loves will know immediately how to individualize who his neighbor is. It is not necessarily—as the Jews thought—a person of the same nation, race, or religion.
 - * *Going down*: Jericho lies in the deepest depression on earth, at 800 feet below sea level.
 - * *Levite*: a minister of the temple.

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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

I Will Pay You

And so our sins become greater, and not only from this but also from the benefits and honor which we enjoy from them. If you want to learn how our sins against God are like ten thousand talents, or more in fact, and even much more, I will try to show you briefly. But I fear, lest to those who are inclined to wickedness and love continually to sin, I should appear to provide them with still greater security; or that I might drive the meeker sort to despair, and that they should repeat the despairing question of the disciples: "Who then can be saved?"

... But nevertheless I will continue on in the hope that I may make those who pay attention more secure and more amenable. For those who suffer an incurable disease and feel no pain are untouched by these words and do not change from their natural wickedness and inertia. And even if in the future they derive from my words greater occasion for contempt, that should be attributed not to this kind of argument but to

their own insensibility. What I will say ought to be able to arouse them if only they attend to it and let it prick their hearts.

And so it is necessary that I speak. In speaking of our sins, I will distinguish between those we commit against God and against other persons. I will set forth not each person's own but what are common. But then I will ask individuals to add their own sins according to an examination of their conscience. I will do this, having first set forth the good deeds of God to us. What then are God's good deeds? He created us from nothing; he made the whole visible world for us, the heaven, the sea, the earth, animals, plants and seeds.... He gave us a helpmate and set us over all the brute species, and He crowned us with glory and honor.

And yet after all this, when humanity turned out ungrateful toward its benefactor, He thought us worthy of an even greater gift – forgiveness.

St. John Chrysostom



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Sterling Heights, MI

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!

Announcements for Sunday, November 16, 2025

Next Sunday, November 23rd — Fr. Mychail Rozmarynovych's 30th Anniversary of Ordination: On Sunday, November 23rd, we will join Fr. Mychail in celebration of his 30th Anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Please join us for this special Divine Liturgy at 10:30am, followed by a banquet in our St. Basil Hall. All are invited!

St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday (November 19th): The next choir rehearsal to prepare for singing on Christmas Day will be held this Wednesday evening, November 19th, from 7-9pm in the church. All members are asked to attend, along with anyone that may be interested in becoming a member or just wants to check it out. All are welcome-- from middle school age through senior citizen. No prior choral experience is required. Future rehearsal dates are still being discussed and will be announced once they are finalized. Please park in the main lot south of the church. If you have any questions, please contact the choir director, Nicholas J. Nagrant, at mariannenagrant@yahoo.com, or 248-661-0777.

Thanksgiving Basket Food collections: This year, in addition to what our ECF students usually put together, we would like to ask all parishioners to consider donating Thanksgiving food items for needy families in our community. **If you would like to donate anything, please bring it in no later than next Sunday, November 23rd.** Non-perishable items are preferred, but we can also accept and temporarily store some frozen or refrigerated items as well (please, see someone to make sure they get stored properly!). Gift cards to Meijer or Kroger for a turkey or other perishable items can also be accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

Save the Date: St. Nicholas Parish Feast Day Dinner (Sunday, December 7th) Please join us in our St. Basil Hall on Sunday, December 7th, after the 10:30am Divine Liturgy, as we celebrate our patronal feast day with a Dinner—and for our children, a special visit from St. Nicholas! More details to be posted soon. All are welcome!

3rd Annual St. Nicholas Parish Day Raffle (Drawing- December 7th): We only have 3 weeks to go until our drawing, so please continue your efforts to sell tickets, and turn in your money and ticket stubs when you are able. As a reminder, tickets cost \$10/each, and the drawing will take place at our annual St. Nicholas Parish Day Dinner on Sunday, December 7th. There will be multiple winners and a top prize of \$2,000. **We are asking all parishioners to volunteer to sell at least 10 tickets between now and December 7th.** 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, John P. Minarish, or George Nagrant, and start selling to your friends, relatives, and neighbors! **As an added incentive, we will award a prize to the parishioner that sells the most tickets, and also a prize to the parishioner that sells the ticket that wins the grand prize.** If you have any questions, please contact Joanne, John, or George. Money and ticket stubs can be returned to the parish office at any time, up until the date of the drawing.

Would you be interested in helping Deacon Phillip sell our raffle tickets at St. Malachy Church (14 Mile Rd, east of Schoenherr) on Sunday morning, November 30? He will be selling tickets after their 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am masses, and would appreciate 2-3 additional volunteers to help if possible. If you would be interested in helping with this, please sign up on the sheet posted by Father's office, and Deacon Phillip will contact you to confirm the final arrangements. **We may also have the opportunity to sell tickets at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church (18 Mile and Ryan) that same day (confirmation still pending).** If you'd be interested in helping with this, please let us know by signing up on the same sheet by Father's office.

7th Annual Glove and Thermal Sock Drive: From now until Thanksgiving we are 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. If you are able to bring in any of these items to donate, please place them in the box that has been set up in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Helping Holy Father Nicholas: Anyone who would like to help St. Nicholas organize his coming to our parish on Sunday, December 7, can donate some good sweets (chocolate, candies...) or other gifts for the children. The box for the gifts and for any cash donations is located at the "corner of St. Nicholas" in our vestibule. Please note that any donations must be made no later than Sunday, November 30th. All are invited to do this, and we thank you for your generosity!

Giving Tree: 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. 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 no later than 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 last weekend as soon as possible. If you did not receive the survey, please see Fr. Mykhailo, Joanne Mozuras, or one of our ushers. Thank you for your cooperation on this!

Request for Feedback— Eparchial Statutes: Last Sunday, 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.

Saturday, December 13, 2025 (10:00am)—Spiritual Retreat for Married Couples at Sacred Heart: 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).

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.

Have you heard? We have the ability to accept donations on-line! We can accept donations electronically, and securely, through our website. Please check it out! Just go to www.stnicksdetroit.com, and click on the "donations" tab. Everything else should be self-explanatory and simple to use, but of course, please feel free to let us know if you have suggestions for making improvements.

A Simple November Challenge: Now that our parishes have merged, please have courage and say "hi" to someone new!