Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS
Third Paschal Sunday
April 4, 2024
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8 Matins Gospel 3: Mark 16:9-20

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Mr. Gabriel Nagrant
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This week at St. Nicholas

Sat.	4/13	*Saturday of Thomas Week*	
		3 p.m.	Great Vespers
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy
			for +Albert Wayda by Dillon Family (63-22)
		5 p.m.	Social Committee Meeting
Sun.	4/14	*Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers: Third Paschal Sunday*	
		8:30 a.m.	Sunday Matins
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy **for the people of the parish*
Mon.	4/15	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tue.	4/16	*The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia*	
		9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Fri.	4/19	*Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave*	
		9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sat.	4/20	3 p.m.	Great Vespers
		4 p.m.	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun.	4/21	*Sunday of the Paralytic: Fourth Paschal Sunday*	
		8:30 a.m.	Sunday Matins
		9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy **for the people of the parish*

Upcoming Holy Days: The Holy Great Martyr George (April 23 Divine Liturgy at 9am)
Ascension of our Lord (May 8 Vesperal Liturgy at 7pm, May 9 Festal Matins at 9am)

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 suffragen 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 a Guide for Examination of Conscience are available in the narthex. If you have committed sins of a grave nature (*i.e.* "mortal" sins), please go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion.

God With Us Online Learning Resources: God With Us Eastern Catholic Formation is the official catechetical apostolate of the Eastern Catholic Churches of the USA.

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

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

Economic Council: Joanne Mrosko, Bruce Skibo, Adrienne Terleck

Eastern Christian Formation: Anne Dillon, Debra Obergas, Madeline Zaworski, (Fr. Andrew)

Kitchen Leadership: Bruce Skibo, Linda Skibo, Sandra Farnsworth

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

First Friday Visits to Sick and Shut-Ins

The First Friday of the month will be devoted to visiting the sick and the shut-ins, for distribution of Holy Communion, and any other necessary sacraments. Fr. Andrew will contact those on our prayer list (in-state only) any others he is aware of unable to attend church due to reasons of illness, disability or transportation. Please let Fr. Andrew know if you know anyone who would need Fr. Andrew to visit. Appointments for sacraments may be made anytime, especially for those gravely ill or in the hospital.

Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions): 1st Saturday of the Month from 2 - 2:30 p.m.
Also by appointment (or just ask the priest!)

Sunday Vespers and Matins

The liturgical celebration of each day begins with Vespers on the prior evening. Vespers is the church's traditional prayers for sundown. Matins is the church's traditional prayers for sunrise.

If a person is unable to attend Divine Liturgy, the Sunday obligation may be fulfilled by attending 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: *April 7 totals:* Sunday $1295, Annunciation $10, Great Thursday $10, Great Friday $10, Bright Monday $235, St. George $10, Lent $40, Easter $670, Easter Flowers $10, Horizons $5, Poor $115. Building $635, Thomas Brunch $153, Quarterly Raffle $105. TOTAL $3,303.00. *Thank you for supporting St. Nicholas Parish!*

Parish

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He Is Risen!

Divine Liturgy Propers
Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers

After Blessed is the Kingdom:
Priest: Christ is risen... (1x)
People: Christ is risen... (2x)
Troparia: 177
Kontakia: 179
Prokeimenon: 180
Alleluia: 180
Magnification & Irmos: 180
Communion Hymn(s): 180
After Communion / Dismissal: 177

Thomas Sunday Brunch & Egg Hunt Thank you for all the helpers! It was a wonderful time to spend as a parish family last week.

Quarterly Raffle Thank you to everyone who supported the quarterly raffle. The winner of our 1st Quarter quarterly raffle (ticket drawn at the Thomas Sunday Brunch) is Jerome Collins, who graciously offered to donate his winnings to the parish poor fund. The total proceeds were $210 (split 50/50). Tickets for the 2nd quarter raffle are available after the weekend liturgies.

