

Saint Nicholas of Myra

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Protection of Mary

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Sunday Liturgy 5:00 pm Confession: 4:30 pm

Holy Day Liturgy 7:00 pm Confession: 6:30 pm

4:00 pm Inquiry Meetings with Robert Escobedo

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No Morning Liturgy

4:00 pm Cantor's Practice & Inquiry Class

4:30 pm Confession & The Third Hour

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Cars

All invited to our Coffee Social in the Parish hall

NO DAILY LITURGIES

SUN AUG 2 TENTH PENTECOST SUNDAY TONE

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WATER

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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: Eileen Escobedo & Meagan Odicino.

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord our God, you showed your power over heaven and earth by coming to your disciples on the water. We humbly implore you to come to this Church and bless us with an increase of vocations of faithful

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servants: priests, deacons, monks and nuns who like Peter answer your call, we pray you hear and have mercy.



“Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.” Our Lord came to his disciples walking on water, and he called Peter to do the same. In fear and faith, he answered Jesus’ call. Is he calling you or someone you know to follow him as a priest, deacon, monk, or nun? Answering with your own fear and faith may be a blessing to you and to our Church. Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

PARISH NEEDS

HALL KITCHEN AND BATHROOMS needs a good deep cleaning. We do have a wonderful new scrubbing machine to make it look like new. Help! Special thank you to the gentlemen who help last Sunday for some housekeeping in church.

RECTORY CARPETS need a kind loving soul to vacuum and dust the rectory. Vacuum provided. Let Fr Stephen know if you could help.

BLESSING OF CARS, WHEELCHAIRS & WALKERS (Some advice)

The 10 Commandments of Driving

- I.** Always begin a trip with prayer, making the Sign of the Cross and entrusting yourself to the Lord.
- II.** Don't drive distracted: Never drink and drive; Never text and drive; Never use your phone except in hands free mode.
- III.** Never try to shorten the time of a trip. If you started out late, you will arrive late. Do not speed.
- IV.** Apologize to a driver whom you have interfered with, even when you did not intend to. After all, when we are walking, and bump someone, we apologize without thinking. So why should there be a different ethic behind the wheel?
- V.** Always yield way to someone who is in a great hurry, or is driving aggressively. If you do not yield, he will still pass you, but the situation will be more dangerous.
- VI.** Give a wave of thanks to a driver who makes way for you.
- VII.** Drive in such a way that you won't fear seeing a police car. Remember that God is watching, even if the police are not.

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VIII. Stay as far away as possible from cars that have dents or show signs of accidents. But be careful not to judge, or you may share in their misfortune.

IX. Never speed up when another driver tries to pass you, or to get into your lane. Do not treat your neighbor in a way you do not want to be treated.

X. After every trip, thank God for its safe completion. Be thankful after any trip, and not just a successful one. After all, almost always it could have been worse!

FASTING IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF

BYZANTINE WAY OF LIFE. In addition to the regular fast days of Wednesday and Friday, the Byzantines fast forty days before Christmas and Pascha, two weeks before the Dormition of the Theotokos, and on various other feast days. Typically, a fast eliminates all meat, dairy products, fish, and olive oil from the diet. On some festive fast days, fish is allowed as it is during the first part of the Christmas fast. For many, fasting is a sacrament, a means to achieve union with Christ.

The hunger or the desires for certain foods should turn one's thoughts to the true reasons for fasting: to learn to fast from sinful thoughts, words, and deeds; to repent for one's selfish pride; to be reminded of one's dependence on God for all things; to be reminded to serve God; to give an outward sign of one's inner obedience to God; to remember suffering humanity; and to draw away from a form of physical satisfaction to prayer and union with Christ. Rather than considering fasting a hardship, the Byzantine faithful look forward to these periods as a time to become closer to the Creator.

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship July 19 Souls in Attendance 13

Zelle Tithes: \$593.00, Peter's Pence: \$10.00 &

Candles: \$2.00,

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

APPS AND SOFTWARE RECENTLY RELEASED SMARTPHONE APPS FOR APPLE IOS AND ANDROID DAILY PRAYERS

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma (Ohio)

Daily Epistle and Gospel readings according to the Byzantine lectionary used in our church a short biography of the daily saint(s) on our calendar, together with their troparion and kontakion news, videos, and other resources

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Eastern Christian Publications also has a free Byzantine Prayer app for Apple and Android devices, with: The Daily Office and Daily Vespers with changeable texts Theosis ezine and weekly Sunday Bulletin covers. Other daily spiritual reflections plus Saint-of-the-Day Icon.

Search for "Eparchy of Parma" and "ECPubs" in the Apple Store or on Google Play. Both are highly recommended.

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAYS LION'S CLUB 4-9 pm BINGO

JULY 31 TO AUG 2 EPARCHIAL CATHECHIST

RETREAT IN PHOENIX. We have two of our teachers attending. Keep them in prayer.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, Solemn

Holy Day with the blessing of Fruit

Aug 6 Thursday Feast Day

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy

DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Holy day of Obligation with the blessing of Flowers

Aug 15 Saturday Feast Day

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

COME JOIN US FOR THE 26TH ANNUAL OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SHRINE PILGRIMAGE!

AUGUST 21-22, 2026 in OLYMPIA, WA

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SHRINE

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX subscribes to the

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People.

For additional information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any incidents of concerns, please contact:

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