

Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Available before/after liturgies.

Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the parish office.

Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the parish office.

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the parish office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes ECF classes on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group All youth welcome; see Keri.

GCU Call Ed Stanko at 330-758-4190.

St. Michael's Civic Club Call Nick DuBos at 412-726-8527 or email him at nicholasdubos@gmail.com.

St. Michael Hall, 405 Robinson Road Call Parish Office For Rentals.

St. Michael Cemetery, Sanderson Avenue Call Jerry Shirilla at 330-534-9104.

Your Will Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.

DIVINE LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 P.M. Sun: 11:00 A.M.

Holydays: 6:00 P.M.

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.

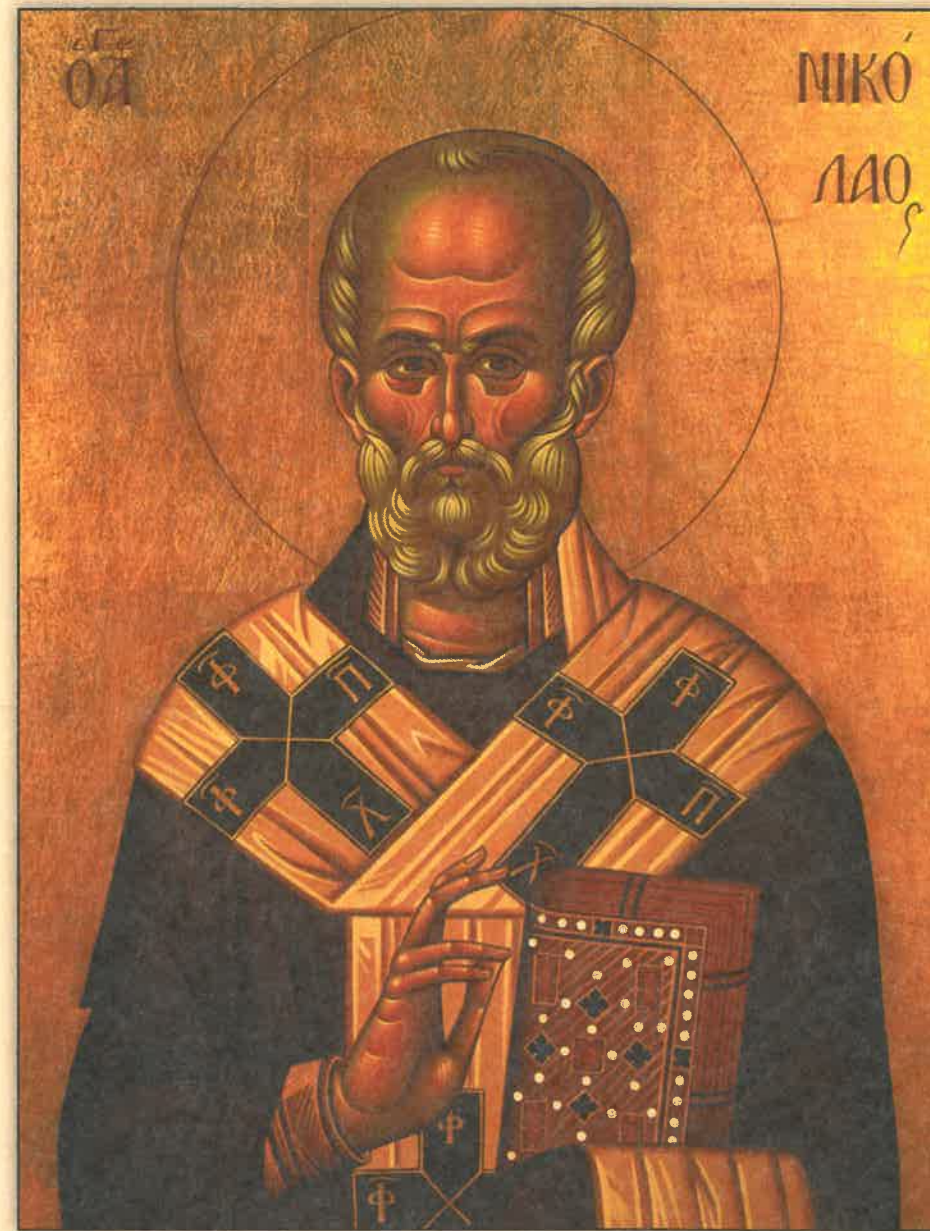
Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was

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.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Nicholas -- December 6th



Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

Sat., DEC. 2
6:00 P.M.

