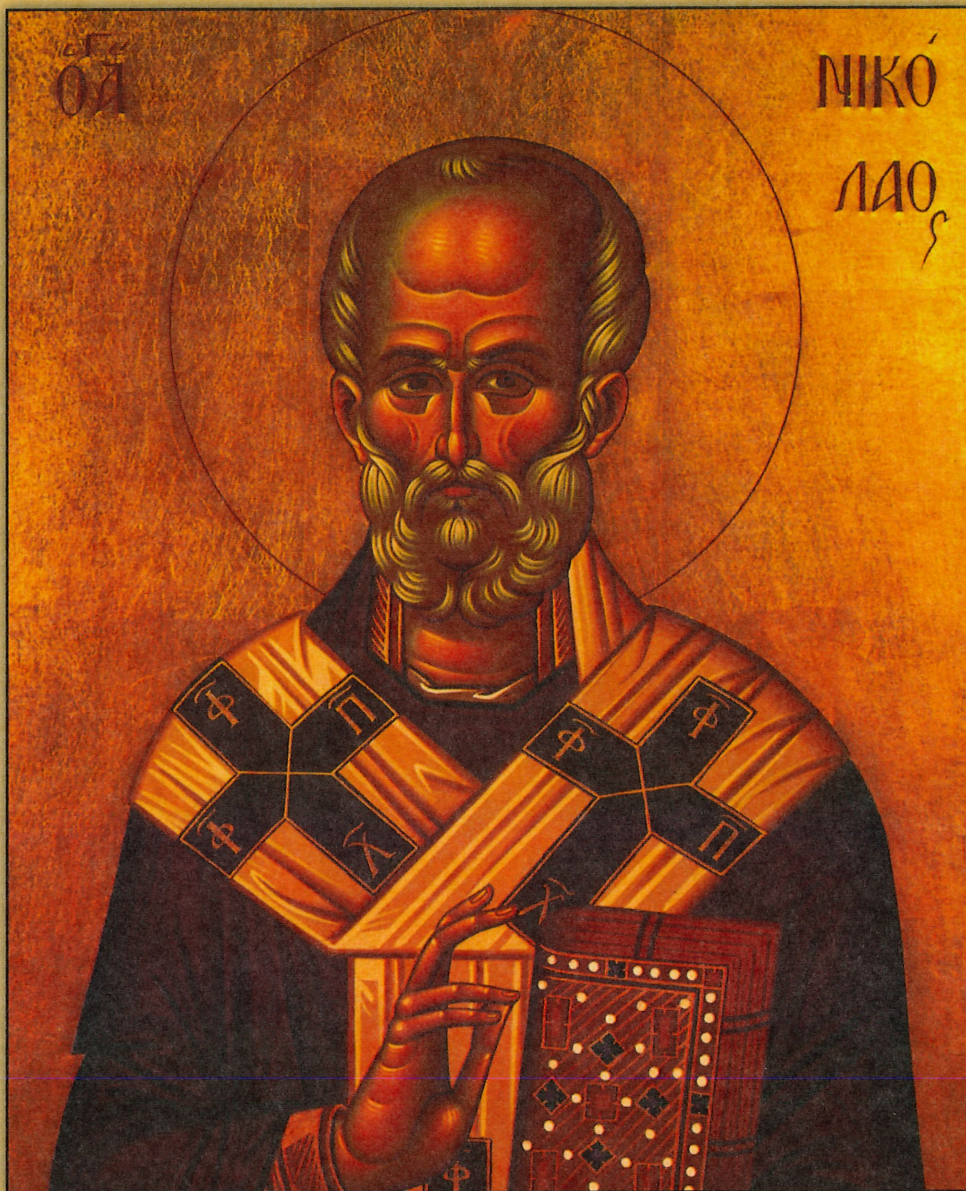


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Nicholas of Myra -- December 6th

December 6, 2020 – 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Nicholas of Myra Archbishop
Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Tone 2 - Eph 6:10-17 & Heb 13:17-21; Lk 17:12-19 & 6:17-23

Sat. Dec. 5 Our venerable and divinely inspired father, St. Sabbas, Hegumen-Abbot

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Livestream)

Sun. Dec. 6 27th Sunday After Pentecost – Nicholas of Myra Archbishop

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Rosary – (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. Dec. 7 Our holy father, Ambrose, Archbishop of Milan (+387)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
7:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija (Livestream)

Tues. Dec. 8 Maternity of St. Anna

8:30 am Divine Liturgy with School Children (at St. Mary Church)
7:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Livestream)

Wed. Dec. 9 Our venerable father, Patapius

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Thur. Dec. 10 St. Mennas, St. Hermogenes, and St. Eugraphus, Martyrs (+304)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Fri. Dec. 11 Our venerable father, Daniel, Stylite (+492)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Sat. Nov. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our venerable father, Spiridon, wonderworker (+347)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Livestream)

Sun. Nov. 13 Sunday of the Forefathers

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Rosary – (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

MASK REQUIRED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS: Masks are mandatory for anyone attending Divine Liturgies. (Exceptions are those with health issues that prohibit wearing a mask and children ten and under.) We ask that you cooperate with this request. If you are uncomfortable wearing a mask or simply “uncomfortable” being inside the church we continue to provide the services on livestream for you to watch from home (www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV – PARMA).

