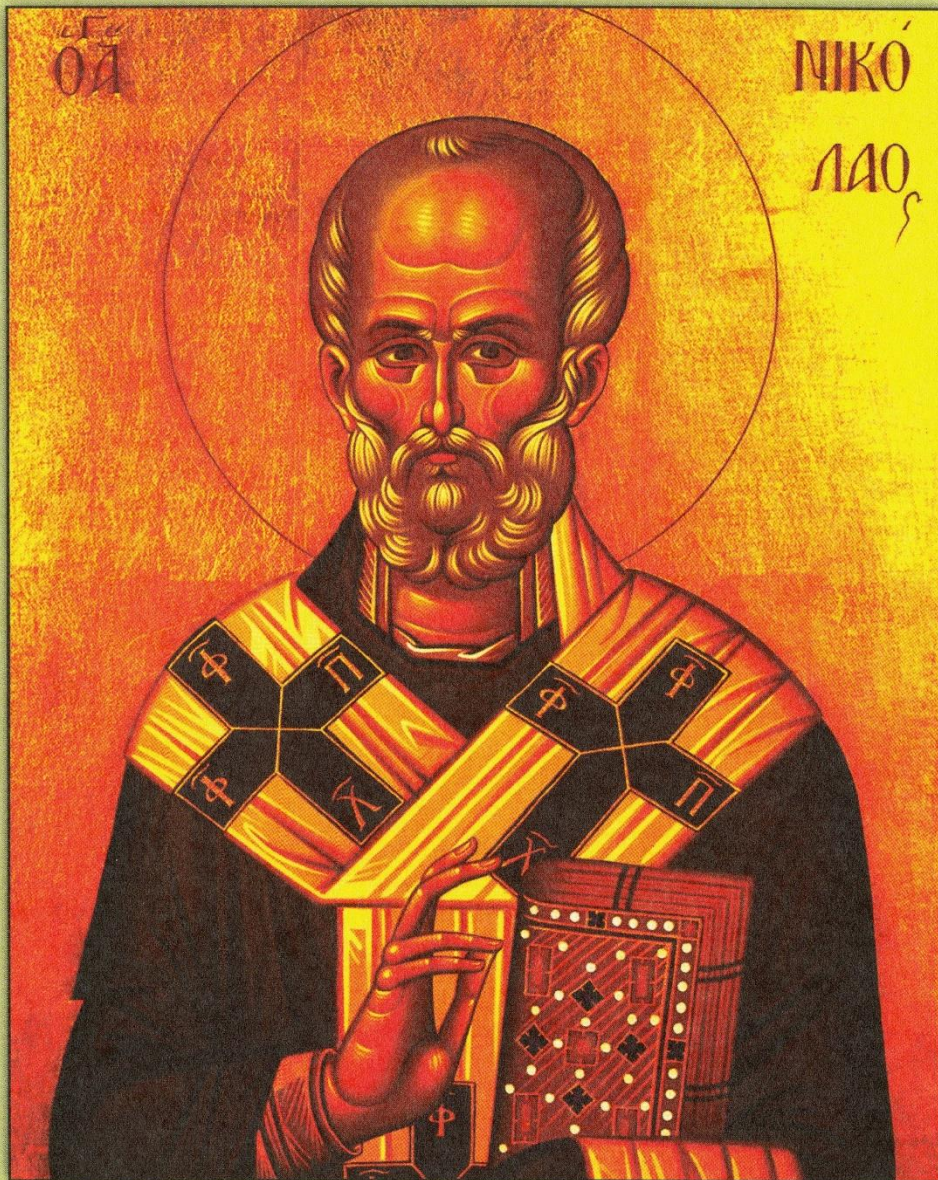


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 5, 2021



Icon of Saint Nicholas -- December 6th

The Legendary Saint Nicholas

The absence of the “hard facts” of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Theotokos, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him – an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was

unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man’s window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint’s feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus – further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.

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Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.

