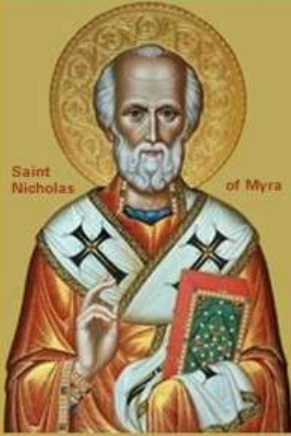


SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints



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WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, he will be happy to talk to you. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Schedule of Services MAY 31—JUNE 7 2026

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY TO HIM FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRYSTU! SLAVA NAVIKY BOGU!**

Sunday, May 31—Sunday of All Saints

9:15-9:45 am Confessions

9:40 am 3rd Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our St. Nicholas Parish & Wasilla Mission and for their relatives*

Monday, June 1

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

Thursday, June 4

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

4:15-4:45 pm Confessions

4:35 pm Prayer Rule of the Theotokos (Byzantine Rosary)

5:00 pm Vespers/Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 7—Sunday of All Saints

9:15-9:45 am Confessions

9:40 am 3rd Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our St. Nicholas Parish & Wasilla Mission and for their relatives*

"Don't let sin separate us from Christ. When we believe that He loves us and we love Him, we don't feel strangers and distanced from Him even when we sin. We have secured His love and however we behave we know that He loves us."

Elder St. Porphyrios



Please remember in your prayers:

For health and salvation: Fr. Chris Zegger, Fr. Joseph Wargacki, Fr. Robert, Veronica Frazier, David Bich, Max, Aniela, Ken Wake, Molly Buggy, Kim Bryan, Shawn, Anna Gage, Oceana Grabianowski, Anthony Heller, Solanche Stone, Basil, Dorothy Savok, Spruce Lynch, Truman Beer, Natalie, John Michalski, Phyllis Shepherd, Sherry, Bruce Heller, Gayle Veker

For repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Michael Artim, +Fr. Eric, +Christine Vincent, +Corine Hurst, +Ruth Langley Ayers, +Denise, +Ed, +Sandra, +William Florez

Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors and anyone we may have forgotten. Please let Fr. Vasyl know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Thank you Sherry Whah for the flowers she donated to our parish. May God reward and have mercy on her.

Help us buy more flowers!

Dear Parishioners,

We need more flowers. If you would like to make a financial donation to purchase outdoor flowers and plants to decorate the area around our church, please use the special envelope marked Please Help with Outside Flowers/Plants Donation (available at the Welcome table). Thank you for your continued generosity and support for our parish community!

Remember that we never take a vacation from God or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy. When traveling, make sure you check out the Liturgy schedule at the nearest churches and attend Divine Liturgy.

Parish picnic: This year's parish picnic will be held on August 2nd after Divine Liturgy at Balto Seppala Park 3360 Wisconsin St, Anchorage, AK 99517. Please mark your calendar.

You are a light for the world: We are looking for those who want to join our parish team of religious and catechetical education. We need ECF class teachers. If you are ready to learn and share knowledge with others (children, adults) see Fr Vasyl.

We are happy to share with you that this year, July 31st – August 2nd at St. Stephen Cathedral in Phoenix, AZ, the first gathering of directors of religious education and catechists for the Eparchy of Phoenix will take place. Feel the call of Christ to share His Good News!

For Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers: On Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21, 2026, we will remember all of our fathers at the Divine Liturgies. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a memorial service (panachida) for all our fathers who have died, that the Lord God remembers them. If you wish to have your living or deceased father remembered during the Liturgies, please use the special envelope designated "Father's Day" and place it in the collection basket. Envelopes are available in narthex and on welcome table.

Parish Council meeting: There will be a Parish Council

meeting on Thursday, June 11, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please plan to be there if you are a member of the parish council.

