

# Saint Nicholas of Myra

## Byzantine Catholic Church

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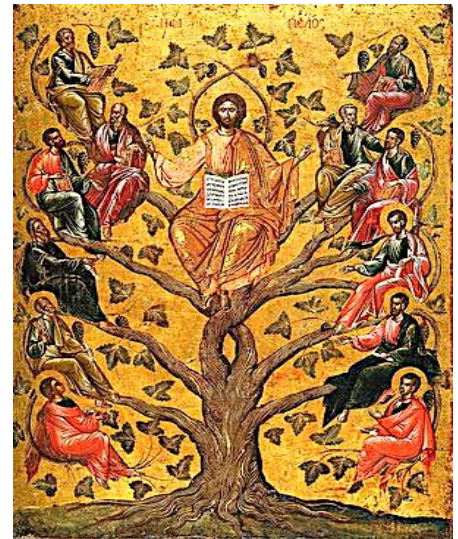
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**Christmas Eve December 24**  
**6:30 pm Christmas Carols**  
**7:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St**  
**Basil the Great with the blessing**  
**of the Loaves, wheat, wine & oil.**

**Sunday Liturgy 10:00 am**      **Confession: 9:00 am**  
**Holy Day Liturgy 7:00 pm**      **Confession: 6:30 pm**  
**Eastern Christian Formation for children** with Eileen Escobedo  
**Inquiry Meetings for Adults** with Robert Escobedo

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**Sunday before Christmas of the Ancestors**

**Tone 3**

**December 21, 2025**

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## HOLY SERVICES

Page numbers are found in the Green Pew Book

**Sunday, Dec 21 SUNDAY ANCESTORS,**

**TONE 3, p. 281 & 135**

9:00 am      Confessions & Choir Practice  
9:40 am      Third Hour  
10:00 am      Liturgy for our parish members  
11:45 am      ECF Classes & Enquiry Meet

### Christmas Eve-The Birth of our Lord

*Holy Day of Obligation*

6:30 pm Christmas Carols

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great and  
the Blessing of the Loaves, wheat, wine and oil.

*No Liturgy on Christmas Day*

**Dec 28 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.**  
**MEMORY OF THE HOLY & JUST JOSEPH**  
**HUSBAND OF MARY, OF DAVID PROPHET &**  
**KING, AND THE APOSTLE JAMES,**  
**BROTHER OF THE LORD & TONE 4, P. 290 &**  
**141**

9:00 am      Confessions & Choir Practice  
9:40 am      Third Hour & Christmas Carols  
10:00 am      Liturgy for our Parish Members  
11:45 am      ECF Classes & Enquiry Meet

**Welcome the Knights of Columbus Fontana**  
**Council 3041 this morning** as they celebrate  
their Cooperate Communion. Grand Knight Jaime  
Jinesta will present a check to the parish.  
Thank you.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**S**on of David, Son of the  
most pure Virgin, we  
thank you for being  
Emmanuel, God with us. We  
ask that each of us would  
bring your presence into this  
world by bearing you in our  
whole being. We especially  
pray for those called to bear  
you in their lives as priests,  
deacons, subdeacons, monks and nuns so that your salvation  
may be proclaimed and extolled through all generations, we  
pray you hear and have mercy.  
“They shall call his name Emmanuel,” which means, “God is  
with us.” The presence of God is seen through the salvation  
foretold in the Old Covenant, and is revealed through the  
Birth of Our Lord Jesus, Emmanuel. Our own lives can  
manifest the presence of God when we live according to our  
vocations. Are you being called to show God’s presence as a  
priest, deacon, subdeacon monk or nun? Contact the  
Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email:  
[vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU to the Italian Federation Council** for their gift of \$250.00 to our parish.

**VEGETABLE SOUP AND BREAD** kindly join us this morning with the Knights in a Lenten Meal in the parish hall.

**FATHER LEE IS** attending a Funeral for his cousin. Kindly remember him in your prayers.

**AFTER THE LITUGY THIS MORNING** we will need some help to set up the Christmas Icon and to change the

### FROM GREAT VESPERS

**TONE 8** The commemoration of the Holy Fathers is manifested to the ends of the world. It is truly full of splendor, and the glistens with the rays of grace, for Christ a splendorous Son has shown forth on high from afar. He forms the assembly of stars which glisten with him, and the star reveals that the nativity of the God-man will be in Bethlehem. Therefore we piously and faithfully clap our hands and weep for joy at this nativity, and we give praise before the feast.

The Holy Fathers are adored by the glory of the divine sharing of our nature. Adam rejoices today, since he is the foundation, and the strength of the wise Forefathers, Abel leaps for joy as well. Enoch is glad, Seth and Noah danced together. The praiseworthy Abraham sings with the Patriarchs. Melchizedek now sees from on high the birth without a father.

The faithful and God wise youths are radiant with joy in the furnace. The herald the nativity of Christ on earth. As the precious dew which the Lord sent down, he now preserves the virgin without staying, and enriches her with sublime gifts, therefore, Daniel, inspired by God, is also happy and full of joy, because he had a clear vision of the unhewn stone from the mountain. He now zealously praise for our souls.

#### THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX subscribes to the

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## OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for December 14  
Souls in Attendance 41  
Tithes: \$406.00, Candles: \$20.00,  
Religious Retirement: \$86.00,  
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### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GABRIEL LOPEZ (Maria's brother)

#### 30 December Tuesday at St Nicholas Church

3:00 pm Visitation

6:00 pm The Great Parastas Service

Followed with the Rosary

#### 31 December Wednesday at St Nicholas Church

9:00 am Visitation

11:30 am Office of Christian Burial(Liturgy)

**Green Acres Cemetery 11715 Cedar Avenue, Bloomington, CA 92316**

1:30 pm Gravesite Interment Service

#### Luncheon Invitation

**19408 Jurupa Avenue, Bloomington, CA 92316**

Our prayers to Maria and to her family.

### Mark your Calendars for Upcoming events

<b>Wed Dec 24</b>	<b>The Birth of our Lord Holy Day of Obligation 7:00 pm Vigil Vesper/Liturgy No confession heard on Christmas</b>
<b>Sat Dec 27</b>	<b>Feast of the Protomartyr Stephen Simple Holy Day 9:00 am Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Wed Jan 31</b>	<b>Circumcision of our Lord, Solemn Holy Day &amp; the Feast of St Basil The Great 7:00 pm Liturgy of St Basil the Great</b>
<b>Tue Jan 5</b>	<b>The Theophany of our Lord in the River Jordon-Holy Day of Obligation 7:00 pm Liturgy with the blessing of Water.</b>