(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)

+Susan Kotasek
(51st anniversary of passing 12.1)

requested by: granddaughters

Sun., DEC. 3

THE 27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
The 3rd Sunday of the Philippian Fast

11:00 A.M.

+Daniel Vokish
(3rd anniversary of passing 11.23)

requested by: Mark & Karen Vitus

3:00 P.M.

St. Nicholas Charity Dinner, @ Cathedral, Munhall, PA

Tues., Dec. 5 –
6:00-7:15 P.M.

ECF Classes At Our St. Michael Hall



Wed., Dec 6
6:00 P.M.

The Feast Of St. Nicholas — Solemn Holy Day

+John S. Stanko
(7th anniversary of passing 12.1)

requested by: daughter: Regina Sferra

Fri., Dec 8



The Feast Of The Immaculate Conception — Solemn Holy Day

6:00 P.M.

+Sr. Leocadia Sevachko, OSBM
(1st anniversary of passing 11.23)

requested by: Fr. Kevin

Sat., DEC. 9

(VIGIL SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY)

6:00 P.M.

+Larry Edwards
(remembrance of 91st birthday 12.8)

requested by: sister: Pam & Jim Vasilchek

Sun., DEC. 10

THE 28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
The 4th Sunday of the Philippian Fast

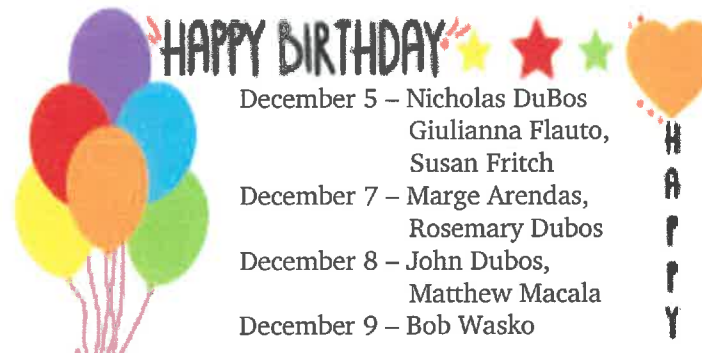
11:00 A.M.

+Peggy & Connie Straub

requested by: daughter: Liz McGarry

Health & God's Blessings Upon:
Keri Vokish (Birthday today)

requested by: ECF Staff & Kids



December 5 – Nicholas DuBos
Giulianna Flauto,
Susan Fritch
December 7 – Marge Arendas,
Rosemary Dubos
December 8 – John Dubos,
Matthew Macala
December 9 – Bob Wasko

Church Attendance

Saturday 1/25 – **39** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 11/26 – **61** (11:00 am)

Pray For The Homebound, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: December 1, 2023

RESIDING AT HOME – Julie Brozman, Gail Clark, Marlene Hahn, Lindsay Hospodar, Francis Kotasek,
Betty Stanko.

Assumption Village (9800 Market Street, North Lima, OH 44452) – Helen Palusak.

Concord Care Center of Cortland (4250 Sodom Hutchings Road, Cortland, OH 44410) – Lucille Puhak.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Boulevard, Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.

Vista Center At The Ridge (3379 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, OH 44440) – Ken Zahorsky.

Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Road, Columbiana, OH 44408) – Rosemary Dubos, Anne Thomas.

Aventura at Assumption Village (9800 Market Street, North Lima, OH 44452) – Mary Macala.

Cleveland Clinic – Joann Evan.