7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

If you would like to offer the 7-day candle for the intention of your family, friends, or loved ones, please use an envelope marked "7-Day Candle Request" found in the narthex and put it in Sunday's collection basket. Lamps are lit the following week after the Saturday Liturgy and the intention is published in the Parish Bulletin.

Support St. Nicholas Parish Yard Sale

Donations Needed for Yard Sale!

Parishioners and our friends!

It's time to declutter! Bring us your clean, working, and sellable goods! We are looking for toys, kitchenware, books, tools, clothing, small home goods etc.

Please note: We cannot accept large furniture, mattresses, or large sports gear.

We need volunteers! We are looking for energetic people to help us with: Sorting & Organizing, Pricing, Set Up/ Take Down, Assisting on Sale Day
Contact the Parish Office to volunteer or arrange drop-off: (907) 277-6731, pastorstnicholas@yahoo.com Thank you for being so supportive!

Catholic Social Services: Share Your Bread – Feed the Hungry in Our Community. Hosted in partnership with Catholic Social Services.

Our partnership with CSS continues to be a vital lifeline for families in our community. Through your generosity, we are able to help provide food and hope to those facing hardship.

The need remains great, and we ask for your continued support. Please consider donating non-perishable, unexpired food items and dropping them off at the parish hall. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are struggling with food insecurity. Thank you for your kindness, compassion, and faithful support of this important ministry.

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food..." (Matthew 25:35)

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: "The one who saves his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will obtain it." The saints show us the meaning of Christ's words, when they obtained life by giving their lives for the sake of Christ. Serving as a monk, nun, priest, deacon or in minor orders is a special way to lose one's life. This may be your calling to grow in Christ. Contact the Vocations Office at 602-861-9778 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Prayer for Vocations



Lord our God, older than all creation, you have made us in your image and likeness.

You have given us the gift of the Holy Spirit through your servants who proclaim the good news of your Church all that is necessary for our sanctification.

We humbly beg you, do not leave your people deprived of spiritual gifts, but grant us an abundance of vocations to your holy priesthood, the diaconate and consecrated life, and to lives dedicated to your service.

Open the hearts of men and women to hear your words, "Come, follow me!"

Indeed, do not leave us orphans, but be with us through your Holy Spirit, who is present everywhere and fills all things, and who raises up mere mortals to divine service by the mystery of his grace.

Truly you will never forget your promise to be with us always, until the end of the world, but forgive us if we have, in our weakness, failed to follow you as we should.

For you alone are holy now and ever and forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Fast June 1 - June 28 (this year):

Following the Example of the Holy Apostles

Each year, after the Feast of Pentecost and the Sunday of All Saints, the our Church enters the season known as the Apostles' Fast. This fasting period concludes on June 29, the Feast of the Holy Glorious and All-Praised Apostles Peter and Paul. Though often overshadowed by Great Lent, the Apostles' Fast remains an important part of the Church's spiritual life and a precious gift for our salvation.

The origins of this fast reach back to the earliest days of Christianity. Having received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Apostles did not immediately scatter throughout the world. Before undertaking their missionary labors, they devoted themselves to prayer and fasting, seeking God's strength and guidance. The Church preserves this apostolic practice and invites all believers to join spiritually in the preparation of the Apostles for their sacred mission.

The Apostles' Fast teaches us an important truth: spiritual gifts require spiritual effort. The Apostles had seen

the risen Christ. They had received the Holy Spirit. Yet they still fasted and prayed. If such holy men found fasting necessary, how much more do we need this spiritual discipline in our own lives?

In modern society, people are constantly encouraged to satisfy every desire immediately. The Gospel teaches the opposite. Christ calls us to self-control, watchfulness, and the purification of the heart. Fasting helps us regain mastery over our passions and reminds us that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

The Church has never understood fasting as merely changing one's diet. Abstinence from certain foods is only the beginning. True fasting includes prayer, repentance, forgiveness, charity, and a sincere effort to overcome sin. The Holy Fathers repeatedly warn that fasting without love and humility becomes an empty exercise. Saint John Chrysostom teaches that the person who fasts must also fast from anger, gossip, judgment, and every form of evil.

