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7 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS (donation \$10)

Contact Fr Stephen or Andy Gaydos

Eternal Light available

Icon of the Theotokos available

Icon of our Lord available

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ our God, you descended from heaven so that we might ascend into heaven with you. By being lifted up on the cross you bring salvation to the world. Give to your Church servants who would follow your example and give their lives to both you and the world as priests, deacons, monks and nuns who serve you in holiness, we pray you hear and have mercy.



"Certainly, God did not send his Son into the world to judge world, but so that the world should be saved through him." Christ is truly the salvation of the world. As Christians, we are called to be little Christs. Each of us can bring salvation to the world by living the life of Christ. Is God calling you to show his salvation to the world by a life of prayer and repentance as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

May the Lord rest the souls of his departed servants killed in terrorist attacks 25 years ago.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Advisory Council Report 08-30-26

- Moving the first 2 rows of pews to the side allowing for the cantors to relocate from the back of the church to the front for to lead the congregation in singing.
- Clean the Rectory: After a brief tour it was agreed that Saturday September 5th is scheduled for the first clean up.

THANK TO THE GENTLEMEN who helped set up the Altars for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and to the special lady who donates the bed of flowers for the Holy Cross.

SUN SEPT 13 SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, TONE 7 P. 156 & 249

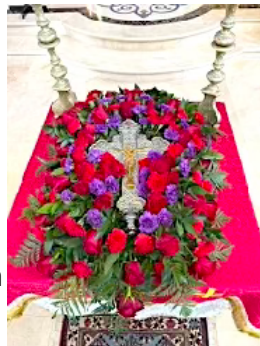
No Morning Liturgy

3:30 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confessions & The Third Hour

5:00 pm Procession with the Holy Cross & Divine Liturgy

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall



SUN Sept 20 Sunday after The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Tone 8, p. 247

No Morning Liturgy

3:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confession & The Third Hour

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy & Chrismation of Joel Martinez

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PRAYERS NEEDED for our parish family, Esther Calamore, Elmira Calamore, Charles Amelin, Paul & Marcy Basay, Enedina Lopez & Special Intentions. **Expectant Mothers:** Brittny Barlund, Eileen Escobedo & Meagan Odicino.

Clergy: Fr James Bankston, Msgr Michael Moran, Fr Robert Rankin & Fr Marcus Gomori.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

THANK YOU an army of 6 parishioners volunteered to give the parish rectory a good cleaning and make it a welcoming home for the clergy serving St Nicholas Parish. All the bedding and towels dated from the turn of the millennia was replaced and a mattress replaced. It has taken 2 Saturdays to work on the rectory. Our God loving parishioners are thinking about repainting the interior of the rectory and give it a new life. Bishop Artur and Father Stephen have used the rectory.

THE STORY OF MOSES AND THE BRASS

SERPENT. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: This story is a type of the whole mystery of the incarnation. For the serpent signifies bitter and deadly sin, which was devouring the whole race on the earth ... biting the Soul of man and infusing it with the venom of wickedness. And there is no way that we could have escaped being conquered by it, except by the relief that comes only from heaven. The Word of God then was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, "that he might condemn sin in the flesh," as it is written. In this way, he becomes the Giver of unending salvation to those who comprehend the divine doctrines and gaze on him with steadfast faith. But the serpent, being fixed upon a lofty base, signifies that Christ was clearly manifested by his passion on the cross, so that none could fail to see him. COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2.1.

THE CRUCIFIED BRINGS DEATH TO THE

SERPENT. JUSTIN MARTYR: It seems that the type and sign that was erected to counteract the serpents that bit Israel was intended for the salvation of those who believe that death was declared to come thereafter on the serpent through him who would be crucified. But salvation was to come to those who had been bitten by him and had committed themselves to him who sent his Son into the world to be crucified. For the Spirit of prophecy by Moses did not teach us to believe in the serpent, since it shows us that he was cursed by God from the beginning. And in Isaiah he tells us that he shall be put to death as an enemy by the mighty sword, which is Christ. DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO 91.

Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples taken from Eparchy of Parma Weekly Newsletter

- ✠ **Practice small acts of self-giving love.** Choose one moment each day to put someone else first—at home, at work, or in your parish.
- ✠ **Strengthen communion.** Reach out to someone in your parish community who may feel unseen or disconnected; a simple message or invitation can be a lifeline.
- ✠ **Let the Cross shape your prayer.** When facing a challenge, pause and trace the sign of the Cross

Tone 7

September 13, 2026

slowly, asking Christ to lift you up as He was lifted up for your salvation. Know that the Cross sees us on our path to resurrection

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship September 6

Souls in Attendance 36

Tithes: \$1,492.00, Zelle: \$84.00 & Candles: \$5.00

Thank you!

We depend on you to support our parish. You may mail your or use e-checks, or Zelle for your contributions (saintnicholasofmyra12-06) or use the QR code to send your donations.

Thank you

SUNDAY & EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS- Solemn Holy Day (Red Vestments)

Sept 13 Sunday

5:00 pm Liturgy —St Nicholas Fontana

**Sept 19 Saturday CRAFT FAIR at Annunciation
Anaheim. You are invited.**

Sept 20 Divine Liturgy & Chrismation

Joel Martinez

HOLY PROTECTION OF MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

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