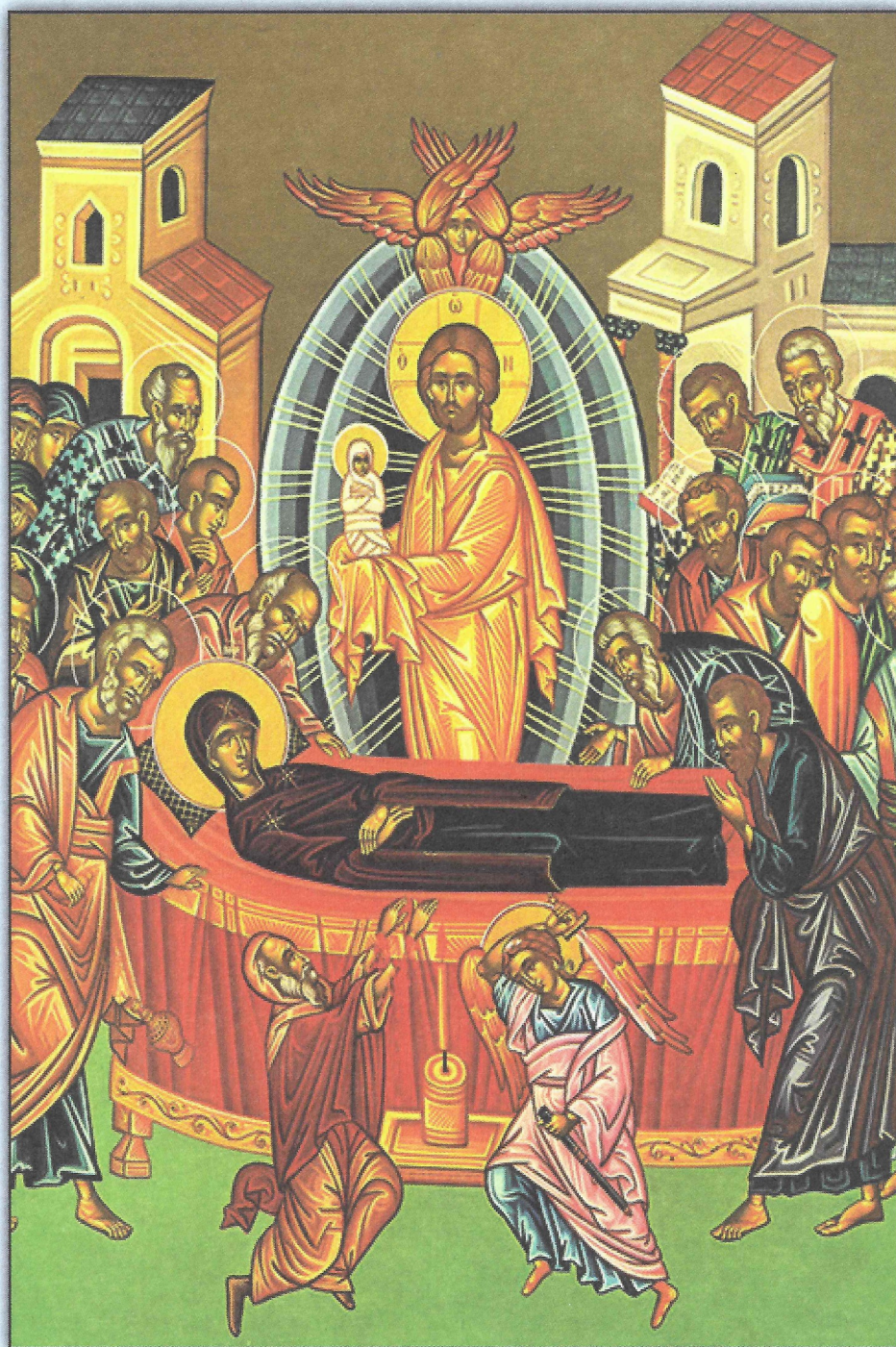


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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The Propers for today: Antiphons 1 and 2 of the Transfiguration; Daily Antiphon 3 with the refrain, "O Son of God, transfigured on the mount ..."; Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 8; Troparion of the Transfiguration, Tone 7; Glory ... Now and ever ...; Kontakion of the Transfiguration, Tone 7; Prokeimenon and Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 8 and of the Transfiguration; Epistle, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (EOT 73-74); Instead of "It is truly proper ...," the Exaltation and Irmos of the Transfiguration is taken. The Propers can be found on pages 161-163 and 346-350 of the teal Divine Liturgy book and pages 58 and 126-127 of the yellow pew book.