The Apostles themselves provide us with a powerful example. They left behind comfort, security, and worldly ambitions to proclaim Christ. They endured hardships, imprisonment, persecution, and even martyrdom. Their unwavering faith transformed the world. Through their preaching, countless people came to know the saving truth of the Gospel.

Today, Christians are also called to be apostles in a broader sense. We may not travel across continents preaching to nations, but we are called to bear witness to Christ in our homes, workplaces, communities, and parishes. The Apostles' Fast helps prepare us for this mission. Through prayer and self-denial, we become more attentive to God's will and more capable of sharing His love with others.

This fast is also a reminder of the universal calling to holiness. The Sunday of All Saints, which immediately precedes the fast, celebrates the countless men and women who responded faithfully to God's grace. Some were bishops, monks, and martyrs. Others were mothers, fathers, workers, and ordinary believers. Their lives testify that sanctity is possible for every Christian who seeks Christ with sincerity and perseverance.

As we journey through the Apostles' Fast, let us renew our commitment to prayer, participation in the Divine Services, regular confession, reading of the Holy Scriptures, and acts of mercy. Let us use this season not merely to abstain from certain foods, but to draw closer to Christ and become more faithful disciples.

May the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul intercede for us before the throne of God. May their zeal inspire our faith, their courage strengthen our witness, and their prayers help us complete this holy fast with spiritual profit and joy.

"Through all the earth their proclamation has gone forth, and to the ends of the universe their words."

Psalm 18:4

Sunday of All Saints: The Fruit of Pentecost

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated by the Holy Church to the commemoration of all the saints who have shone forth throughout the world. This feast, known as the Sunday of All Saints, reveals the ultimate purpose and fruit of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

Just one week after celebrating the great feast of Pentecost, we honor those men, women, and children who allowed the grace of the Holy Spirit to transform their lives. The saints are the living proof that the Gospel can be fulfilled in every age, nation, language, and circumstance. They are the harvest of Christ's saving work and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit dwelling within humanity.

The saints come from every walk of life. Some were apostles and martyrs, others bishops, monks, and nuns. Many were ordinary people—parents, workers, soldiers, physicians, and laborers—who sought first the Kingdom of God. Their holiness was not the result of extraordinary natural abilities but of their cooperation with God's grace. Through prayer, repentance, humility, and love, they became temples of the Holy Spirit.

The Epistle reading for this feast reminds us that the saints lived by faith. They endured hardships, persecutions, and trials, trusting in God's promises. Their victories were not earthly triumphs but spiritual ones. They conquered sin, selfishness, and fear through the power of Christ.

In the Gospel, our Lord teaches that whoever confesses Him before men, He will confess before His Heavenly Father. The saints boldly confessed Christ not only with their words but also with their lives. Their example encourages us to remain faithful amid the challenges of the modern world.

The feast of All Saints also reminds us that holiness is the calling of every Christian. The Church does not honor the saints merely as heroes of the past. Rather, she presents them as examples and intercessors who encourage us on our own journey toward the Kingdom of Heaven. Every baptized Christian is called to become a saint through a life of repentance, prayer, participation in the Holy Mysteries, and love for God and neighbor.

Furthermore, this feast celebrates countless saints whose names are known only to God. While the Church formally glorifies certain saints, there are many righteous souls who served Christ faithfully in hidden ways and now stand before His throne. Their witness reminds us that true holiness often flourishes in humility and obscurity.

As we celebrate the Sunday of All Saints, let us give thanks to God for the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Let us seek their prayers and strive to imitate their faith, courage, and love. May their example inspire us to live according to the Gospel so that we too may share in the eternal joy of the saints in the Kingdom of Heaven.

"All the Saints, pray to God for us!"



Prayer to All Saints

O holy and righteous Saints of God, who have pleased the Lord in every age and nation, we honor your blessed memory and glorify the wondrous God Who is marvelous in His saints.

