

SUNDAY OF THE MEAT FARE

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, who would be 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 Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. 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. Please see the address on back of this bulletin.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Feb 4.— Feb 11, 2018

SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

Sat	2/3	10:00am	+All Souls Saturday
		5:00 pm	Vesper/Liturgy + Mildred Hampson (Dave & Judy Bich)
Sun	2/4	10:00 am	Liturgy: Therese Landry with family (Fr. Michael
		4:00 pm	Living and Deceased Members of Parish Mission in Wasilla

Mon	2/5		No Service
Tues	2/6		No Service
Wed	2/7	6:00 pm	Akathist to St Nicholas
Thur	2/8		No Service
Fri	2/9	1:00 pm	Celebrate Forgiveness Vespers for Roman and Byzantine Catholic clergy

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE OR FORGIVENESS

Sat	2/10	5:00 pm	Vesper/Liturgy: +Thomas Hampson (Dave & Judy Bich)
Sun	2/11	10:00am	Liturgy: Parishioners, family's and friends (Fr. Michael)
		4:00pm	Living and Deceased Members of Parish Mission in Wasilla

TONE 2

Readings: Mt. 25:31-46, 1Cor: 8:8-9:2,
Metropolitan Cantor Institute <http://www.metropolitancantorinstitute.org>

7 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS

EUCCHARIST: For the clergy

THEOTOKOS: Therese Landry with family

CZESTOCHOWA: Parishioners, family's and friends

Forgiveness Sunday

Forgiveness Sunday: The Sunday of Forgiveness is also known as Cheesefare Sunday.

This is the last day that dairy products can be eaten before the Lenten fast.

The full fast begins the following day on Clean Monday, the first day of Great Lent.

“If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you” (vv. 14-15). The triumph of sin, the main sign of its rule over the world, is division, opposition, separation, hatred. Therefore, the first break through this fortress of sin is forgiveness—the return to unity, solidarity, love. To forgive is to put between me and my “enemy” the radiant forgiveness of God Himself. To forgive is to reject the hopeless “dead-ends” of human relations and to refer them to Christ. Forgiveness is truly a breakthrough of the Kingdom into this sinful and fallen world. We seek forgiveness from God and forgiveness from our brothers and sisters in Christ. **Traditionally**, on the evening of the Sunday of Forgiveness the Church conducts the first service of Great Lent, the Vespers of Forgiveness. This is the first time that the Lenten prayer of St. Ephraim accompanied by prostrations is read. At the end of the service all the faithful approach the priest and one another asking for mutual forgiveness.

After Divine Liturgy, we will celebrate our parish Forgiveness Service—please, and again, Please do attend and start your Great Lent with a firm footing in Love, Kindness, Forgiveness, Peace, Patience, Understanding and Positivity! I welcome and thank everyone for attending!

Please bring yummy dairy products (cheese, ice cream, etc) to share after the service.

Friday, 9 February at 1pm we will celebrate Forgiveness Vespers for Roman and Byzantine Catholic clergy at Saint Nicholas of Myra Church. Volunteers to help with service and social are needed, particularly those who can provide cheese dishes to share and to set up and clean up afterwards. Please RSVP to Father Mykhaylo.

Thank you: to Daria Artemii for hosting last week’s coffee social. Thank you to Auton family hosting this week. We appreciate everyone’s hospitality.

Easter formation classes for children.
Feb. Sunday: 11, 25,
11:45pm

SIGN-UP NOW FOR THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS!

Please see the sign-up sheet in the parish hall, to get your slot for a house blessing in the New Year.

Fr Michael started blessing houses and businesses from Theophany - January 6th to Sunday of Cheesefare - February 11.

Please feel free to talk with Fr. Michael about parish needs

UPCOMING EVENTS

* February 11: 10:00am SUNDAY OF THE CHEESE FARE or SUNDAY FORGIVENESS

- February 12: First Day of the Great Fast: Day of Strict Fast and Abstinence
- February 24: Second All Souls Saturday

All Souls Saturday #2 will be celebrated on 24 February at 10am. Please turn in your envelopes as early as possible so Father Mykhaylo can verify proper pronunciation of names of your dearly departed loved ones. Please **BLOCK PRINT** first names so Father can easily recite them during Panachida. We and your dearly departed loved ones thank you for remembering them in prayer!

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Weekday Divine Liturgy: 6:00pm

Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 pm Sunday Divine Praises: 9:40 am

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Holy Mystery of Confession: 20 minutes before every Divine Liturgy and upon request

Blessed Theodore Romzha Byzantine Catholic Mission

Sacred Heart Church, 1201 Bogard Road in Wasilla

Holy Mystery of Confession: Sundays—After Liturgies

Divine Liturgy: 4:00 pm

Our Parish and Mission are in Communion with the Pope of Rome and the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix