



**Sunday Before the Nativity of Our Lord  
Sunday of our Ancestors**

**Welcome** to St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church. We Invite you to join us for coffee hour, which is held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy. We ask that you introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Joseph, who is happy to answer your questions.

**Please visit our Mission in Wasilla.** Blessed Theodore Romzha (Bishop and Martyr—murdered by Communists in 1947, whose feast day is October 31st. We meet on 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Blessed Romzha mission is an outreach to the Mat-su Valley and we are delighted to welcome all who choose to attend our Divine Liturgy at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

**Divine Liturgy Schedule—12/22/2018—12/30/2018**

**Sunday Before the Nativity of Our Lord—Sunday of our Ancestors**

Sat	12/22/18 - 5:00pm - Vespers/Divine Liturgy. Intention: Health & Family of Anthony Heller by Heller Family
Sun	12/23/18 - <b>Sunday Before Christmas</b> 10:00am - Divine Liturgy. Intention: People of St. Nicholas 4:00pm - Divine Liturgy in Wasilla.
Mon	12/24/18 - <b>Vigil of Christmas</b> Strict Fast and Abstinence day! 9:00am Royal Hours - Confession before and after service today and by appointment. 6:00pm - Holy Supper in Artim Hall for those who signed up on the potluck list. Not signed up?? Bring something and come join us anyway! 8:00pm - Christmas Caroling 8:30pm - Vespers/Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great (expect this service to be at least two hours long). Otherwise see you on Christmas day morning at 10:00am.
Tues	12/25/18 - <b>Christmas! Birth of Our Lord</b> 9:30am Singing of Christmas Carols 10:00am Divine Liturgy.
Wed	12/26/18 - <b>Synaxis of Theotokos</b> 6:00pm Divine Liturgy. Intention: Deceased members of Wegman Family by Helen Wegman
Thu	12/27/18 - <b>Stephen Protomartyr</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy, Intention People of St. Mary's in Bradenville and for their Pastor, Fr. Joseph Borodach by Fr. Joseph
Fri	12/28/18 - No Service

**Sunday after Christmas (Flight into Egypt)**

Sat	12/29/18 - 5:00pm - Vespers/Divine Liturgy. Intention: Jamie Yeargan by Marie Trueblood
Sun	12/30/18 - 10:00am - Divine Liturgy. Intention for People of St. Nicholas.

**TONE 6, Sunday of the Ancestors, page 285 (green pew book)**  
Readings: Heb 11: 9 - 10 & 32 - 40. Mt. 1:1 - 25

**7 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS**  
**EUCCHARIST/SANCTUARY LAMP:** Nicholus Pustina+ by Pustina Family.  
**THEOTOKOS:** Available                      **CZESTOCHOWA:** Available

**Collections:** Wasilla Mission: 12/16/18 - \$85.00  
St. Nicholas: 12/9 - \$1493 & 12/16 - \$957.66  
**Attendance** Wasilla - 8 & St. Nicholas Sat/Sun - 67

**New Members Welcome** The Family of St. Nicholas of Myra is open to any Catholic, and to anyone:

- Who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through his word and Sacred Mysteries.
- Who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Who will help us form a community based on the Lord's love.
- Who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church.
- Who Acknowledges the authority of the Pope, the Bishops and their priests.
- Who is willing to support the growth of the local church by sharing their time, talent and treasure.
- Who will participate in the Yearly Eparchial Appeal to support the needs of the greater Church.
- If you would like to make St. Nicholas your Spiritual Home, please ask Father for a registration form.



**Message from the Pastor:**

Please notify Father if you have sick family members at home and cannot get to St. Nicholas or any other services. I am happy to visit your family in your homes.

Our neighbor's truck was stolen from our church property this past Thursday between 0600 am and 4 pm. PLEASE! Do not leave your vehicles in the parking lot unattended for long periods of time here at St. Nicholas. Thieves are watching.

I sincerely wish everyone the best during these days as we prepare Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord. I pray for all our parish family & will remember you at the Divine Liturgy on Christmas morning. I pray that God will answer all your heartfelt petitions and give you His Peace. GOD comes to us as an infant Child and we are all called to join in this celebration. The Mystery of the Incarnation is upon us and we are called to wonder, to marvel and to be in Awe! Let us join our hearts together with the angels and shepherds to Praise God in the flesh and Glorify Him!  
*"Today the Virgin comes to the cave, to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Eternal Word!"* Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Fr. Joseph

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 12/24/2018- 6:00 - 7:30pm Holy Supper Potluck. See sign-up list on table in Artim Hall.
- Adult Education coming in January!
- ◆ Dr. Lisa Unterseher- Patristics Classes, Tuesdays at 6PM
- ◆ Deacon Stephen Vrabel, Byzantine Traditions, Wednesdays at 7:30pm after Divine Liturgy
- ◆ Deacon Stephen Vrabel, Byzantine Traditions, Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

Hope to see you here! All classes will be held in Artim Hall. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

# **St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church**

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## **Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**Weekday Divine Liturgy:** Varies, see bulletin for day & times

**Saturday Vespers with Divine Liturgy:** 5:00 pm      **Sunday Divine Praises:** 09:40 am

**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00 am      **Holy Mystery of Confession:** 20 minutes before every Divine

Liturgy or after service, (please request) or by an appointment.

## **Blessed Theodore Romzha Byzantine Catholic Mission**

*Sacred Heart Church, 1201 Bogard Road in Wasilla*

**Sunday Divine Liturgy:** 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning in November 2018 at

**4PM. Holy Mystery of Confession:** Sundays—After Divine Liturgy, please request!

Our Parish and Mission are in Communion with the Pope of Rome and the

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix

Bishop John Puzak, Eparch of Phoenix