You who stood firm in faith, endured trials with patience, and attained the heavenly Kingdom through the grace of the Holy Spirit, look upon us who still struggle on the path of salvation.

Holy Apostles who proclaimed the Gospel to the ends of the earth, pray for us.

Holy Martyrs who shed your blood for Christ, pray for us.

Holy Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous Ones who faithfully served the Church, pray for us.

Holy Men, Women, and Children who shone with holiness in every vocation and circumstance of life, pray for us.

Intercede before the throne of the Most Holy Trinity that our sins may be forgiven, our hearts purified, and our faith strengthened. Help us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Protect the Holy Church from division and error. Strengthen the clergy, inspire the faithful, comfort the suffering, guide the young, and grant repentance to all who have gone astray.

By your prayers, obtain for us humility, patience, purity, and steadfastness in every good work, that having finished our earthly course in faith, we may be found worthy to join your blessed company in the heavenly Kingdom.

There, together with you, may we glorify the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Parish Giving

Great news for those donating online

Now you can use our new online giving tool to tithe online using your credit card or bank account information. You can also do a one-time donation or set up weekly donations! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate at:

<https://donorbox.org/support-st-nicholas-and-help-us-grow>



Tithes & Attendance:

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.

May 24

Tithes: \$1,102.00

Youth tithe: \$20.00

Flowers: \$25.00

Attendance: 47

Also, feel free to send in your regular tithe check by mail to:

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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!*

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- 2) Set up an online account.
- 3) Log into the account and search for Community Rewards.
- 4) Search for **Saint Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church** or our account number **QD147** and select as the charity to receive the funds.
- 5) Shop at Fred Meyer as you normally would and the St. Nicholas account will automatically be credited. *Thank you!*

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BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, anytime

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Subdeacon Paul Kilroy, Safe Environment Program Coordinator

Cell: (480) 745-0316 -- Office: (602) 861-9778 ext. 204 -- Email: sbdcnkilroy@ephx.org - or -

Victim Assistance Coordinator, Deacon Michael Hanafin

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FIFTH ANNUAL
HOLY SMOKE BAR-B-Q PICNIC



For all parishioners of
**Saint Nicholas of Myra
Byzantine Catholic Church**
and
**Blessed Theodore Romzha
Byzantine Catholic Mission**
and their families, relatives, friends, and business associates

Saturday, 4 July 2026

Noon to ????

2330 N. Prospect Dr. • Wasilla, AK 99623

Entrance fee:

A prayer for good weather.
Rain or shine, we will be fine.

Various games and a few
prizes for lucky winners!



If your last name begins
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may wish to bring a **salad**,
and **N thru Z** a **dessert**
(but not required)

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chili,
etc. to be provided by hosts
Oceana and Slawomir.

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Bring Your Own Beverage
(Too hard to guess what guests prefer!)

Please
RSVP to

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or text (907) 203-3263
with number of adults
and children attending.

This Year's Theme:

**For God and Country — We Kneel for God and Salute Our Flag
Honoring Our Veterans and First Responders**



ST ANTHONY'S *of Padua*

FEAST DAY:

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

On the occasion of the
feast day of
St Anthony's of Padua,
which we celebrate on
Saturday, June 13, on
Sunday, June 14,
the first class relic of
St Anthony of Padua
for veneration
will be exhibited in our church.

A precious opportunity
to honor the beloved
saint and seek his
powerful intercession.



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with your friends and
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From the Fathers

When you perceive that God is chastising you, fly not to his enemies . . . but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power . . .

St. John Chrysostom

A Christian people celebrates together in religious solemnity the memorials of the martyrs, both to encourage their being imitated and so that it can share in their merits and be aided by their prayers.

St. Augustine of Hippo

In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him.

St. Clement of Alexandria

In addition to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.

St. Athanasius the Great

The divine Scripture likewise says that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. "For they travailed in this life and shall to the end," and "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God. For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

St. John of Damascus