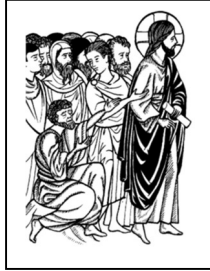


SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 2
9:00 a.m.
(Church)
4:30 p.m.
(Church)

28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
+William and Anna L. Pillar
Req. by Daughter Barbara and Family
Emmanuel Moleben



Monday, Dec. 3
8:00 a.m.
(Church)

Zephaniah (Prophet)
Health of Theophilus Harink
Req. by Matthew and Courtney Miner

Tuesday, Dec. 4
8:00 a.m.
(Church)

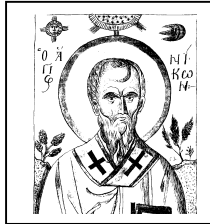
Barbara (Great Martyr), John Damascene
+Thomas Paydo
Req. by Georgia Jean Kopcha

Wednesday, Dec. 5
6:00 p.m.
(Church)

Sabbas (Venerable)
Vespers with Divine Liturgy for Feast of Nicholas of Myra
For the Parish Family

Thursday, Dec. 6
9:00 a.m.
(Church)

Nicholas of Myra (Archbishop) (Solemn)
For the Parish Family



Friday, Dec. 7
6:00 p.m.
(Church)

Ambrose (Archbishop) (Simple Abstinence)
Vespers with Divine Liturgy for Maternity of Holy Anna
+Anna and Andrew Midlik
Req. by Daughter Dianne and Family

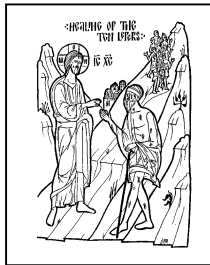
Saturday, Dec. 8
9:00 a.m.
(Church)
5:30 p.m.
(Church)

Maternity of Holy Anna (Solemn)
For the Parish Family

For the Parish Family

Sunday, Dec. 9
9:00 a.m.
(Church)
4:30 p.m.
(Church)

29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
+Paul M. Kurilla
Req. by Wife Anna Marie
Emmanuel Moleben



PRAYER LIST – Marianne, Trish, Mark, Nadine, Robert, PJ, Jamie, Kris, Margie, Lisa, Cathy, Frances, George, Janet, Connor, Cindy, Will, Michael, Butch, Amelia, David, Henry, Arlene, Kay, Bill, Jack, Mary, Sandy, Heather, Mickie, Ted, Patty, Tillie, Bernard, Rita, Margaret, Brandon, Peggy, Monica, Anita, Helen, Mary, Helen, Janet, Shirley, Beatrice, Alice, Dorothy, Joan, Clara, Audrey, Dave, Josephine, Janet, George Jr., Diana, Emil, Margie, Curtis, Stephanie, James, Fr. Eugene, Donna, Jamie, Chris, Cindy, Mike, Dianne, Helen, Joe, Emily, Gabriel, Gina, Brian, Erica, Tammy, James, Ashley, Chris, Patrick, Michelle, Olivia, Barbara, Nancy, Elaine, Kris, Micheal, Judy, Ken, Dave, Wally, Joe, Charlene, Paul, George, Dorothy, Hannah, George, Michelle, Riley, Mary Ellen, Bob, George, Edward, Melanie, Mason, Jean, Melvin, Amy, Fr. Bob, Chuck, Mark, Marilyn, Kenny, Rita, Davey, Marianne, Matthew.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER - For all those who struggle with handicaps or the weakness of old age that the people of God will reach out to them in love, we pray to the Lord.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 11/25/18

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Pirohi</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>	<u>Pamphlet</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$1469.00	\$103.00	\$315.00	\$38.25	\$37.00	\$10.00	\$1972.25

CATECHISTS MEETING – There will be a meeting of all catechists on Monday, December 3, at 6 p.m. in the school.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING – There be a meeting of the Social Ministry on Tuesday, December 4, at 6 p.m. in the school.

GREAT LAKES GIFT CARDS – These are due by December 9. Thank you.

SINGING AT THE MONASTERY – On Sunday, December 16, at 10:30 AM, following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, the children of our ECF program will sing Christmas carols for the Sisters of St. Basil at the Monastery Chapel. All children of the Parish are invited to join us. We will practice on December 2 and December 9 during our regular ECF classes. Please join us.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS +SISTER GERTRUDE MARTIN, OSBM who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, November 28. She was 96 years of age, and she had just celebrated her 75th Jubilee in the summer. May her memory be eternal!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE PHILLIPIAN FAST PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS – We continue our 3rd week of this minor penitential period and continue to follow Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem by preparing ourselves for the spiritual meaning of Christmas. Not only prior to Christmas but always through our earthly pilgrimage, we must carry Him reborn in our souls by sanctifying the temple of our Body. It is through prayer, abstinence, almsgivings, frequent confession of sins, works of virtue, and additional participation in the Divine Liturgies, we can accomplish this end. Together as a parish, let us collectively practice simple abstinence (no meat) or an equivalent penance on Wednesdays (recommended) and Fridays (required) for the intention for the return of our beloved back to Church. The color PURPLE is worn as a sign of ROYALTY of the One to be born in Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKET – St. John Social Ministry has put together a Christmas theme basket to be awarded on Sun. Dec. 16. This basket includes many food and decorative items for the Christmas season. Ticket sales began Fri. Nov. 2 and will be available Sun. Nov. 11 at the November Coffee Social and at Pirohi Making (Thursdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 13) and Pirohi Sales (Fridays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 16, 30, Dec. 14). Tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. To purchase tickets, please see a Social Ministry member. Proceeds benefit St. John Social Ministry. Thank you for your patronage.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The 62nd Annual Saint Nicholas Celebration benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius is on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at Saint John Cathedral & Center in Munhall. Please contact Steve Petruska if you would like to make a reservation. Also, please see Steve Petruska for raffle tickets for the 62nd Annual St. Nicholas Celebration.

ON TODAY'S EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 1

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things

consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER WHO HAS QUALIFIED US TO BE PARTAKERS OF THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN THE LIGHT

EPHESIANS 1

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

EPHESIANS 2

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked up courting to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and all the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of faith (Eph. 2: 12).

The saints are very close to those who keep Christ's commandments... the spirit of the saints burned with a bright flame... The walked the earth and worked with their hands, but their spirits continued with God, of Whom they were ever mindful. For the love of Christ they endured every affliction on earth and feared no suffering, and thus they glorified the Lord... The souls of the saints, O Lord, have You drawn to Yourself, and they flow to you like gentle rivers. Staretz Silouan. *Wisdom from Mount Athos 5. B#73, pp. 62-63.*

AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH

He who is thus above, and above all, connected Himself with those below. For everywhere He is first; above first, in the Church first, for He is the Head; in the Resurrection first. That is 'That He might have the preeminence.' So that is what Paul is chiefly endeavoring to show. For if this is made good, that He was before all the Angels, then there is brought in along with it also as a consequence that He did their works by commanding them. And what is indeed wonderful: he makes a point to show that He is first in the later generation. Although elsewhere he calls Adam first (I Cor. 15:45), as in truth he is; here he takes the Church for the whole race of mankind. For He is first in the Church; and first of men after the flesh, as of the Creation. St. John Chrysostom. *Homily III on Colossians I. B#57, P. 271.*

