

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Nicholas of Myra

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Protection of Mary

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No Morning Liturgy

3:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confession & The Third Hour

5:00 pm **Divine Liturgy** for our Saturday work
crew.

Monday Oct 19 Thru Saturday Oct 24 All the
clergy of our Eparchy will be on Retreat in Arizona.
Kindly offer your prayers and good works for the
gifts of the Holy Spirit.

SUN Oct 25 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

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No Morning Liturgy

3:30 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confessions & The Third Hour

5:00 pm **Divine Liturgy** For Paul & Marci Basay
All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

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

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

Pray for Pope Leo XIV: Please pray for the holy father
undergoing surgery and during his recovery. There are
special intentions and liturgical propers in the 2006 pew
book (pages 421-424).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.
CONGRATULATIONS
TO Jaden and Angelica
Abrams Married September
25, 2026. Jaden servers at
the Altar for the Sunday
Liturgies. God grant them
many happy and blessed
years.

NEEDED- A BABY
CHANGING TABLE-see
Robert Escobedo.

UPDATE ON FR

STEPHEN'S RECENT SURGERY First thank
You Lord. A large stone was removed from the
bladder and some tissue growth in the prostate. **No**
Cancer. Father is doing great and is back to work.
Thank you for your watching, driving to the clinic,
prayers, cards, candles, and liturgies. Thank you
again.

HEROES OF OUR CHURCH is now available in
the narthex of the church to only our Parishioners. One
book per household. For an extra copy of the book—
\$9.00.

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship October 11

Souls in Attendance 28

Tithes: \$182.00, & Candles: \$4.00 Thank you!

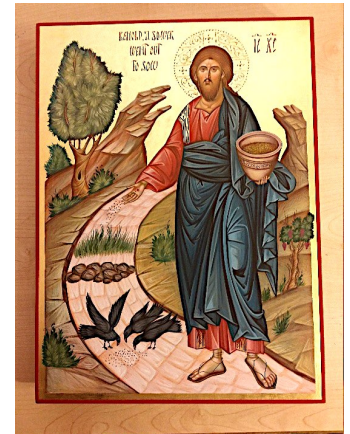
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your or use e-checks, or Zelle for your contributions
(saintnicholasofmyra12-06) or use the QR code to send
your donations.

Thank you

Living the Gospel as Missionary Disciples

1. Pray regularly for unborn children, their mothers and
fathers, and for those facing difficult decisions about
life and family.
2. Offer practical support to vulnerable people, such as
a struggling parent, an elderly neighbor, a person
with a disability, or someone experiencing illness or
loneliness.
3. Speak respectfully and charitably about the dignity of
human life, helping to form a culture where every
person is welcomed, valued, and protected.

When we allow God's Word to take deep root within us,
our lives become a harvest of love. May Christ the Divine
Sower find in us rich soil, yielding a hundredfold for His
Kingdom and witnessing to the sacred dignity of every
human life.



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A special collection is taking place on October 17 & 18 for the retired priests of the Eparchy of Phoenix.

- Each family is asked to give \$30
- The Eparchy's goal is to raise \$75,000
- The pension helps retired priests in their daily expenses (housing, living, automobile, etc)
- Many continue to work on behalf of the Eparchy, including helping current priests
- If giving by check, please make a notation for the "Priest Pension Fund"
- Give online at hpmfoundation.org or via QR:

GIVE ONLINE:



The Wisdom of Blessed Fulton Sheen purity does not begin in the body, but in the will. From there, it flows outward, cleansing thought, imagination, and finally, the body. Bodily purity is a repercussion or echo of the will. Life is impure only when the will is impure.

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Today the Lord relates another parable, again relating to the sower, who sowed good seed in his field. The Lord Christ explained this parable, saying that he was the sower of the good seed, that the devil was the enemy, the sower of tares, the harvest was the end of time and his field the world.

But hear what he says. See you not that the tares stand in the midst of the good growth, and you wish to uproot the bad? Remain quiet, it is not yet the time of harvest. Let it come, and let it reveal to you the true wheat. Why need you be angry? Why are you impatient that the bad should now be mixed with the Good? They may be among you in the field, but in my barn they shall not be with you.

Recall the three places that were spoken of yesterday, where the seed grew not, the wayside, the stony ground, the thorny ground. The tares are the same as these. In another similitude they receive but another name.

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Because when one speaks in parables it is not an attempt to describe the properties of a thing, or some truth, but to convey a likeness of a truth.

In parables and figures one thing can be called by many names. And so it is not out of place for me to say to you that the wayside, the stony places, the thorny places, are weak Christians; and that they are likewise tares. For is not Christ a lamb? And is he not also a lion? Among wild animals and domestic that which is a lamb is a lamb, and a lion is a lion. Christ is both. They are what they are by nature. He is both in figure.

It happens also in similitude that things widely dissimilar are called by the same name. What is so widely dissimilar as Christ and the devil? Yet Christ is called a lion and so also is the devil. The one is a lion in strength, the other a lion in ferocity.

St. Augustine

A Prayer for Vision

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when we arrived safely because we have sailed too close to shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of the things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life. Stir us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes and to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope and love. Amen.

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