

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA



*Icon of Saint Anna and the Mother of God*



## St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish

### Liturgical Schedule:

<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Andrew Apostle</b>	
			<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy (SB)</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29th SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST/MATERNITY OF ANNA</b>	
			10:40am	Moleben to the Theotokos
			<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy for the parishioners</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Patapius Venerable</b>	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Means Martyr</b>	
			9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (SB)
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Daniel Venerable</b>	
			9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	
			9:00 am	Divine Liturgy (SB)
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Eustratius Martyr</b>	
			9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Thrysus Martyr</b>	
			<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy (SB)</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29th SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST/MATERNITY OF ANNA</b>	
			10:40am	Moleben to the Theotokos
			<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy for the parishioners</b>

### Weekly Collections      12/1/2024

*"My return to the Lord for all His goodness to me"*

Offertory \$ 1447.00	Candles \$ 54.00
Holy Days \$ 65.00	E-Donations \$155.75
Others \$ 125.00	

**Total: \$ 1846.75**

***HAPPY ST. NICHOLAS DAY!!!***

\*2024\*

## MATERNITY OF ANNA / ST. NICHOLAS

(Lk 18:18-27)

### The Parable of the Lamp

**“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a pot or places it under a bed. Rather he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing is concealed that will not be made known and brought to light. *Take great care, therefore, about how you listen. For to the one who has, more will be given; from the one who does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away.*”**

Then his mother and his brethren arrived, looking for him, but they could not get near him because of the crowd. He was told, “Your mother and your brethren are standing outside, and they want to see you.” But he replied, **“My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.”**

#### *The meaning of this Holy Gospel:*

- Jesus' statement is almost funny -- and he probably smiled when he said it. If you're going to light a lamp, you do it for illumination, not to hide or conceal it. If that were your purpose, you wouldn't light it at all.
- The light of the lamp in 8:16 is the Word of God, the message of the Kingdom that Jesus has been proclaiming all over Galilee.
- This message of the Kingdom of God must not be hidden or just whispered in secret. Rather, it must be proclaimed openly and clearly "so that those who come in can see the light," so that it will provide illumination and power.
- Not be afraid to shine. Do not have a fear:
  - Fear of persecution,
  - Fear of being ostracized from "respectable society",
  - Fear to be expelled from the community institutions,
  - Fear that you won't be accepted,
  - Fear of ridicule,
  - Fear that this will affect your business,
  - Fear that you will lose your job.
  - Fear...
- Hearing God's word and putting it into practice is the message that must be indelibly tattooed upon our minds.
- Those who go under the name "Christian" but haven't really followed Jesus and put into practice his teachings will hear, in the last day, "I never knew you".

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John P. Minarish, Richard Baranko and Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore

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Confessions: Before each Divine Liturgy in the sacristy or by appointment

Baptisms: Arrange six weeks in advance

Weddings: Arrange six months in advance. Bride or groom must be a member of the parish

Communion: Monthly for sick and shut-ins. Call the church for scheduling

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### *What St. Anna Teaches Us about Faith*

Think about the purity, holiness, and magnificence of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was the only human being ever to be sinless and constantly in a state of grace. Because Mary was such a beautiful symbol of grace, her mother, St. Anna, must have also been a devout woman of God.

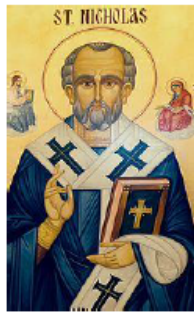
Anna and her husband Joachim were an extremely pious couple, but they were unable to conceive a child. This burden weighed heavily on Joachim's shoulders, so he spent much time fasting and in devout prayer pleading for God to bless him and Anna with a child.

According to tradition, Anna also became distraught. She went into her garden and prayed for God to bless her with a child, promising that the child would be dedicated to the service of the Lord. As Anna wept in prayer, an angel appeared and said to her, "The Lord has looked upon thy tears; thou shalt conceive and give birth and the fruit of thy womb shall be blessed by all

the world." Then the angel appeared to Joachim as well, and the couple rejoiced as they conceived a child, whom they named Mary.

St. Anna understood that all children are a blessing from God and that God alone has the power to decide when the life of a person will begin and end. When God blesses us, it can be easy to merely accept the gift and move forward with our daily lives. But St. Anna did more than receive the gift of a child. She went a step further and trusted in the plan of God by promising her child to God's service.

As we work to build a culture of life, we can easily become discouraged. But like St. Anna, we must put our faith and trust in God and His ultimate plan for our happiness. We can turn to God and pray for children, pray for an end to abortion, and pray for the gift of adoption. With God's help, nothing is impossible.