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Glory be to Him Forever!

Divine Liturgy Schedule:

All are welcome!

Scripture readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3: 9-17

Gospel: St. Matthew 14: 22-34

Sat.	Aug.	10	Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Archdeacon Lawrence 4:00 p.m. For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	Aug.	11	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — BLESSING OF FRUIT 8:30 a.m. +George Van Kula, Sr., by Jim Van Kula 11:00 a.m. +John and Anna Dirda by John and Mary Dirda Reader of the Epistle: Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore/Cantor
Mon.	Aug.	12	The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus
Tues.	Aug.	13	Leave-taking (Otdaniye) of the Feast of the Transfiguration
Wed.	Aug.	14	Prefestive Day of the Dormition 9:00 a.m. +Andrew Kuruc by the Kuruc family
Thurs.	Aug.	15	THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 9:00 a.m. +Betty Dirda by Charlotte Dirda 7:00 p.m. +Helen Ternasky by the St. Germain family
Fri.	Aug.	16	Postfestive Day of the Dormition. Translation of the Icon of Our Lord
Sat.	Aug.	17	Postfestive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Myron 4:00 p.m. For the parish family of St. Nicholas Church
Sun.	Aug.	18	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 a.m. +Father Robert Barter by parishioners of St. Nicholas Church 10:30 a.m. Akathist to the Mother of God — intention for our parish 11:00 a.m. +Peter Digon by Andy and Marlene Gillis Reader of the Epistle: Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore/Cantor

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS The faithful of St. Nicholas Church would like to welcome new parishioners and visitors. We are happy that you have joined us on our spiritual journey and we hope that you feel welcome. **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are Roman Catholic or Orthodox you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming to receive Communion please do not extend your tongue — tilt your head back and open your mouth so that the priest can place the Body and Blood of Christ into your mouth with a golden spoon. Please do not close your mouth upon the spoon. **FASTING BEFORE LITURGY** Please fast at least (a minimum of) one hour before attending the Divine Liturgy and receiving Communion. **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)** Please do not receive Communion if you have committed sins of a grave nature (i.e., "mortal sins"). Go to Confession first before receiving Communion. Visitors: please sign the guest book by the bulletin board.

Please continue to pray for the sick and shut-in of our parish: Doris Crawley, Lillian Stefano, and Kitty Marchione.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants I call you friends"

Gospel Reflection In this incident, Peter's faith was both tested and strengthened; he experienced the trials and growth of a true disciple of Christ. Having seen the power of Jesus' words and actions, Peter put his faith in him and set out across the waves toward Jesus (Matthew 14:29). By stepping out of the boat at the Lord's invitation, Peter demonstrated at least some degree of realization that Jesus was the Lord. Even when his faith faltered and he began to sink, it was still to Jesus that he cried out: "Lord, save me." After Jesus had returned Peter to the safety of the boat, all the disciples worshiped Jesus in awe, saying: "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:30-33). Day after day, we are confronted by situations which put our faith in the Son of God to the test. Perhaps there has been a sudden death in the family, an unexpected financial burden, or some other crisis that seems too hard to bear. At times like these, our faith may waver; we can doubt that God cares for us or that He even exists. Yet it is in these very situations that our faith can be strengthened by calling out to Jesus.

According to tradition people waited for the holy day of the Transfiguration to bring their first fruits to God's House (the Church) and to give thanks for the harvest and to ask God to bless their crops. For us, there is also a symbolic meaning in the blessing of fruits. As the seed of the fruit was planted and grew into trees and vines bearing fruits through many years of rain and sunshine under the protection of God and then brought forth fruit beautiful to look at and very good for taste and nourishment. In the same way, the seed of faith and belief in God is planted in our souls and is nourished through obedience to the commandments of God and grows into a great Christian tree bearing good fruit (our good deeds). In a symbolic sense also, the ripening of the fruit on the tree is somewhat of a mirror of the miracle of the Transfiguration. In Spring we see the empty branches burst forth with new green leaves around the Feast of Pentecost. Soon the tree is covered with beautiful flowers. In time, nature transforms these flowers into little buds of fruit and as the weeks pass, the buds are transfigured into beautiful and fully ripened fruit. After your fruit has been blessed, if you see someone has forgotten to bring fruit, share some from your basket with them. **The Blessing of Fruit** Priest: Let us pray to the Lord. Response: Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus Christ, God of God, Who said to your disciples: 'Whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall come to you' we humbly beseech You, bless + and sanctify + the first-fruits which your faithful servants have brought today to Your holy church. May these first fruits preserve the life and health of those present here, as well as those who are absent. May they be an affective medicine for those who are sick and ailing, as well as a protection against the assaults of the enemy for those who keep them in their homes and may those who partake of them enjoy the fullness of your goodness and blessing: For You are the God of peace, love and mercy, and You love mankind, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Response: Amen.

