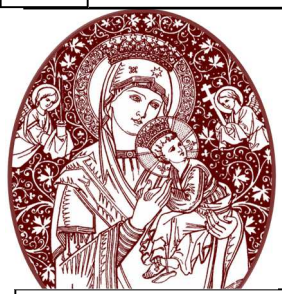


St. Nicholas

In AD 325 Emperor Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea, the 1st ecumenical council. More than 300 bishops came from all over the Christian world to debate the nature of the Holy Trinity. It was one of the early church's most intense theological questions. Arius, from Egypt, was teaching that Jesus the Son was not equal to God the Father. Arius forcefully argued his position at length. The bishops listened respectfully. As Arius vigorously continued, Nicholas became more and more agitated. Finally, he could no longer bear what he believed was essentially being attacked. The outraged Nicholas got up, crossed the room, and slapped Arius across the face! The bishops were shocked. It was unbelievable that a bishop would lose control and be so hotheaded in such a solemn assembly. They brought Nicholas to Constantine. Constantine said even though it was illegal for anyone to strike another in his presence, in this case, the bishops themselves must determine the punishment. The bishops stripped Nicholas of his bishop's garments, chained him, and threw him into jail. That would keep Nicholas away from the meeting. When the Council ended a final decision would be made about his future. Nicholas was ashamed and prayed for forgiveness, though he did not waver in his belief. During the night, Jesus and Mary, his Mother, appeared, asking, "Why are you in jail?" "Because of my love for you," Nicholas replied. Jesus then gave the Book of the Gospels to Nicholas. Mary gave him an omophorion, so Nicholas would again be dressed as a bishop. Now at peace, Nicholas studied the Scriptures for the rest of the night. When the jailer came in the morning, he found the chains loose on the floor and Nicholas dressed in bishop's robes, quietly reading the Scriptures. When Constantine was told of this, the emperor asked that Nicholas be freed. Nicholas was then fully reinstated as the Bishop of Myra. The Council of Nicaea agreed with Nicholas' views, deciding the question against Arius. The work of the Council produced the Nicene Creed which to this day many Christians repeat weekly when they stand to say what they believe.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration
Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
294 days or 42 weeks

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Dec 14	Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	
Dec 15	No Liturgy	
Dec 16	No Liturgy	
Dec 17	No Liturgy	
Dec 18	No Liturgy	
Dec 19	No Liturgy	
Dec 20	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Dec 21	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	✠ Ann Berzansky

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Colossians 3:4-11

Luke 14:16-24

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Troparion of the of the Holy Forefathers - Tone 2

By faith you justified Your ancestors and through them in advance you betrothed the Church taken from the nations. The saints exult in glory; from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Kondakion of the Holy Forefathers - Tone 6

Glory be...
Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the manmade idol, O thrice bless’d youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: “In Your mercy, O Gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,” for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimen of the Holy Forefathers

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Alleluia of the Holy Forefathers

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Moses and Aaron are among His priests
and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Weekly Collection - December 7, 2025 - \$1,029.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$290.00 Candles - \$50.00 Misc.. - \$249.00 Dues - \$25.00

Holy Day - \$15.00 Pyrohy - \$400.00

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Dinner - The Annual Christmas dinner will be January 4th. Please bring a dessert.
Blessing of Water - Water will be blessed on January 4th . Bring your containers for water.
Blessing of Houses - Father Andriy will bless houses in the Ebensburg area on January 11th.
World Marriage Day - A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Feb. 14th at 11:00AM in our parish.
There will be a Divine Liturgy, renewal of vows, photos followed by a lite luncheon in our church hall.
Please complete and return the below form no later than Sunday, January 11, 2026

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM Vespers - Northern Cambria
6:00PM Divine Liturgy - Altoona
10:00PM Great Compline
and Divine Liturgy - Northern Cambria

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25

10:00AM Divine Liturgy - Revloc



2025 Christmas Schedule

Prayer List	Millie Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock, Helen Farster, Bekka Facemire. To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.
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Happy 7th Anniversary to George and Mandy

May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!

Многая і благая літа!

Joke of the Day

While a man had gone out driving to do some Christmas shopping, his wife had been watching TV when she heard the announcer say, "be very careful and watch driving on I5 today, there is a motorist driving the wrong way"! His wife got hold of him on the cell phone to warn him, and his reply was: "You tell me, there are hundreds of them here".