LITURGY SCHEDULE ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, COLUMBUS

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy

Sunday, December 5

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28th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Visit from St. Nicholas with short program by ECF students and parish social in hall

Monday, December 6

Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 8

Maternity of the Holy Anna

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Wasył Mudrak by Myroslava Mudrak & Tom Marco

Friday, December 10

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Daniel Colonel Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey McCallister

Saturday, December 11

8:00am Divine Liturgy

For the health of the Cookie Sale volunteers and the success of the sale

Sunday, December 12

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Sunday of the Forefathers

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10:00am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

GCU Presentation following Liturgy

Wednesday, December 15

9:00am Divine Liturgy

+Colin Chorey by Dave & Aloma Chorey

Thursday, December 16

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Nancy Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. James Pitt

Friday, December 17

7:00pm Divine Liturgy

+Colin Chorey by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jirles

Sunday, December 19

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Sunday before Christmas;
of the Holy Fathers

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10:00am Divine Liturgy

For the Faithful

ST. BARBARA, DAYTON

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Celebrating at: St. John Bosco Chapel

Wright State University

3650 Colonel Glenn Highway Fairborn, Ohio 45324



Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy

Thursday, December 9

Maternity of the Holy Anna

6:00pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 11

Sunday of the Forefathers

4:00pm Typika w/Fr. Deacon Jeff

For the Faithful

Saturday, December 18

Sunday before Christmas-of the Holy Fathers

4:00pm Vespers followed by Divine Liturgy

For the Faithful

ST. BARBARA OCTOBER ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

12/04 Visit from St. Nicholas & Parish Social

12/11 ECF Classes

12/18 ECF Classes

12/25 Christmas No ECF

Please continue to pray for the youth and their families and for the catechists.

Parishioners willing to help prepare or provide a snack please contact Emma Ricketts via email - emma.ricketts1@icloud.com

Due to the various holidays and feasts coming up, the St. Barbara's Men's Group will meet up again at the beginning of January. If you wish to receive email updates, please contact Chris Wagner at cwagner22587@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of December 5th

Sunday	Epistle, Colossians 1:12-18	Gospel, Luke 17:12-19
Monday	Epistle, Hebrews 13:17-21;	Gospel, Luke 6:17-23
Tuesday	Epistle, Hebrews 4:1-13;	Gospel, Luke 21:12-18
Wednesday	Epistle, Galatians 4:22-31;	Gospel, Luke 8:16-21
Thursday	Epistle, Hebrews 7:1-6;	Gospel, Luke 21:28-33
Friday	Epistle, Hebrews 7:18-25;	Gospel, Luke 21:37-22:8
Saturday	Epistle, Ephesians 2:11-13;	Gospel, Luke 13:18-29
Sunday	Epistle, Colossians 3:4-11	Gospel, Luke 14:16-24

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM OCTOBER ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

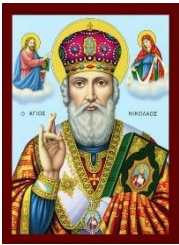
12/05 Visit from St. Nicholas parish social

12/12 ECF Classes

12/19 ECF Classes

12/26 Christmas No ECF

Please continue to pray for the youth and their families and for the catechists.



ST. NICHOLAS

We are hosting St. Nicholas today following the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall. The children of the ECF have prepared a performance to welcome St. Nicholas and we are all invited to join them. Please come over to the hall after Divine Liturgy.

PHILIP'S FAST

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR THE NATIVITY

O faithful, let us celebrate beforehand the nativity of Christ; * let us raise up our minds to Bethlehem, * and we shall be raised up in spirit. * We shall gaze upon the great mystery in the cave: * Eden is opening up, and God is coming forth from the pure Virgin. * He is perfect in divinity and in humanity. * Therefore, let us call out: * O holy God, O unbegotten Father, * O holy and mighty One, O Incarnate Son, * O holy immortal One, O comforting Spirit, * O holy Trinity, glory to You!



Christmas is the Feast of the Gift of the Son of God, so entering into the preparation for it we may do the same: sharing just as God the Father shared with us His Son.

MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION

The vocation of the Christian to share in the life of Christ and to participate in his mission requires unceasing efforts in the spiritual struggle with passions and sins: "For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph 6:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian begins with the public renunciation of the devil and the joining to Christ in the Holy Mystery of Baptism. Subsequently, the strengthening of the Christian in his or her spiritual growth is realized through participation in the Mysteries of Repentance and the Eucharist. In the spiritual struggle, the Christian is not 'left to fend for himself.' Rather, by the power of the Holy Spirit the Christian acts together with Christ (in synergy) under the Church's maternal care. Even though we have been called to grow gradually "to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph 4:13), through human weakness we often go astray, lose hope in God's love, or freely and consciously cooperate with the powers of evil. Nevertheless, God does not turn away from the person who sinned. Instead, in his love and mercy he grants the possibility of repenting—that is, to return to the life that flows from Baptism: "Remember, then, from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first" (Rev 2:5).

COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS: DECEMBER 11 AND 12

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Uniontown benefit directly from this USCCB Collection for their retired nuns. As they were active and provided ministry to our Eparchy in the past, we wish to help them by participating in this collection. This collection is not for our retired priests but will only benefit the retired nuns of the community of St. Basil the Great.

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU)

We will hold a brief presentation on the GCU following the December 12th Divine Liturgy. It will be held in the church. We are exploring the possibility of establishing a lodge at St. John Chrysostom and incorporating anyone from St. Barbara that would be interested. We need at least 25 members in order to start a lodge.

The GCU is a not-for-profit life insurance company that funds social activities and community involvement opportunities for its members. It works for the members and not the shareholders. A lodge would work for the good of the community while enjoying friendship and fellowship around a shared set of values.

The meeting will give a quick overview of the insurance and annuity products the GCU offers and discuss the other benefits available to members. This would include matching fund programs for church and community projects, college scholarships for members, art and photo contests and national golf and bowling tournaments.

For more information on the GCU, please go to their website www.gcuusa.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

"Feeding the hungry is a greater miracle than raising the dead!" ~St. John Chrysostom

W.A.R.M. Please help us help others in this area. The baskets in the church vestibule that are in front of the icon of St. Tabitha, are for donations of boxed or canned food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, etc. These items are taken to W.A.R.M. (*The Westerville Area Resource Ministry*). In thanksgiving, let us share the gifts God has given us with those in need.

ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

We have additional Anniversary books available for purchase. The \$20 purchase price will be used to fund the needed replacement of the parking lot. There is a sample copy in the back of the church that you can look through. If you wish to purchase a book please contact the office via phone or email.



When you shop using Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates to St. John Chrysostom. Use the following link to sign in to your Amazon account: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1231634>

LEAVE A LEGACY: AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE SOCIETY OF BLESSED PAUL GOJDICH: There are pamphlets in the church vestibule on joining the Society of Blessed Paul Gojdich. For more information you may also go to Parma.org/legacy.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS

We believe there is no such a thing as small or ordinary donation. Any donation, big or small, can make an impact on the lives of those we serve.

The Franciscans sponsor orphanages worldwide. According to a recent UNICEF report, there are approximately 140-200 million orphans in the world today. That statistic is staggering, considering the resources many of us have at our disposal.

Every child deserves to have a family. Every child deserves to have a home. Things like quality nutrition, medical care, and education shouldn't be luxuries for children. They are essentials. You may consider a donation to The Franciscan Missions.

General Secretariat of the Franciscan Missions
PO Box 130
Waterford, WI 53185

CATHOLIC MEDICAL MISSION BOARD (CMMB)

For every \$1 you donate, we can ship 4185 worth of medicines and medical supplies to people in desperate need.

CMMB works hard to strengthen and support communities through healthcare programs and initiatives around the world. We distribute medicines and medical supplies through our Medical Donations program, and send qualified volunteers to communities in desperate need. No bureaucracy, no wasted money and no gimmicks. We simply offer healthcare to people who have nowhere else to turn.