Life is short. We need to make each day count by bringing honor to God. *So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.* Psalm 90: 12 (*"Don't count the days, make each day count"*)

People were impressed by the quality of Jesus' life and work. Our lives should have the same impact. *And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well."* Mark 7: 37

Weekly Collections

8/4/2019

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

Offertory	\$ 1,289.00
Holy Days	\$ 55.00
Candles	\$ 48.00
Other	\$ 74.80
Total:	\$ 1,466.80

St. Nicholas parishioners are exceptionally generous. Thank you to those who generously support our parish. *Please make a donation for the patching and re-paving of our parking lot. Bids are being accepted for the work.*

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Cantors: George Nagrant, Nicholas P. Nagrant, Joseph Wanchik, Steve Terlescki, John P. Minarish, and Subdeacon Phillip Dinsmore and Richard Baranko, *Cantor Emeritus*.

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Catechetical Director: Suzanne Swanney

Youth Directors: Adam Digon and Kimberly Kaufman

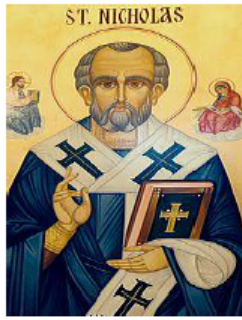
Liturgy Schedule: Saturday 4:00 P.M. (Anticipated Sunday Obligation with Vespers)
Sunday 8:30 A.M. (Slavonic / English mix)
11:00 A.M. (English)
Daily Liturgy as scheduled (see inside of the bulletin)
Holy days as scheduled (see inside of the bulletin)

Explanation to the Emperor

There is nothing in the holy, inspired Scripture about the death of Mary, the holy Mother of God. But we know from ancient and wholly reliable tradition that at the time she so gloriously fell asleep, all the holy Apostles, who were traveling the world for the salvation of the peoples, were lifted up in a single instant of time and were gathered at Jerusalem; and as they stood by her, they saw a vision of angels, and heard the divine chanting of the higher powers ... Her body, which had been God's dwelling place, was brought for burial amidst the singing of the angels and the Apostles, and laid to rest in a coffin in Gethsemane; and the angelic dancing and singing continued without pause in that place for three days. But after three days, the song of the angels ceased; the Apostles were there, and since one of them, Thomas, had not been present (for her burial and came at the end of three days) and

wished to reverence that body which had housed God, they opened the coffin. And they could not find her body, which had been the object of such praise; all that they found were her burial wrappings. And being overcome by the ineffable fragrance that came out of the wrappings, they closed the coffin again. Amazed by this miraculous discovery, they could only draw a single conclusion: the one Who had deigned to become flesh in her own person, and to take His humanity from her, the one Who willed to be born in human flesh as God the Word, the Lord of glory, and Who had preserved her virginity intact even after childbirth, now chose, after her departure from this world, to honor her immaculate and pure body with the gift of incorruptibility, and with a change of state even before the common, universal resurrection.

St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!

Announcements for August 11, 2019: 9th Sunday after Pentecost

This coming Thursday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It is a tradition to bless flowers on this special feast day. If you would like to partake in this tradition, simply bring your flower up to the front of the church, preferably before the Liturgy, and Fr. Joe will bless them at the end of the service.

Last Call for Tickets: GCU Tigers Game and Tailgate Party (Saturday, Sept 14th): For anyone interested in going to this year's GCU Tigers Game on September 14th, the deadline to sign up is this coming Monday, August 12th. Please get your forms along with your payment to George Nagrant by Monday, or at the very least, contact him by Monday to let him know you'd like to attend, and make the necessary arrangements with him. This year's game features the Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles. The tailgate party will be held here at St. Nick's, and then buses will take everyone to the park for the 6:10pm game. Please see the fliers posted in the vestibule and hall, for more information.

