

Glory to Jesus Christ! St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church Glory Forever!
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29 November 2015 / 7524: 27th Sunday after Pentecost

*The Holy Martyr Paramon The holy Martyr Philemon,
 Our Venerable Father Acacius, mentioned in the “Ladder of St. John Climacus”*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Nov. 28 **17:00 Vigil of the 27th Sunday after Pentecost.** Suffrages for + **James & Brittney Knouse** 2nd Wedding Anniversary – *Martin, Dorothy, & Tina Osif.*

Sun. Nov. 29 **10:30 27th Sunday after Pentecost.** Suffrages for **the parish;** for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Joseph & Joyce Regalla.*

Wed. Dec. 02 **19:00 Emmanuel Moleben**

Sat. Dec. 05 **17:00 Vigil of the 28th Sunday after Pentecost – Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Thaumaturga** Suffrages for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Joseph & Joyce Regalla.*

Sun. Dec. 06 **10:30 28th Sunday after Pentecost – Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Thaumaturga** Suffrages for **the parish;** for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Joseph & Joyce Regalla.*

Wed. Dec. 09 **19:00 Maternity of Holy Anna** Suffrages for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Joseph & Joyce Regalla.*

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. Nov. 28	-----	J. Kontir	D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer	
Sun. Nov. 29	E. R. A. Hess	S. Vacha	D. Hess, G. Krynicky	
Wed. Dec. 02	T. & M. Syphan	A. & K. Syphan	-----	
Sat. Dec. 05	-----	M. Harhai	J. Snitzer, R. Garber	
Sun. Dec. 06	Ruggieri, Syphans	A. Prizzi	R. Knouse, R. Garber	
Wed. Dec. 09	T. & M. Syphan	J. Kontir	-----	
11/22/15: Collection	Adult: \$820 Holy Day: \$120	Student: \$12 Total: \$1011	Candles: \$59	

Attendance: Saturday: 29 + 3 Sunday: 30 + 3 Holy Day: 10, 4 Moleben: 8+2

During the Nativity Fast we are asked to prepare ourselves for the **first arrival**, the first *advent*, of Christ in the cave at Bethlehem; but the Church, both east and west, has always understand that there are a second and a final Advent. The **second** is Christ among us each and every day: in each other, in creation, in Scripture, and in the Sacred Mysteries. The **third and final advent** is when our Lord comes to us at the *Parousia* – at the end of time «*to judge the living and dead*». The Nativity Fast, therefore, is a vital, important time of repentance and divine mercy. It is no coincidence that the three verse section immediately before today’s pericope about the woman healed on the Sabbath stresses this very idea: And [Jesus] told this parable: «*A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’*» It is a most ancient tradition that obliges Eastern Christians to celebrate the Mystery of Holy Confession during the Church’s four fasting periods.



In his recent encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of having a thankful spirit and encourages us to incorporate this attitude into every moment of our lives. «We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness, which is capable of being fully present to someone without thinking of what comes next, which accepts each moment as a gift from God to be lived to the full. Jesus taught us this attitude when He invited us to contemplate the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, or when seeing the rich young man and knowing his restlessness, ‘He looked at him with love’ (Mk 10:21). He was completely present to everyone and to everything.... «One expression of this attitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labors provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.» Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, §226-227



Next Sunday’s Readings: 28th Sunday after Pentecost; Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Colossians 1: 12 – 18 AND Hebrews 13: 17 – 21
Luke 17: 12 – 19 and Luke 6: 17 – 23

Mark your Calendar:

- 02 December Emmanuel Moleben: *A Service of Prayer for the Nativity Fast.*
- 05 December Christmas Craft & Bake Sale – St John Byzantine Church, Uniontown, flyer in Narthex.
- 06 December St. Nicholas Benefit Dinner for Seminary – Cathedral Social Centre, Munhall.
 Christmas Craft & Bake Sale – St John Byzantine Church, Uniontown, flyer in Narthex.
- 09 December Maternity of Holy Anna: Divine Liturgy at 19:00.