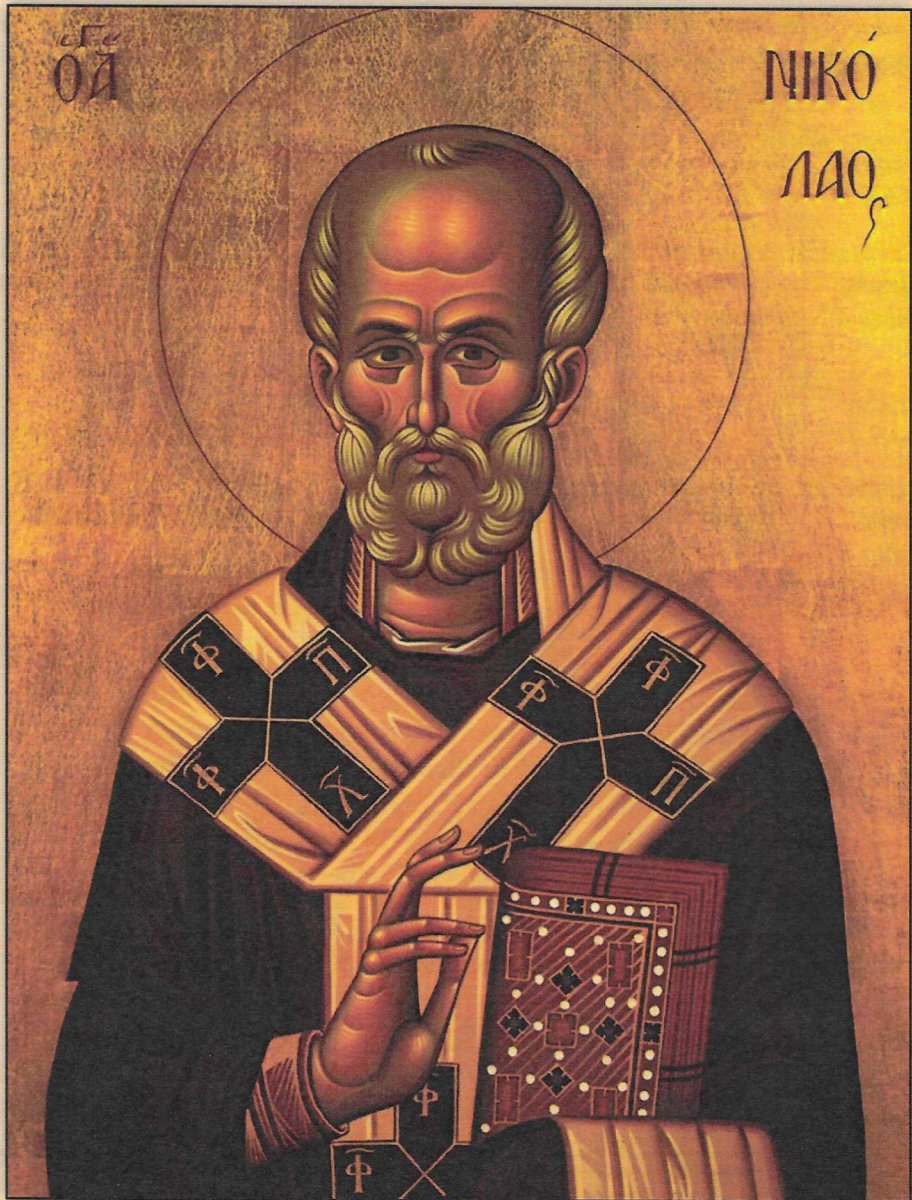


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Nicholas -- December 6th

St. Barbara Byzantine Catholic Church

<https://byzantinedayton.org>

Glory to Jesus Christ! This 28th Week Schedule.

