

THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt
January 19, 2025

Epistle: 1 Tim. 1:15-17 Gospel: Lk. 18:35-43 Matins Gospel 2: Mk. 16:1-8

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This week at St. Nicholas

Sat.	1/18	12pm - 2pm	Nut Roll Sales
		3 p.m.	Great Vespers
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy <i>*for the people of the parish</i>
		7 to 10 p.m.	Poustinia for Young Adults
Sun.	1/19	<i>Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt</i>	
		8:30am	Sunday Matins
		9:30am	Divine Liturgy <i>for the Health of Frank Kodman (66-19)</i>
		10:40am	Eastern Christian Formation for Youth 90th Birthday Celebration - Frank Kodman
Mon.	1/20	<i>Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great</i>	
		9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy <i>for +Anna Ball and The Deceased Members of the Ball Family by Bob & Adrienne Terleck (66-24)</i>
Wed.	1/22	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
		<i>The Holy Apostle Timothy, The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian</i>	
Sat.	1/25	9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
		12pm - 2pm	Nut Roll Sales
		3 p.m.	Great Vespers
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy <i>for +Mike Mrosko by Joanne (66-25)</i>
Sun.	1/26	<i>36th Sunday after Pentecost; Our Venerable Father Xenophon and his Wife Mary</i>	
		8:30am.	Sunday Matins
		9:30am	Divine Liturgy <i>*for the people of the parish</i>
		10:40am	Eastern Christian Formation for Youth Formation for Adults & Teens

*Upcoming Holy Days: Three Holy Hierarchs: Jan. 29 Vespers at 7pm; Jan. 30 Divine Liturgy at 9am
The Meeting with Simeon and Anna: Sunday, Feb. 2 (with Moleben for Jubilee Year after Liturgy)*

Eparchy of Parma Website & Facebook: See parma.org or Facebook

App for Byzantine Divine Praises
The daily Divine Praises with changeable parts are on the free app ECPubs.com.

Byzantine Catholic Radio & Podcast
“Light of the East”

Program hosted by Fr. Thomas Loya
Sundays 11:30am-12noon
(replay 11:30 pm) on 1260AM The Rock
Podcasts of previous broadcasts (to 2009)
available at byzantinecatholic.com/podcast

Fasting Requirements: No food or drink (except water) one hour before receiving Communion. Simple abstinence (no meat) every Friday, except on days exempt by law. Simple abstinence required on days with the calendar “fish” symbol; may be moved if it falls on Sunday (Sept. 14, Dec. 24, Jan. 5, Aug. 29, Holy Saturday). During the Great Fast, simple abstinence required Wed./Fri. Strict abstinence (no meat, eggs, dairy) on the 1st day of the Fast & Good Friday.

What Kind of Church is St. Nicholas Parish?

- We are a Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church, in communion with the holy father, Pope Francis.
- Our tradition is rooted in the authentic apostolic tradition. The Byzantine Churches have roots in the Church of Constantinople, which played a central role in the formation of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, commonly called the Nicene Creed, and in all the early ecumenical councils (1st through 7th).
- The Byzantine-Ruthenian Church began when the territory of Greater Moravia called Rus’ was evangelized by SS. Cyril & Methodius in A.D. 863-864. receiving a Byzantine rite bishop as attested by Patriarch Photius in 867. Our bishop is Bishop Robert M. Pipta of the Eparchy of Parma, a suffragan eparchy of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh.

Byzantine Catholic Radio & Podcast
“Beyond the Veil”:

Program hosted by Fr. Thomas Loya
The program can be heard
(<https://radiomaria.us>).
Archives of previous shows can be found at: <https://radiomaria.us/beyond-the-veil/>

Eucharistic Renewal

The faithful are to attend the divine liturgy (and/or the divine praises) on Sundays and holy days, as is fitting for the People of God.

Confession: Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Guide to Confession and Guide for Examination of Conscience are available in the narthex. If you have committed grave sins, please go to the Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) before Holy Communion.

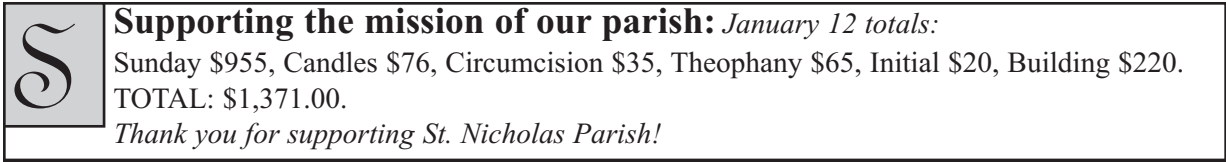
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God With Us Eastern Catholic Formation’s mission is to educate, equip, and inspire missionary disciples in Eastern Catholic Churches to serve in the vocation of evangelization and catechesis. This is accomplished through four primary apostolates:

*God With Us Radio
God With Us Books
God With Us Online
God With Us Institute*

To find these ever-expanding resources, go to:

