



# St. Nicholas of Myra Chapel

A Byzantine Catholic Church of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009

Dear Faithful,

I am very excited to be appointed as the new administrator of the St. Nicholas Chapel located at 5400 Tuscarawas Road in Beaver (Brighton Township), PA. In addition, I am also the administrator of the Byzantine Catholic Parishes of St. George in Aliquippa and St. Mary in Ambridge.

I grew up in Canonsburg, PA where my parents still reside. I spent over half a dozen years in religious (monastic) life where I served on a Native American Reservation outside of Phoenix, AZ, as well as at a parish in inner city Detroit. I have spent the past year transitioning to full time ministry for the Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. I was blessed to get to spend a semester at the St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary where our future priests are trained to provide Liturgical coverage for many of our parishes. I feel very at home serving in the Byzantine Church.

My first assignment as a priest was driving around two different Native American reservations near Phoenix, AZ to provide the sacraments and pastoral care to three different missions. It was a challenge but was a blessing to provide priestly support to an underserved congregation.

I have a missionary heart and a desire to spread the Gospel wherever I am assigned to serve. While Beaver County doesn't have the same level of financial and social difficulties as the Native American reservation I served, the St. Nicholas Chapel has had many Byzantine priests come and go and has lacked a consistent pastoral presence. I take the responsibility of being assigned to all three of the Churches in my care as a missionary-like activity and wish to provide as stable of a pastoral presence as possible. I am a celibate priest and have wholeheartedly devoted my life to the service of God and his people.

I wish to invite you to join us for Liturgy at our St. Nicholas Chapel. Every Saturday we have a 5 pm Divine Liturgy in anticipation of Sunday. Confessions are available before every Liturgy beginning at 4 pm. Major feast days will also be celebrated, and I am available for sick calls, house blessings, and all the other ministries that a Church community needs.

I also want to invite you to a social in honor of St. Nicholas, the patron of the Chapel, at 6:15 pm following Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Seven Oaks Country Club. This is meant to be a time to celebrate our patron saint, to reconnect with long-time attendees of St. Nicholas Chapel and hopefully meet some new faces. Reservations are required to attend the dinner social and may be made through the following link - <https://gcuusa.com/pages/spring-st-nicholas-event> . I hope to see many of you there and enjoy your company.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Reverend Anthony Costantino  
Administrator, St. Nicholas Chapel