



**December 1 2019**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Parish Schedule**

**Nov 30 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**  
*Intention of our Parish Family*

**Dec 1 (Sun) Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**No Children's ECF Today**  
**Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**  
*+Marie Shepherd req by Ann & Michael Andrejczak*

**Dec 5 (Thu) VIGIL OF ST NICHOLAS**  
**Divine Liturgy** **7:00pm**  
*+Nicholas & Mary Soltis req by Ann Dole & Family*

**Dec 7 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**  
*+Anna Demyanovich req by daughter Janet Belliveau Yarosik*

**Dec 8 (Sun) Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF ST ANNE**  
**Children's ECF** **9:00am**  
**Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**  
*+Maria Rusinko req by Eleanor Timko*

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Our Tithe to our Parish - November 24, 2019 - \$978.00

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*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Jude Bodnar,  
 Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,  
 Joseph Rusinko Sr, Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Debby Vasko



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Dec 1 thru Dec 7 for +Ann Demyanovich Liebel req by daughter Janet Belliveau Yarosik

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**GOD WITH US Online — Adult ECF**

The Directors of Religious Education for all the Eastern Catholic Churches in the U.S. are excited to announce five live webinars this year.

These live webinars are offered free of charge in the months September to January.

They will address topics such as:

- Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity
- The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith, our life and our spiritual understanding.

Details and descriptions of these webinars, as well as registration information, have been sent to all on our parish email list. If by chance you did not receive this info, please contact Fr John as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on this marvelous opportunity. Or, alternatively, register at: [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

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***PARISH PIROHY PROJECT***

The December Parish Pirohy Project begins this week. Here is the schedule for this month.

Thursday, 5 Dec.      Make sweet cabbage filling

Saturday, 7 Dec.      Make potato filling

Mon-Tue, 9-10 Dec.   Making Pirohy

## FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF ST. ANNE



Next Sunday we also celebrate a second feast, the Maternity of St. Anne, which falls on Sunday, December 8.

Nine months before the birth of the Holy Virgin Mary, we commemorate her conception.

Her parents, the righteous Joachim and Anne, after years of waiting for a child, were blessed to become the parents of the one who would give birth to the Son of God.



### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The East Wind Symphony and the Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archieparchial Choir present *Holiday Sounds: A Christmas Cookie Cabaret*, Sunday, 15 December, 2019 at 3:30 pm at St John Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall PA.

Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Mon Yough Chorale presents a concert of *Holiday Tunes* on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, at 3:00pm at Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church, 1665 Lincoln Way, White Oak..

Tickets \$8.00—Available at the door or from any member.

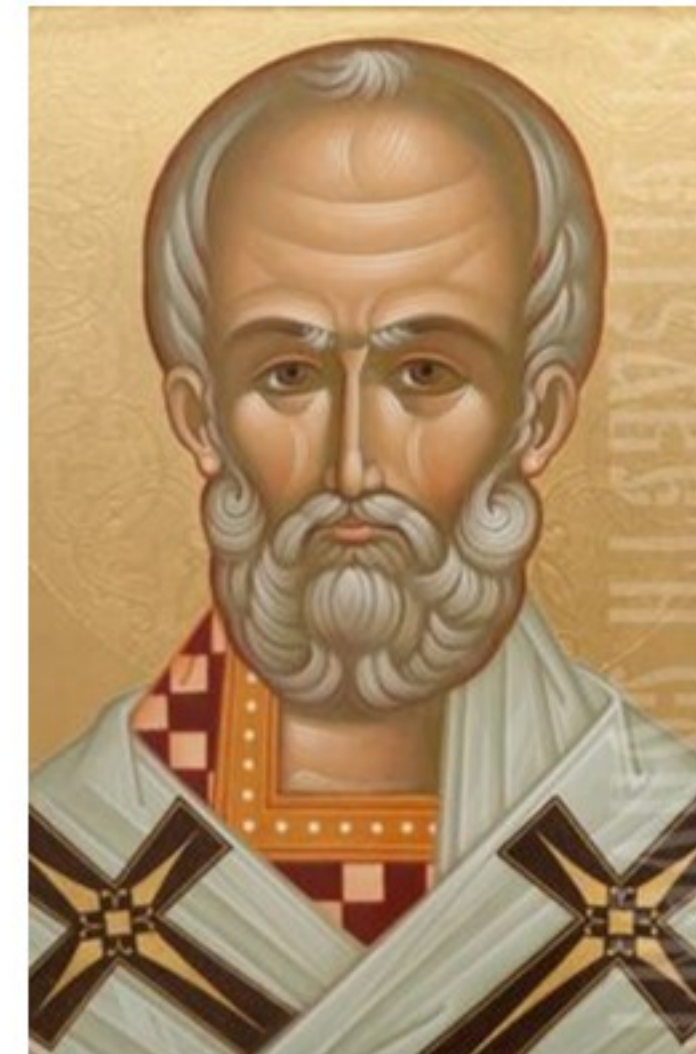
Cookie Reception to follow

## ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER

St. Nicholas is indeed a saint for this season!

Unlike many of the other saints whom we commemorate during the year, he is not remarkable for his asceticism or spiritual struggles.

Rather, he is like the good uncle who never means any harm ... always ready to comfort and help those in need.



He does not stand in judgment, but understands human weakness, human character and human needs. It is no wonder that among all the saints, Nicholas has a popularity unrivaled by any.

It is quite understandable, then, that his icon has traditionally been placed near the door of the house of Christians ... where everyone who enters sees him. He is the good host, ready to receive everyone and make them feel at home!

The popularity of Nicholas is also seen in the numerous icons of him ... from the very simple folk paintings ... to some of the most masterly icons ever written. People of all walks of life have taken consolation in him and expressed their love for him.

During this pre-Nativity season, we too seek to be refashioned in the image of our Creator. The image of Nicholas offers us a very powerful model ... a model of the divine life wrapped in human clothing.

Nicholas saw the needs of people ... and quietly and without pretension, he reached out to help others. In him, the mercy and compassion of our God is made tangible.

In all that we do for others during this season, may we also take inspiration from our Holy Father Nicholas ... and may his spirit continue to live in us and spread to others through our example