<https://godwithusonline.org>



Pastoral Council: Anne Dillon, Sue Druga, Sandra Farnsworth, Linda Skibo

Economic Council: Joanne Mrosko, Bruce Skibo, Adrienne Terlecki

Eastern Christian Formation: Fr. Andrew, Anne Dillon, Erin Nagrant, Debra Obergas

Kitchen Leadership: Bruce Skibo, Linda Skibo, Sandra Farnsworth

Strategic Planning Commission: Rita Deliman, Sue Druga, Erna Kodman, Rosemary Moroni, Debra Obergas, Sarah Skrepich, David Stacko

Social Committee: Sue Druga, Sandy Farnsworth, Erna Kodman, Veronica Kusznir, Laverne Mackin, Joanne Mrosko

Church Cleaning Crew: Rita Deliman, Sue Druga, Anne Dillon, Debra Obergas, Linda Vanca

Community Outreach Committee: Sandy Farnsworth, Sarah Skrepich, Madeline Zaworski

Fundraising Committee: Sue Druga, Sarah Skrepich, Helen Truskolaski, (Madeline Zaworski)

First Friday Visits to Sick and Homebound: The First Friday of the month will be devoted to visiting the sick and the homebound, for distribution of Holy Communion, and other sacraments. The priest will contact those on our homebound list (in-state only). Please let the priest know if you know anyone who needs a visit. Appointments for sacraments for the ill or hospitalized may be made anytime.

Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions): 1st Saturday of the Month 2 - 2:30pm or by appointment

Vespers and Matins: If a person is unable to attend Divine Liturgy, the liturgical obligation may be fulfilled by Vespers or Matins. The faithful are encouraged to attend all of the services.

Rosary: First Saturday of the month after the 4pm divine liturgy (approximately 5 pm).

Supporting the mission of our parish: *January 12 totals:*

Sunday \$955, Candles \$76, Circumcision \$35, Theophany \$65, Initial \$20, Building \$220.
TOTAL: \$1,371.00.

Thank you for supporting St. Nicholas Parish!

Divine Liturgy Propers 35th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 2

Troparion: 130
Kontakion: 131
Prokeimenon: 132
Alleluia: 132
Communion Hymn(s): 78-81



All Invited - 90th Birthday Celebration All from the parish are invited to a celebration of the 90th birthday of Frank Kodman in the parish hall after divine liturgy this Sunday, January 19.

Frozen Nut Rolls are available for purchase after the weekend divine liturgies.

They are also available from 12 noon to 2pm on Saturday January 18, and Saturday, January 25.

**ST NICHOLAS PARISH
YOUNG ADULT EVENT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
7 P.M. to 10 P.M.**

*Poustinia: An Encounter
with the Living God*

Young Adults [one does not have to be a member of any parish] from ages 18-39 (single or married) are invited to attend an evening of prayer & community titled “*Poustinia: An Encounter with the Living God*”.

St. Nicholas is hosting this event on Saturday, *January 18 from 7-10pm*, and on months following on the *3rd Saturday of each month*.

The evening will include evening prayer &

prayer for the living, reflection, silent prayer in God's presence in the church, and fellowship at the conclusion of the evening.

So many people today are busy. Time is needed away from the noise of the world, to connect or re-connect with God, and to also have the opportunity to spend time in community with other young adults.

A priest will be available for anyone wishing to go to confession (optional).

ALL ARE WELCOME.

This initiative is being held in cooperation with St. Michael's Parish (Oregon OH) and St. Mary's (Marblehead OH) who are hosting the young adults on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month, respectively.

ADULT & TEEN FORMATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Equipping Us for the Mission

This year's adult (including teens) formation will focus on the theme of Evangelization. The faithful are encouraged to attend, because we will be learning how to share the faith with others. The next session will be Sunday, January 26 after the morning divine liturgy. *Future Schedule:* Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 16, Apr. 13, May 25

ATTENTION KITCHEN WORKERS! Our

1st kitchen meeting of the New Year is Saturday, Feb. 1 at 12 noon. It is necessary to discuss the future of our kitchen regarding fundraising. Please try to attend.

Bake Sale, Raffle, and Childrens / Teens

Cake Contest We will have a bake sale, super bowl raffle, and youth cake contest on **February 9**. Youth (childrens / teens) can bring cakes, fitting the following three categories: Most Original

Cake, Most Super-Bowley Cake, and Most Valentiney Cake. All persons are welcome to participate in this social activity for our community.

Youth in the ECF program may drop off their cakes prior to ECF class. The cake contest winners will be announced at the end of the ECF class.

Quarterly Raffle Tickets are available for the 1st Quarter Raffle (Jan. Feb. Mar.) after the weekend divine liturgies.

Rosary Our next monthly rosary is this Saturday, February 1 at 5pm (after the vigil divine liturgy for the Feast of the Encounter).

Moleben for Jubilee Year We will offer this special prayer for the 2025 Jubilee Year on Sunday, February 2 after the morning divine liturgy.

There will be No Matins on Sunday, February 2. (We will be celebrating the moleben after liturgy on that Sunday).