Our annual Pork-n-Potluck Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 24th, after the 4pm Divine Liturgy. We would like to encourage everyone to please attend, invite some friends and family if you'd like, and help make this picnic the fun time it always is. As always, we would appreciate parishioner help with the set-up, clean-up, and games for this year's event. If you are able to donate even the slightest amount of your time, we would gladly appreciate it, and ask that you please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule so we know we can count on your support.

Help Wanted to refinish cabinets: We recently obtained some used wooden cabinets for our parish office. The price was right, but they are in need of a bit of refinishing. If you have the talent and would be willing to help out with this work, please contact Fr. Joe, Subdeacon Phillip, or Jim Van Kula. We would greatly appreciate it!

Free to a good home: wooden office furniture! Two of the older cabinets from our parish office are available to any parishioner who can make good use of them. They have been temporarily moved to the back of the hall, near the coat racks, if you'd like to take a look at them. The cabinets are available "as is," on a first-come, first-served basis—but please, if you are interested in any of them, please see Fr. Joe, Subdeacon Phillip, or George Nagrant first to make sure they have not already been claimed by somebody. You would be responsible for arranging your own transportation.

Parking Lot Paving: It has been some time since our parking lot has received the needed attention of filling in the pot holes, resealing and striping. We are now in the process of receiving bids for this job. Please donate for this much needed project. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Happy 44th Anniversary this week to John L. and Helen Minarish (8/16)! May God grant to both of you many more years of peace, health, and happiness!

Now accepting photos and other memorabilia for our parish's 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2021! We are asking everyone to please look through your albums, computers, old boxes, etc, for anything you might have related to the life, events, and activities here at St. Nick's over the years. We would like to include them in our archives, as we approach our 100th Anniversary in 2021. Digital versions are preferred but we will take what you have. If you have digital copies (.jpg format is preferred for pictures), please email them to stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com. For hard copies, please place them in the specially designated box in the parish office to be archived. (If you want the hard copies returned to you, please include your name and contact info on the back.) Any questions, email us at stnicksbyzantine@yahoo.com, ATTN: Val Marszalec or Jim Van Kula.

Akathist services at St. Nick's: For those that might be interested, St. Nicholas Parish has started a regular offering of a special prayer service called an Akathist to the Mother of God on select Sundays (check the service schedule in the bulletin each week to confirm). The Akathists will start at 10:30am and end before the 11am Liturgy. Please attend if you are able. We will be praying for the spiritual welfare and growth of our parish!

Other Announcements from within our Eparchy/Deanery:

Icon Workshop coming to St. Basil Parish in Sterling Heights: Fr. Damian Higgins is scheduled to teach his annual icon class from September 16 to 20. This Icon workshop will teach the traditional Byzantine style of icon writing. Students will learn the traditional methods and materials of egg tempera. This course is limited to 16 participants, the cost: \$350 per person. All materials will be provided. Register by phone by September 2, 2019. To register please contact Fr. Mychail from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 586-268-1082. Please leave a message if Father is unable to answer the phone.

Discernment Weekend: Single Catholic women, ages 18-35, who would like to take a weekend to pray about a possible vocation to the monastic life, are invited to inquire about attending the upcoming discernment retreat at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, Burton, Ohio, Sept. 20-22. Experience the life of prayer at the monastery, listen to talks on prayer and discernment, make use of the opportunity to get to know the nuns, and receive healing through the Mystery of Holy Repentance (Confession). If you are interested in this retreat, or a future discernment opportunity, fill out the online [Vocation Inquiry Form](#). Please fill out the form by Sept. 6 for this retreat. Space is limited. Mother Theodora will call you to talk about availability. With questions, call 440-834-0290 or email christthebridegroom@gmail.com.

Eparchy of Parma Annual Women's Retreat (Sept. 27-29, 2019): Come and be a part of the (mostly) silent retreat everyone will be talking about—which will be held at the Lial Renewal Center in Whitehouse, OH (www.lialrenewalcenter.org). Retreat includes: weekend accommodations, six meals, private time, fellowship, and fun. Cost: \$125 (early bird before August 30); \$150 (August 31-September 13). For more information, contact Rita Basalla at basalla4@att.net or 216-778-0702. Financial assistance is available.

Upcoming Pilgrimage Opportunities:

August 17-18: Eparchial Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch in Burton, OH
August 31- September 1: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA

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