19th Annual Almsgiving Project - Thank you to everyone who has supported our annual lenten almsgiving project through donations. On April 13, the items were sorted into age-specific boxes. In addition to the physical items donated, we received over $1000 in monetary donations, and we are applying for a grant to match the donations, so that there will be even greater support for the needy.

Divine Liturgy Intentions We are accepting Divine Liturgy intention requests. Please indicate if "exact day", "Saturday evening", "Sunday", "day near", or "any day" is requested for the intention, which may be for the living or the deceased. The suggested stipend of $20 is a free-will offering. No request shall be refused or accepted on the basis of monetary contributions.

Stewardship Appeal 2023/24 *Eparchial Announcement:* Christ is Risen! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Stewardship Appeal to date. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! A blessed Pascha to all!

As of 3/31/2024, St. Nicholas Parishioners have pledged $7,620, which is 91.8% of the way toward the parish goal of $8,300. Thank you for your support, and let us all work together to reach the goal.

Parish Committee/Council Meetings:
Social Committee - Apr 13 at 5 p.m.
Pastoral Council - Apr. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Economic Council - May 7 at 10 a.m.

2024 ByzanTEEN Rally Registration This year's National ByzanTEEN Rally will be at the University of San Diego, June 27-30. It will be time for fun, fellowship and faith for the future of our Church. Featuring keynote speakers Fr. Chris Zugger, Mother Iliana of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, and Trent Horn of Catholic Answers. The cost of the weekend is $380. FINANCIAL HELP for Parma Byzanteens available. Up to 80% of the airfare may be covered. Additional help on a case-by-case basis. **The airfare discount is first-come first-serve, must register by March 31 or earlier.** To register as a teen or chaperone, go to: *https://archpitt.org/byzan-teen-youth-rally-2024*. For more details, or to inquire about financial help, contact the parish priest

Parish Birthdays for April

4 Joanne Mrosko
11 Fr. Andrew Nagrant
20 Debbie Gresh
30 Rebecca Camp

(Please contact the office if your name is missing. We were in a hurry to get this out this week, and did not have time to review for completeness.)

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Parish Events:

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day Tea
Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day Grill Out
Sunday, July 14 - Parish Pilgrimage to the
Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch

Eparchy of Parma & Metropolitan Church:

May 4-5
Eparchy of Parma
Pre-Cana Weekend
May 25
Shrine of Mariapoch Gala
June 27-30
ByzanTEEN Youth Rally
San Diego, CA
Aug. 11-16
Eparchy of Parma Family Camp
Cedar Lake, IN
Aug. 17-18
Eparchial Pilgrimage
Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch
Oct. 12-13
100th Anniversary of the Byzantine Catholic Church of Pittsburgh
Oct. 25-27
Eparchial Women's Renewal

St. Mary Magdalene "The Supper Club with Frank and Dean" This important fundraiser for St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Fairview Park, will take place on Saturday, April 20 from 5 to 9:30pm. Semi-formal, 21+ only. Includes dinner, cocktail hour, live music show, cash bar, raffle, wine pull. Reservations required. Credit cards accepted. $60 per person. Call 440-734-4644 to arrange purchase. Special prices for Table of 8, and for VIP tables.

Eparchy of Parma Pre-Cana Weekend May 4-5. Required for all couples preparing for marriage. Register online at **taborlife.org**. Please contact the parish office to speak to the parish priest about marriage preparation, since the Pre-Cana Weekend goes hand-in-hand with the preparations done at the parish. For more Pre-Cana info, please see the flyer in the narthex.

Night at the Races on April 27, 2024 at the Holy Spirit Party Center, 5500 W. 54th Street, Parma. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with post time at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are $30/person, which includes a catered dinner, beer and wine. Bring snacks, treats, etc., but please remember, in accordance with State Law, no carry-in alcohol is permitted. Co-sponsors of this event are St. John Byzantine of Solon, the PTU of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic School/Dormition Parish and St. Emilian Parish. Buy (and name) your horses/jockeys ($15/each), call your friends to attend, and get your tickets! To purchase tickets or to reserve a table, contact Reen Nemeth at 216-387-0651.