

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE
SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS



Icon of the the Ladder of Divine Ascent



St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church

2200 Arctic Boulevard

Anchorage, Alaska

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Blessed Theodore Romzha Byzantine Catholic Mission

Sacred Heart Church 1201 Bogard Road, Wasilla, AK

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Confessions

At St Nicholas

Sundays 9:15 to 9:45 am or by Appointment

Administration

His Eminence, Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla DD
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

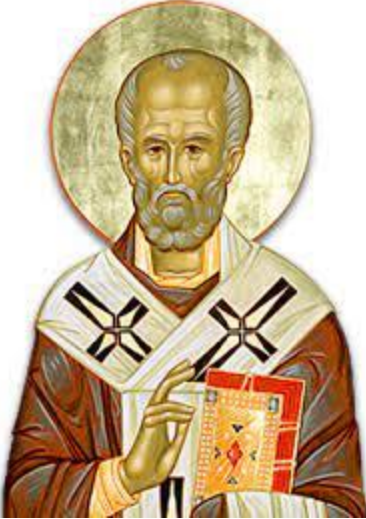
Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Kurt Burnette for
Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Pastor: Reverend Father Vasyl Mutka
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Pastor email: pastorstnicholas@yahoo.com
Parish website: www.ak-byz-cath.org

Liturgical Schedule

February 19, 2023, through February 26, 2023

3rd Sunday of the Month	Feb 19	Confessions	9:15-9:45am
		3 rd Hour	9:40am
		Divine Liturgy – Cheesefare Sunday – The Sunday of Forgiveness	
		Intention: People of St. Nicholas & Wasilla Mission	10:00am
Monday	Feb 20	First Day of Great Fast	
		Presanctified Liturgy for Marya Wargacki & Family by Fr. Joseph Wargacki	
Wednesday	Feb 22		6:30pm
		Presanctified Liturgy for Elizabeth Holloman & Family by Fr. Joseph Wargacki	
Friday	Feb 24		6:30pm
		Presanctified Liturgy for Elizabeth Holloman & Family by Fr. Joseph Wargacki	
Saturday	Feb 25	Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great-Martyr Theodore	
		Divine Liturgy for EMW by Fr. Vasyl	9:00am
		Confessions	4:15-4:45pm
		Vespers/Divine Liturgy for Matthew Wargacki & Family by Fr. Joseph Wargacki	5:00pm
4th Sunday of the Month	Feb 26	First Sunday of the Great Fast	
		Confessions	
		3 rd hour	9:15-9:45am
		Divine Liturgy For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our St. Nicholas Parish & Wasilla Mission and for their relatives	9:40am
			10:00am
		Divine Liturgy in Wasilla For Fr. Joseph & Pani Lori Wargacki and family by Fr. Joseph Wargacki	4:00pm



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mark Your Calendar!

- Monday February 20 is 1st day of the Great Fast
- Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Fast we will celebrate Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 6:30pm
- Saturday, March 4 is 2nd All Souls Saturday. Envelopes marked “All Souls Saturdays” are available at the entrance to the church. Please write a list of the departed you wish to be remembered so that we can include your loved ones in the prayer list for 2023.



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2200 Arctic Blvd,
Anchorage, AK 99503.

Tithes & Attendance:

January 29

Tithes: \$1241.00
Attendance: 50

February 5

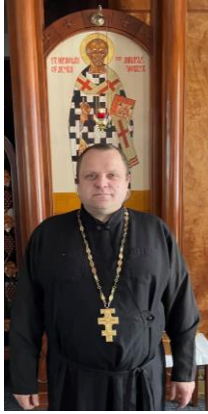
Tithes: \$969.10
Attendance: TBD

February 12

Tithes: TBD
Attendance: TBD

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.

It is very important that we continue to give a percentage of what Our Lord has given us, and continue to support the structure and ministry of the parish. Thank you!



Pastor's Corner

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Parishioners of St. Nicholas,

It is with deep gratitude that I thank each of you for the wonderful welcome last week. I am so grateful for your generosity. Outside the window, it is snowy and frosty, but I feel the warmth of your hearts. It has already become a great joy and honor for me to serve you in our wonderful temple. I am thankful to God for placing me here in Anchorage, Alaska, at St. Nicholas Parish and Bl. Theodore Romzha Mission.

As I begin my pastoral ministry here, I urge all of you to serve our community as you have done before. Whatever you did before for our church, keep doing it. Just let me know who is in charge of what. If, for some reason, you have taken a break from doing certain things and would like to continue them now, please let me know so we can discuss it. Feel free to share your ideas.

As a parish family, let us continue to give each other prayerful care, tender love, attention, compassion, and patience.

On Forgiveness Sunday, I want to ask for forgiveness for anything good I failed to do and for anything that I have done which could offend you in any way.

Standing in front of the door of the Great Fast, I wish you a spiritually fruitful time during this blessed period. May all your Lenten resolutions be fulfilled. May each of us, at the end of the Great Fast, feel the spiritually enriching effect of this special time.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the warm and wonderful welcome, for your prayers, and for everything you do for our parish.

With sincere gratitude, prayers, and pastoral blessing,

Fr. Vasyl



St. Nicholas Prayer Community

Who: Everyone in our church community

What: Prayer for those in need who have asked for our prayers

When: Every Bulletin Cycle

Where: At home, at work, at play, at church

Why: To support those in our community

Please give Father Vasyk your prayer requests to be published in the next bulletin. Previous requests will remain on the list until parishioner asks that it be removed or need of space for new requests.

Please Pray For:

For our benefactors who show love for God and this parish through their alms.

All those who stand for **LIFE** and are persecuted for their belief.

Laura Wargacki and others who are battling cancer.

For all those who are sick in our parish and suffer spiritual distress.

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Readiness to Forgive

Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God who has made “the sun to shine on the evil and on the good.”

For this same reason again in every one of the clauses Jesus commands us to make our prayers together in one voice, saying, “Our Father,” and “thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,” and “give us the bread, and forgive us our debts,” and “lead us not into temptation,” and “deliver us.” So everywhere he is teaching us to use this plural word that we may not retain so much as a vestige of resentment against our neighbor.

How great a reproof then must they de-

serve, who, after all this, still do not forgive and even ask God’s vengeance on their enemies. In doing so, they diametrically transgress this command. Meanwhile Christ is seeking in every way possible to hinder our conflicts with one another. For since love is the root of all that is good, by removing from all quarters whatever mars it he brings us together and cements us to each other. For there is not one, not a single one, whether father or mother or friend, who loves us as much as the God who created us.

St. John Chrysostom

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