The 2020/21 Annual Stewardship Appeal continues. Stewardship is the manifestation of your deep faith. On behalf of the priests who have preached and those who are still preaching the Word of God, and the seminarians who in the future will be preaching, please support the activities connected with the preaching of the Word of God. Many of the priests serving in our Eparchy came as mission priests, leaving behind their families and countries so they could preach the Word of God to you because they know the Word of God gives life.

Visit us online at parma.org/2021appeal to submit your one-time or monthly donation to the Stewardship Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY (ALL): All are invited to join in as we pray the rosary together



before the Sunday, 9:30 am Divine Liturgy each week at the Cathedral.

We will pray the rosary together in church as a group. Please plan on joining us, adults and children are encouraged to attend as we will be

praying the joyful mysteries! Those who are at home may pray along

with the Livestream.

SLAVIC FEST 2020 RAFFLE (ALL): The big Slavic Fest raffle drawing will be held after the 11:00 am liturgy at the Cathedral of St. John, on Sunday, December 6, 2020. All are welcome to attend the raffle and are asked to gather in the Bridal Room (located at the Snow Road entrance in the back of church near the restrooms), however, the winner need not be present. Winners will be contacted by phone to collect their prize. Thanks to all and best of luck!

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you.

-OR-

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

Christmas Eve – Vigil of Christmas

(Day of Strict Fast)

December 24th

8:00 am - Matins

12 noon - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

9:00 pm - Great Compline with Litija

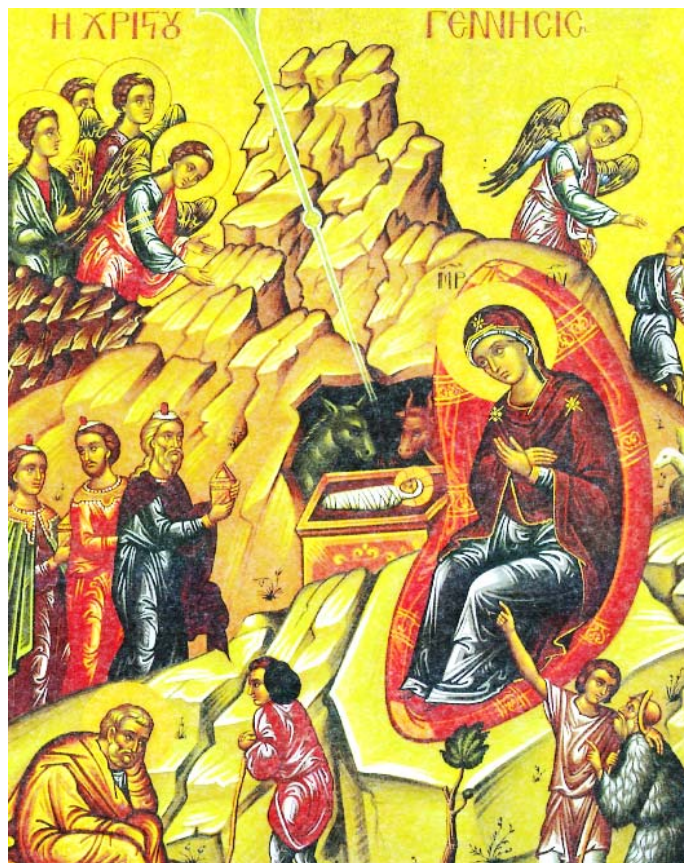
Christmas Day - OBLIGATION

December 25th

8:00 am - Festal Matins

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

All services will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Church and Livestreamed. All parishioners are invited to attend any and all of the church services offered.



Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA
If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS
November 29, 2020

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| Cathedral Parish | - | <u>\$1,137.00</u> | \$ <u>60.00</u> Online Giving |
| Holy Spirit Parish | - | \$ <u>441.00</u> | \$ <u>378.00</u> Online Giving |
| St. Mary's Parish | - | <u>\$1,587.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> Online Giving |

*Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?
Thank you and may God reward your generosity!*

St. Mary Church 250 Club Winner – 11/22/2020

#82 Ann Sheets - Captain, Lenny Hodar



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Larry Lantz; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Theresa Dorony; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank Lizanich; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Margaret Girman, Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich; Michelle Zubovich-Simon.

Keep Fr. Marek in your prayers as he recovers from Covid

*Call Fr. Bruce Riebe at (440) 526-1818 for **Emergency Sick Call Visits***

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St. John's Cathedral, 1900 Carlton Rd, Parma (CATH) Phone: 216.661.8658

Holy Spirit Church, 5500 West 54th St., Parma (HS) Phone: 440.884.8452

Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES held at the Cathedral and Livestream at parma.org:

Saturday: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am and 5 pm Divine Liturgy; 4 pm Great Vespers

Sunday: 8 am Matins; 9:30 am and 11 am Divine Liturgy; 3 pm Vespers

HOLY DAY SERVICES: 7 am Festal Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy (6 pm Great Vespers v Litija the evening before the holy day)

DAILY SERVICES: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy; 5 pm Vespers

The Legendary Saint Nicholas

The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Theotokos, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him – an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three

daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus – further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.