Church offerings from November 25 & 26, 2023

Sunday Offering \$1,055.00

Loose Currency \$80.00

Candles \$50.00

Holydays ... \$79.00

TOTAL: **\$1,264.00**



November 26th TOTAL:
\$572.00



Thanks to Wilma Melendez
SORRY THIS IS A CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE
... IT'S ALL NON-FICTION

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Nov. 26	\$1,264	\$2,850	(\$1,586)
YTD	\$106,838	\$136,800	(\$29,962)

Quote of the Week

"Hold the vision,
trust the process."

— Unknown

SAINT NICHOLAS

word search



Nicholas
Bishop
Gifts
Shoes
December
Saint
Feast
Tradition
Celebrate
Generosity
Children
Kindness
Joyful
Donations
Merriment

Parades
Candy
Cookies
Presents
Dutch

Sinterklaas
Chimney
Festive
Legend
Holiday

Giving
Miter
Roaming
Caroling
Helper

J O Y F U L K T M K F Y K V V J O C F C
D I P W S H P U Y I Y Q L A S T Y Y B U
E Z K Y H O A V V L D D O A N W L W Q W
C S K L O L E Z R W Z B P V T T H E C O
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K I N D N E S S N H O J F E A S T T J Z
P R E S E N T S I A N M H T S A I N T W

The Feast of St. Nicholas on Wednesday

Perhaps we know of no better example of the true spirit of Christian giving than our own St. Nicholas. Born around 275 AD in a town called Myra, St Nicholas "forsook the world" and entered the monastic life. Because of his holiness and virtue, he was brought back to Myra and consecrated its bishop. While there, he was seized by the town magistrates, who were persecuting the Church, for zealously guiding and protecting his flock, and subjected to torture and imprisonment. With the end of the persecutions brought about by the Emperor Constantine, St. Nicholas was released and once again took to the care of his flock. He is said to have taken part in the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea. After his death at a very old age, his body remains uncorrupted to this day and a sweet smelling balm is said to flow from his bones. Several miracles are attributed to his intercession and hence he is called "Wonderworker." But, above all in his saintly life, St Nicholas is most renowned for his example of Christian giving countless legends of his holiness and unselfishness exist. One such story concerns a man who was so poor that he decided to sell his three daughters into slavery St Nicholas, upon hearing of this and under the cover of night, left money in the house and thus averted the tragedy. He did this twice more before his discovery by the wretched man, who immediately sought forgiveness from St Nicholas. Other legends include his arranging for the release of 3 unjustly imprisoned men and his saving 3 innocent youths from execution. Join us this Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. for the Holyday Liturgy.



Leave your shoes out for St. Nicholas

One of our customs for the Feast of St. Nicholas is to leave your shoes by the door before you go to bed on December 5th in hope that St. Nicholas will fill them with presents. This tradition grew from the story of when St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, threw bags of dowry money, either through a window or down a chimney, into the home of an impoverished family to rescue their daughters from being sold into slavery. Ideas to include in your children's shoes are bags of chocolate candy coins, a small toy, new socks, a tangerine, and inexpensive religious items, such as a Christmas ornament, a rosary, saint bracelet, and prayer cards. Another part of this tradition is for kids to leave carrots or hay in their shoes overnight for St. Nicholas' donkey to eat. St. Nicholas takes the hay and carrots for his donkey and replaces them with small gifts and treats for the children in the morning.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday

This feast is similar on its basic idea to the conceptions of Christ and St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist was conceived by St. Elizabeth who was before thought barren. The angel's announcement to Zachary that she would conceive is analogous to the situation of St. Anne and the news of the conception of the Mother of God to one thought barren—St. Anne! Joachim and Ann were advanced in years like Zachary and Elizabeth. They were disappointed in that they had no children. This was a great disgrace for Jewish women because although the Jews do not recognize Jesus to be the savior, still each Jewish woman hoped to be His mother. St. Anne gave birth to the God Bearer, Mary, and her reproach was turned into joy at such a wonder. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854 stating: "that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted to her by almighty God through the merits of Christ Jesus, Savior of Mankind, was preserved from all stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be held firmly and constantly by all faithful Christians." Join us this Friday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. for the Holyday Liturgy.