Monday December 4th	6:00pm <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 2Tim 2:20-26 Lk 20:27-44	<i>The The Holy Great Martyr Barbara (306).</i> Our Venerable Father John of Damascus (749)
Tuesday December 5th	No Divine Liturgy Gal 5:22-6:2 Mt 11:27-30	<i>The Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctifier (532).</i>
Wednesday December 6th	No Divine Liturgy Hebr 13:17-21 Lk 6:17-23	<i>The OUR HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS THE WONDER- WORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA (343).</i>
Thursday December 7th	No Divine Liturgy Titus 1:5-2:1 Lk 21:28-33	Pre-festive Day of the Maternity. Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397).
Friday December 8th <i>Solemn feast</i>	6:00pm <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Gal 4:22-31 Lk 8:16-21	<i>THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA.</i>
Saturday December 9th	4:00pm Vesper, Divine <i>Liturgy</i> Eph 1:16-23 Lk 13:18-29	<i>The Our Venerable Father Patapius (7th Century).</i>
Sunday December 10th <i>Tone 3</i>	8:00 Divine Liturgy 1:30pm Divine Liturgy (Cincinnati) Col 1:12-18 Lk 17:12-19	<i>The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus (4th Century).</i>

Last Sunday's Gift to the Lord

Saturday Attendance: 24 Sunday Attendance: 18	Tithe: \$ 1450,25 Donation: \$	Total income for St. Barbara \$ 1450,25
Please Remember Your Community in Your Last Wills and Bequests!		

Thank you for the support of the 2023-2024 Stewardship Appeal. The Stewardship Appeal is doing very well. Currently, we are at 73% of our goal of \$7,300.00 with \$5,315 raised. Thank you.

December 4th - Monday - 6:00pm Divine Liturgy

December 8th - Friday - 6:00pm Divine Liturgy, myrovanie

December 9th - Saturday - 4:00pm Vespers, Divine Liturgy, Coffee social

December 10th - 28 Sunday after Pentecost - 8:00pm Divine Liturgy

December 10th - 1:30 Divine Liturgy (St. Anthony of Padua - Cincinnati)

The Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal for 2023/24 - Giving is a way of opening ourselves to opportunity. When we choose to be God's opportunity of help and love for another person, we place ourselves in God's design for giving and receiving from one another. Let us stand in awe of the holiness of God today as we practice recognition of our Lord by giving back to him.

Visit us online at parma.org to submit your one-time or monthly donation to the Stewardship Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

Divine Liturgy in Cincinnati - we will start celebrating Divine Liturgy in Cincinnati, in Maronite church of St. Anthony of Padua on Sunday **December 10th at 1:30 pm**. Divine Liturgy will be every other Sunday.

Next Liturgies are going to be: **on December 25th and on January 7th.**

I want to thank fr. George Haji and his parishioners that the opportunity to celebrate Divine Liturgy there. I ask you for prayer for this intention.

St. Nicholas feast - on Saturday December 9th after Divine Liturgy we will welcome our holy father St. Nicholas. He will bring God's Word and something sweet for our Kids. We invite you. ☺

Veselitsa - This year too, we invite you to the festivities. We, as a parish, are also involved in the organization. Me and my family participate together in the organization and preparation. I would also like to invite you to help with the raffle or buy tickets and participate. You can experience the company of families, tasty food, good music, and a great atmosphere. Date of Veselitsa is December 29th in Brecksville in our St. Joseph Parish. The registration is only online through portal called Eventbrite.

The address is tinurl.com/veselitsa2023

Philip's Fast - is a 40-day period before Christmas dedicated to preparing for the arrival of the Messiah. It starts on November 15th, following St. Philip's feast, and lasts until December 24th. This period involves fasting, prayer, reading Scripture, increased attendance at church liturgical services, and participating in the holy mystery of penance (confession) to help us fully comprehend the significance of Christ's coming.

Online donation- Don't forget that there is still the opportunity to donate online on our parish website even though you are at home and can't be present at the liturgy.

December 6th - Jacqueline Chura (birthday)

Parish Collection - thank you for your checks, gifts, support. We are alive because of your love which shares everything it can.

Welcome! *We are honored to have you come to worship with us. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.*

We invite you to join us for Cafe Social, held immediately after the Divine Liturgy and ask that you make yourself known to our Priest who would be happy to answer your questions.

NAME _____ PHONE _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

CONFESSIONS: *One half hour before all Holy Services to 10 minutes before the start of the Service.*

We congratulate and wish God's blessing and a lot of strength in his difficult work. Or by appointment.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: *After the Holy Services in church before hospitalization.*

For emergencies, call immediately Father Frantisek

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION/EUCHARIST: *Must be arranged three months in advance.*

CROWNING OF MARRIAGE: *Must be arranged six months in advance.*

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION: *Contact Emma or Fr. Frantisek We congratulate and wish*

LITURGY INTENTIONS: *Contact Fr. Frantisek Parish Office: (216) 816-8804*

e-mail: stbarbara@parma.org

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.