All Souls Saturdays The first All Souls Saturday will be Saturday, February 22. We will have the divine liturgy and panachida for All Souls at 9 a.m. Submitted names will be prayed for by name on all five days of all souls in 2025. Please submit the names with the envelope (an envelope should be in your annual envelope box) by Sunday, February 15.

There is no longer a suggested stipend of \$50; any free-will offering may be made, according to the protocol approved in 2024 by Bishop Robert Pipta.

Review of Eparchy of Parma Divine Liturgy Stipends Policy The divine liturgy stipend is a free-will offering. Liturgies are not bought and sold, even though there is a suggested sum. No requests shall be refused for monetary reasons. Divine liturgy stipends belong to the priest celebrating the liturgy.

The following stipends and fees are standard in the Eparchy of Parma, with the priest being the recipient: Divine Liturgy \$20; Pre-Sanctified Liturgy \$20, Wedding at least \$100 (cantor \$50); Funerals at least \$100 (cantor \$50).

Unspecified amounts, with the priest being the recipient: All Souls Hramoty, Baptism, Panachida, Mirovaniye, Blessing of Homes.

Substitute clergy: \$100 per liturgy, plus liturgy stipend, plus mileage at standard rate.

Divine Liturgies for Sundays and days of precept (holy days of obligation) are to be offered for the people of the parish by the parish pastor, with no stipend received for this liturgy by the pastor.

For the divine liturgy and pre-sanctified liturgy, if the amount given is greater than the suggested sum of \$20, the priest is to forward the difference to the Eparchial Chancery for deposit into the seminary fund. This policy for the excess difference applies exclusively to the divine liturgy or pre-sanctified liturgy.

No stipend may be taken for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy unless the donor freely requests it and it is made clear that this is not a Eucharistic Divine Liturgy (a sacrifice of the Eucharist).

If a priest serves multiple liturgies on the same day, stipends received for a 2nd or 3rd liturgy are to be sent to the Chancery for deposit into the seminary fund.

Divine Liturgy Intentions We are accepting Divine Liturgy intention requests. Numerous dates are still available in the Year 2025. An intention may be for the living or the deceased. The suggested stipend of \$20 is a free-will offering. Please indicate if “Exact Day”, “Saturday Evening”, “Sunday”, “Day Near”, or “Any Day” is requested.

As stated in the Pew Book (462-463), propers for the departed **are not included** on Saturday evenings, Sundays, great feasts, and Bright Week (& Mid-Pentecost; Leave-takings of Mid-Pentecost & Pascha). If taken, an intention for the departed is taken silently on these days.

Stewardship Appeal *Message from the Eparchy of Parma:* The Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is \$320,000. This year’s Annual Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Suppport of Mission & Outreach; Development of Parishes; Retreats, Renewals, and Family Camp; Works of the Apostolate; Clergy Benevolence Fund; and Support of our Retired and Active Priests.

Help support the Eparchy of Parma’s Annual Stewardship Appeal through a one-time or monthly donation online at <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> . Thank you for your generosity!

As of January 8, St. Nicholas parishioners have contributed \$1900, which is 18% of the way toward the parish goal of \$10,800.

2025 Contribution Envelopes are now available for pickup from the narthex. Please pick up your envelopes after divine liturgy. If you do not see an envelope set with your name, please contact the parish office.

Pastoral Council The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Birthdays
May God Grant many more years in peace, health, and happiness to:

January Birthdays:

- 5 Joseph Nagrant
- 6 Barbara Crawford
- 14 John Obergas
- 19 Kevin Dillon
- 19 Frank Kodman
- 23 Dr. Joseph Deliman
- 27 Matthew Moran
- 30 John Camp

If your name was omitted, please call the parish office and we will gladly add your name!

Eparchy of Parma :

12th Annual Women’s Retreat *Our Lord Jesus Christ: The Path to the Father* at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, OH with retreat master Fr. Jan Maturkanic. March 7-9. Contact Joan Washburn stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com or 1-865-696-7809.

4th Annual Men’s Retreat *The Beatitudes: The Way of Life* at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, OH with retreat master Fr. Lukas Mitro. March 14-16. Contact Karl Busam 1-419-616-6811 or karl.busam.77@gmail.com .

St. Nicholas Parish Events - upcoming in 2025

Holy Days upcoming in early 2025: Jan. 30; Feb. 2; Mar. 25; Apr. 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, & 27. Great & Holy Week (Apr. 14-19).

- Saturday, January 18
 - Poustinia for Young Adults (7-10pm)
 - (every 3rd Saturday of the month)
- Sunday, January 26
 - Formation for Adults (and teens)
 - (once a month after Sunday Liturgy)
- Saturday, February 1 (first Saturday of month)
 - 2 - 2:30 Confessions
 - 5pm Rosary
- Sunday, February 2 - Feast of the Meeting
 - Moleben for Jubilee Year after Liturgy
- Sunday, February 9
 - Bake Sale & Super Bowl Raffle
 - Cake Contest for Youth
- Saturday, February 15 - Young Adult Poustinia
 - 7 to 10pm
- Saturday, February 22
 - First All Souls Saturday - 9am
- Sunday, February 23 - Adult/Teen Formation