## St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church

Clinton Township, MI

***Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!***

***Слава Исусу Христу! Слава на вѣки!***

### Announcements for Sunday, December 8, 2024

**This Sunday (December 8<sup>th</sup>)— St. Nicholas Parish Feast Day Dinner:** Please join us in our church hall this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00am Divine Liturgy, as we celebrate our patronal feast day with a Dinner! The dinner will be free of charge, but we will accept free will donations from those that would like to contribute something. All are welcome!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Parish Day Raffle (Drawing- TODAY):** Our raffle drawing will take place during our Parish Dinner, this Sunday afternoon, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are still available, and can be purchased all the way up to the time of the drawing. If you'd like to make a purchase, please see George Nagrant or Joanne Mozuras. As a reminder, tickets cost \$10/each, and there will be multiple winners with a top prize of \$2,000. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser for our parish!

**ATTENTION: Liturgy Time Change, effective NEXT SUNDAY:** Starting with the Liturgy next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday Divine Liturgy will begin at 11:30am, and the ECF classes will begin at 10:15am. We recognize that schedule changes are not easy. Please, accept this change peacefully—and any others that may occur in the future—as Fr. Mykhailo continues to seek the right balance for the needs of both of his assigned parishes.

**St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal this Thursday (December 12<sup>th</sup>):** The next choir rehearsal to prepare for singing on Christmas Day will be this Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9pm in the church hall. All members are asked to attend, along with anyone that may be interested in becoming a member or just wants to check it out. All are welcome-- from middle school age through senior citizen. No prior choral experience is required.

**Join our ECF students for Christmas Caroling next Saturday (December 14<sup>th</sup>):** Next Saturday morning, December 14<sup>th</sup>, our ECF students, parents, and teachers will be visiting the Orchards of Warren nursing home, where our fellow parishioner, Mrs. Kitty Marchione, resides. If you are free, they would love to have you join them to help sing carols and spread Christmas cheer to Mrs. Marchione and the other residents there. Please plan on arriving at 9:15am, and if possible, wear a Santa hat or other festive apparel. We expect to be done by approximately 10:00am. The Orchards of Warren is located at 12250 E. 12 Mile Rd., Warren, MI (between Hoover and Schoenherr). If you have any questions, please reach out to our ECF coordinator, Anne Nagrant. Song sheets will be provided.

**Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree has been set up in the vestibule. You can help a child in need by bringing a new, unwrapped gift to be donated. Suggested items are on the "tags" on the tree. Take a tag home and bring in that item, unwrapped. Or, bring in any new gift that a child would like. If you have a limited budget, we highly encourage you to look up the approximate cost of a tagged item using your phone, before taking the tag home with you and potentially being surprised later. Please note that **the last day for bringing in items is Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Save the Date: Parish Christmas Party and ECF Play: Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**- We invite all parishioners, family members, and friends to stay after Liturgy on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, for a parish dinner as we continue our celebration of Christmas as a parish family. Additionally, that same day our ECF students will present a special Christmas play, which will also feature some Christmas carols and hymns that they have been learning in Singing Class. More details regarding the dinner will be announced in the coming weeks.

**Save the Date: Great Lakes Deanery Christmas Party (Saturday, January 4):** Please plan on joining parishioners and friends from across our Great Lakes Protopresbyterate for a Christmas party on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place at St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church in Allen Park, MI. It will begin at 4:00pm with Great Vespers, with the party to follow. All are invited!!!

**Non-perishable Food Collection:** To further assist those in need, we are accepting donations of canned and other non-perishable foods. Please place any donations in, on, or next to the black plastic bin that is located in the vestibule. Thank you!

**Stewardship Appeal 2024/25:** The Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal 2024-25 began on November 15<sup>th</sup>. All members of parishes within the Eparchy should receive Stewardship Appeal information in the mail. If you do not receive the mailing, please contact Fr. Mykhailo to verify that we have your information listed correctly on our parish roster. This year's Stewardship Appeal will support the following important needs in the Eparchy: Mission and Outreach; Development of Parishes; Retreats, Renewals, and Family Camp; Works of the Apostolate; Clergy Benevolence Fund; and Support for our Retired and Active Priests. Please visit <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> for more information and to make a secure, one-time or monthly donation(s) through the website. Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign. The overall Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is \$320,000. Our individual parish goal is \$7,950. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

**The St. Nicholas Ladies Tea Party Fundraiser—tickets now available for purchase:** We will host another Ladies' Mardi Gras Tea Party fundraiser on Sunday afternoon, March 2, 2025. Doors will open at 12:30pm, and the lunch/tea will be served at 1:30. Tickets are \$30/each or \$240 to host your own table of 8. Please see Karen Kaufman to purchase your tickets today!

**"Begging letters" for the Ladies Tea are also available on the bulletin stand** in the vestibule, and should be used for soliciting donations from businesses that you frequent. Gift cards and product donations are much appreciated and can be incorporated into a gift basket to be raffled off. Also, if you have any empty baskets that you would be willing to donate for the Tea, please bring them to the hall and place them on the back table, by the coat racks.

**Happy Birthday this weekend to Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore (12/7) and to Bob Szukala (12/8)!** May God grant you both many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

**Happy Birthday this coming week to Andriy Solianyk (12/12) and Zita Maria Solianyk (12/14)!** May God grant you both many more happy, healthy, and blessed years!

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