Our Medical Donations program ships medicine and medical supplies all over the world to people who are sick and suffering –people praying for help, praying for a miracle.

- 18,855 children die from preventable causes every day. \$35 can vaccinate a child in Haiti against polio, diphtheria, rubella and other childhood killers.
- 2 million people die from malaria each year. \$50 can supply two families in Zambia with malaria protection packs, which include insecticide-treated mosquito nets and malaria treatment medicine.
- 1 out of every 48 mothers will die during childbirth in South Sudan. \$250 can provide Midwife Kit in South Sudan, which includes tools and supplies needed to deliver babies safely.

If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile effort through our parish, please make your donation, mark it for CMMB and put it in the collection basket. You may also donate directly to CMMB, 100 Wall Street, Floor 9, New York, NY 10005

MARIAN LIBRARY LIGHTING THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS

The Marian Library is once again celebrating the joyful anticipation of Christmas with a virtual Advent Wreath! Each week during Advent, we will light a new candle and share a special gift from the Marian Library. We are hoping

that you will share this information with the families in your church community and help us spread the joy of the season.

Visit go.udayton.edu/adventwreath to interact with our Advent wreath. Check back during each week of Advent for a special gift created for you and your family.

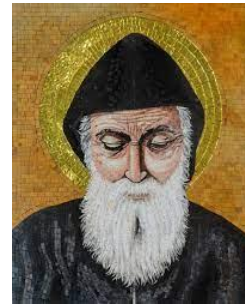
For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

Hussein Abdi	Charlene Grabner	Joe Martin	Nadia Ritchey	Nicholas Zvansky
Paula Balcarcel	Jeanette Hill	Judy Martin	Stephanie Salerno	Sandra Zvansky
Charles Branham	Tim Hill	Angela Merva	Justine Schwenk	Intentions of C. Charyton
Garey Conley	Esther Imhoff	Rosemary Nyahay	John Sikora	Intentions of Fr. Robert
Will Culver	Tad Imhoff	Mic O'Halloran	Harriet Slifko	Abby
Maria Czynnik	Jackson Family	John Oshinski	Dennis Stinich	Dave
Lori DeClue	Gordon Kaercher	Paula Oshinski	Josh Taylor	Hagos
Ron Doctor	Susan Kaiser	Carol Osifchin	L.T. Tekle	Kathy
Aimée Evans	James Kester	Beauetta Parks	Ruth Turanchik	Steve
Joseph Evans	Kathy Krofcheck	Cathy Pitt	Owen Ward	Tori's baby
Weyni Girmay	Christine Leon	Keith Pope	Steven Woryk	
Deborah Gordon	Bill Martin	Maria Rakowsky	Dave Zaroka	

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.

We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.



Nicolas Bukaczyk	David Lonzrick
Dennis Hartung	Tim Lyons
Gregory Hartung	Rosemary Nyahay
David Homan	James Pitt
Martin Hummel	Mark Stephens
John Ivan	

Mic & Ann O'Halloran
Celebrating 31 years Crowned in Marriage



COOKIE CORNER

COOKIE SALE IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Lisa's contact information is: phone - 937-844-7778 or you may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com

1. Thurs, Dec 9th Cookie Drop Off in the hall 10am – 9pm
2. Friday, Dec 10th Cookie Tray Assembly 9am until complete
3. Friday, Dec 10th Parishioner Order Pick-up 5pm until 8pm

We ask that all parishioners to pick up their orders on Friday. If you need a different time please contact Lisa.

4. Saturday, December 11th Divine Liturgy 8am
5. Volunteers need to be here by 9:15am and dressed for the weather! We will meet in the hall to receive assignments before sale begins.
6. If you are planning on volunteering later then 9:15am, please contact Lisa.

Saturday, December 11th COOKIE SALE! 10am-2pm

REMEMBER: ALL WORKERS, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE, MUST FOLLOW THE COVID SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. BE MINDFUL OF THEM AT ALL TIMES.