Final full week to sign-up for Parish Christmas party



Extra RSVP forms are in the narthex if you didn't get one yet for our Parish's annual Christmas Party! It will be held on **Saturday, December 16th**. Our Christmas Party will begin at 7:00 p.m. apps and then a buffet dinner. The evening will be filled with great fellowship, holiday cheer, our favorite Christmas tunes, a visit from Santa and much more. Join us for a festive Saturday evening as we journey to the cave of Bethlehem. Deadline for RSVP is next Sunday!

Youth outing to see "Miracle On Easy Street"

Our ECF program is inviting our students and parents to see the wonderful Christmas show, "Miracle On Easy Street," on **Sunday, December 17th at 2:30 p.m.** at the DeYor Performing Arts Center, downtown Youngstown. Students and parents are asked to sign-up if attending. Only a select number of tickets were purchased, so please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex and be committed to going. This is a free outing.

Time for Church Decorating

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church on **Monday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m.**
Lending Hands 🙌 Lifting Hearts ❤️🌱

Party set-up

Volunteers are asked to be at Hall on **Thursday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m.** for set up for our Christmas party. The more help we have, the sooner we will get done. Come and offer a little time.

2024 Church Calendars

The new 2024 church liturgical wall calendars are now in. Please take one for home. Also, you may deliver one to someone who might be homebound. Our St. Michael Church extends a special **THANK YOU** to the WASKO FUNERAL HOME for sponsoring and paying for the calendars.

No meeting until January for Civic Club

The St. Michael's Civic Club does not schedule a formal meeting in December. The next meeting will be **Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Hall bar room.

"Toys For Tots" drive going awesome

Our St. Michael Church, sponsored by our 7th grade ECF class, is doing a "Toys For Tots" drive. You may bring an unwrapped new toy or book and place it in the cardboard box to donate to this cause.



Last call for free church pews

Two church pews are available for you to take for free if you want them. Please see Father.

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Frozen Pirohi by the dozen

for your Christmas table!

Homemade, Pinched by

Parishioners

Potato, Sweet Cabbage, Lekvar



Haven't seen someone in a while?...invite them to ATTEND Church

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way. And most importantly, invite them to church, especially Christmas Liturgy! Bring someone to worship with us this Christmas!

Note from the BCW editor

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again when I ask for Christmas stories for this year's Christmas issue of *The Byzantine Catholic World*. This year, I want to focus on Christmas trees, ornaments and all types of decorations. Please consider writing a few sentences or a couple of paragraphs about a special story connected to items which brighten the Nativity season in your house every year.

* Does your Christmas tree go in the same spot in your house every year? Have you had the same artificial tree for many years?

* Have you (or your parents or grandparents) ever ventured into the woods to chop down your own Christmas tree? I am eager to hear your story!

* Do you have a favorite Christmas ornament that is hung on your tree every year? Does it have sentimental value such as being a gift from a loved one or it was made by your child in kindergarten?

* Do you have a special wreath you hang on your front door each year? A sacred Nativity set you display?

* How about Christmas lights? Do you deck your house with festive lights that turns into the talk of the neighborhood?

Please send me your stories and photos (if you have them) by Friday, December 8th to: bcw@archpitt.org. Also, please let me know what church you attend.

--David Mayernik Jr. Editor, *The Byzantine Catholic World*

CHRISTMAS EVE, Sunday, December 24th

8:30 p.m. Great Compline & Christmas Carols

***9:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**



CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday, December 25th

***11:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**



**fulfills Christmas holiday obligation*

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY

2023

DECEMBER

16

SATURDAY

AT 7:00 PM

Appetizers, Buffet Dinner, Bar, Music, Santa Visit,
Kids activities, Byzantine Christmas Carols sing

\$25
per
person

Kids 12
and
under
free

RSVP

Name _____

Phone _____

attending adults _____ kids _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Deadline to RSVP: December 10th