

# **THE LIGHT OF THE EAST**



## **ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT** **BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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### **WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES**

**Sat: 5 PM [Vespers with Liturgy]**

**Sun: 9:45 AM [Third Hour] 10 AM [Divine Liturgy]**

**Mystery of Holy Repentance [Confessions]: AFTER Saturday  
Evening Prayer or ANYTIME by appointment**

**DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 29, 2013**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.**

**Our Ven. Fr. Cyriacus the Anchorite.**

**PLEASE COME FORWARD AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY;  
KISS THE HOLY ICONS, KISS THE HAND CROSS [OR RECEIVE  
THE HOLY ANOINTING], & PARTAKE OF THE ANTIDORAN  
[BLESSED BREAD].**

- SAT. SEPT. 28**            **5 PM VIGIL LITURGY** +*Paul DeMayo by friends*  
**6:15 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE**
- SUN. SEPT. 29**            **9:45AM THE THIRD HOUR**  
**10:00 AM LITURGY** *For the People*  
**11:15 AM COFFEE SOCIAL [IN ST. MARY'S HALL]**
- MON. SEPT. 30**            **The Holy Martyr Gregory the Illuminator of Armenia.**  
**7 PM VIGIL LITURGY** *Health of Jay Murtaugh & Mike  
Radovanic by Martha Eyman*
- TUE. OCT. 1**                **THE FEAST OF THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE  
THEOTOKOS. [SOLEMN HOLY DAY] The Holy  
Apostle Ananias. Our Ven. Fr. Romanos the  
Hymnographer.**  
**9 AM THE THIRD HOUR**
- WED. OCT. 2**                **The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. The Holy Martyr  
Justina. The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ.**  
**9 AM** *Salvation & Health of Andrew Basil Dietz*
- THU. OCT. 3**                **The Bishop – Martyr Dennis the Areopagite.**  
**9 AM** *Int. of Dennis Swit*
- FRI. OCT. 4**                **The Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Our Ven.  
Fr. Francis of Assisi.**  
**NO DIVINE SERVICES FATHER'S DAY OFF**
- SAT. OCT. 5**                **The Holy Martyr Charitina**  
**5 PM VESPER LITURGY** +*Virginia Kosmo by friends*
- SUN. OCT. 6**                **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy  
and Glorious Apostle Thomas.**  
**9:45 AM THE THIRD HOUR**  
**10 AM LITURGY FOR THE PEOPLE**  
**11:15 AM COFFEE SOCIAL [IN ST. MARY'S HALL]**
- CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE!**



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 –**  
**LITURGY BEGINS ON PAGE 11**  
PROPER FOR THE LITURGY  
ARE FOUND ON PAGES 128 TO  
132 [TONE 2] OR **ON THE PULL**  
**OUT SHEET FOUND IN THIS**  
**CHURCH BULLETIN.**

**VESPERS PROPER**

ARE FOUND ON PAGES 128- 130  
*Vigil Liturgy begins on page 104 of  
the Blue-Green Pew Book. We  
switch to the Liturgy portion at  
“Holy God” pages 28-30.*

**The Eparchial General Assembly and Ordination Reflections.**

*This past weekend Fr. Bryan and 9 parishioners shared in the Eparchial General Assembly and the Ordinations at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Parma. St. Athanasius Parishioner John Russell was ordained to the Holy Order of Sub-Deacon at Festal Evening Prayer Saturday. Also being ordained Sub-Deacon was Seminarian Kenneth Malley. Seminarian Kenneth was ordained a Deacon Sunday morning at the General Assembly Liturgy. The Divine Services conducted were absolutely beautiful. Your Pastor served the Sixth Hour Friday and the Festal Evening Prayer Saturday Evening. The various presentations also were excellent providing a great deal of fodder for our future discussion and implementation. There will be a number of parish-based presentations and discussions required in preparation for the Eparchial Canonical Assembly in early October of 2014. Our first presentation and discussion will be held on Sunday October 13, 2013 after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy at the Coffee Social @ 11:15 AM.*

**YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT., 2013**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Collection</u></b> | <b><u>Candles</u></b> | <b><u>Holy Day</u></b> | <b><u>Fundraising</u></b> | <b><u>Total Income</u></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sept. 1            | \$1,078.50               | \$168.00              | \$34.00                | \$948.50                  | \$2,229.00                 |
| Sept. 8            | \$3,680.70               | \$ 13.00              | \$00.00                | \$860.25                  | \$4,553.95                 |
| Sept. 15           | \$1,197.56               | \$ 9.61               | \$10.00                | \$804.25                  | \$2021.42                  |
| Sept. 22           | \$ 778.00                | \$ 55.35              | \$0.00                 | \$883.00                  | \$1716.35                  |
| <b>Totals</b>      | <b>\$4,759.20</b>        | <b>\$181.00</b>       | <b>\$34.00</b>         | <b>\$1,808.75</b>         | <b>\$6,782.95</b>          |

**We need a weekly income of \$3000.00 to properly operate YOUR Parish.**

**The Lord says "Bring your whole tithe to the Temple and put me to the Test!" {Malachi 3:10} Are you following the Lord's Commandment? WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE! MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO FAITHFUL CONTRIBUTE TO ST.ATHANASIUS THE GREAT PARISH!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** our parishioners, family members, friends and others who are ill or infirm: **AMY CHIAPPE, ETHAN EYMAN, CULVER "RED" EYMAN, BOBBI SPAK, JULIE COLLINS, BJ NOVAK, DONALD STEIN, ELAINE WILSON, DEREK ANTHONY, CORY ROMERO, KEVIN ZAHN, DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN.**

| <b><u>Candles Available</u></b> | <b><u>Monthly Donation</u></b> | <b><u>Intention</u></b> | <b><u>Sponsor</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Eternal Lamp                    | \$40.00                        | +Family & Friends       | Olga Vaughn           |
| Icon Screen (6)                 | \$35.00                        | Juliana Peresie         | Henry Peresie         |
| Tetrapod (2)                    | \$30.00                        | Special Intention       | Al Macek              |
| Nativity Icon                   | \$25.00                        | In Thanksgiving         | Richard Medwig        |
| Theotokos of Vladimir Icon      | \$25.00                        | Special Intention       | Glen Grabow           |
| Resurrection Icon               | \$25.00                        | Dr. Charlotte Neumann   | Judy Ernst            |
| Annuciation Tryptych            | \$25.00                        | <b>AVAILABLE</b>        |                       |

**Give a spiritual Gift to someone in need.** We have candle Gift Cards you can send or give to a loved one, friend or someone in need of prayers. A single 6-day candle is \$5. For an entire month the cost is \$25. When giving your donation use the candle envelope in the back of the Church. Paired with it, take the candle card to give as a gift. In addition to the name on the candle, please specify a start date if you would like the Church to light the candle[s] in front of the Icons of our Lord or the Theotokos for you on a future date.

**SCHEDULING A DIVINE LITURGY:** A number of people have asked if they can schedule a Divine Liturgy for a particular intention. YES, it is truly a laudable thing to offer a Divine Liturgy for the intention of a loved one, a special intention of one's own, or in memory of a departed loved one or friend. You may even REQUEST a particular date if you wish, subject to the liturgical season, previously scheduled Liturgies and the availability of the Pastor. The usual and customary stipend is \$10.00. Please write down your intention, include the stipend, and place them in an envelope clearly marked "Liturgy Intention". You may give the envelope to Father Bryan, John Danovich, or place it in the collection basket.

**Upcoming celebrations of the Paraclis to the Theotokos and Mystery of Holy Anointing "Ancient Healing Service"**

We will be celebrating the Paraclis to the Theotokos and Mystery of Holy Anointing one a month. This celebration will usually be served on the Fourth Wednesday of the month, unless there is a Holy Day or Holiday. Celebrations will be held at 7 PM  
Wednesday October 23

Wednesday November 20 [Vigil Liturgy of the Entrance of the Theotokos]

Wednesday December 18 PLEASE INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS!

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT AT CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM MONASTERY**

"Draw me in your footsteps, let us run" [Song of Songs 1:4] Young, single Catholic women ages 18 to 35, who would like to take a weekend to pray about a possible vocation to the monastic or religious life, are invited to inquire about attending the upcoming Discernment Retreat at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, Thurs. Nov. 7 through Sunday November 10. Experience the life of prayer at Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, listen to talks on prayer and discernment, make use of the opportunity to get to know the nuns, and receive healing through the Mystery of Holy Repentance [Confession]. If you are interested in the Retreat, or a future retreat or discernment opportunities, visit [www.christthebridegroom.org](http://www.christthebridegroom.org) and fillout the online "Vocation Inquiry Form." Space is limited for the November Retreat, so be sure to fill out the form by October 21. Mother Theodora will call you to talk about availability. For any questions call 440-834-0290 or email" [christthebridegroom@gmail.com](mailto:christthebridegroom@gmail.com).

**UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES**

**AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH**

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| <b><u>MON. Sept. 30</u></b> | <b>7 PM VIGIL LITURGY FOR THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS</b>   |
| <b><u>TUE. Oct. 1</u></b>   | <b><u>FEAST OF THE HOLY PROTECTION</u><br/>9 AM THE THIRD HOUR</b>   |
| <b><u>SAT. Oct. 5</u></b>   | <b>5 PM VIGIL LITURGY<br/>6:15 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE</b>   |
| <b><u>SUN. Oct. 6</u></b>   | <b><u>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u><br/>9:45 AM THIRD HOUR<br/>10 AM LITURGY<br/>11:15 AM COFFEE SOCIAL [ST. MARY HALL]</b>   |
| <b><u>SAT. Oct. 12</u></b>  | <b>5 PM VIGIL LITURGY<br/>6:15 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE</b>   |
| <b><u>SUN. Oct. 13</u></b>  | <b><u>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.</u><br/>9:45 AM THIRD HOUR<br/>10 AM DIVINE LITURGY<br/>11:15 AM COFFEE SOCIAL<br/>11:45 AM ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION #1</b> |
| <b><u>SAT. Oct. 19</u></b>  | <b>5 PM VIGIL LITURGY<br/>6:15 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE</b>   |
| <b><u>SUN. Oct. 20</u></b>  | <b><u>22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</u><br/>9:45 AM THIRD HOUR<br/>10 AM LITURGY<br/>11:15 AM COFFEE SOCIAL [ST. MARY HALL]</b>   |

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PRAYER RALLY FOR FAITH AND FREEDOM**

***TODAY FROM 2 TO 4 PM***

***MARIAN UNIVERSITY***

***ST. VINCENT ATHLETIC FIELD***

***3200 COLD SPRING ROAD, INDIANAPOLIS***

*Come and Pray for our republic and our church with Fr. Michael O'Mara, Fr. Bob Robeson, and Fr. Glenn O'Connor local Religious, Seminarians and School Children.*

*The Main Speaker will be Fr. James Kelleher, S.O.L.T. from the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas.*

*Please be in the Bleachers by 2 PM as an act of Respect to allow the Eucharistic Procession to enter the Athletic Field.*

*Free Parking is available and transportation of the handicapped from the parking lot will be provided.*

*In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Marian Center.*

*For more information please call Kathy at 317-888-0873*



**BISHOP JOHN'S VISIT TO INDIANAPOLIS  
POSTPONED.**

**WORK DAY STILL PLANNED FOR SAT. OCT. 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

*Due to a scheduling conflict, His Grace Bishop John has had to postpone his visit to St. Athanasius Parish in Indianapolis. His visit with the relics of our martyred Byzantine Catholic Bishops will be scheduled for a future date.*

*But we still need to continue the beautification and repairs of the St. Athanasius Church property. A WORK*

*DAY has been scheduled for Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM and continuing until the Vesper Liturgy at 5 PM. We will hold the day rain or shine, for painting, scraping, weeding, repair of the broken steeple window etc. Or inside in case of rain we can remove the outer pews, work on mounting the icon panels, and other necessary work! Please come prepared to get dirty! Thank you!*

## **FATHER'S LITURGICAL CORNER**

**Father, Often people ask me "Why do Byzantine Catholics bless themselves 'backwards'?" Can you explain how and why we bless ourselves from right to left, instead of from left to right? Can you explain the meaning behind how we form our right hand for the blessing?**

*Before the late Middle Ages all Christians made the "Sign of the Cross" in the same manner, as we Byzantine Catholics do, from right to left. In the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, the thumb, index, and middle finger are brought to a point, symbolizing the Trinity (the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, three persons [hypostases] sharing a single essence [ousia]), the remaining two fingers (kept pressed together and touching the palm) representing the human and divine natures of Jesus Christ. However, the Russian Orthodox in the past used two fingers brought to a point with the three remaining fingers pressed down. Russian Old Believers still use this form. The Oriental Orthodox (Armenians, Copts, Ethiopians etc.) generally use the "Western" direction as well, though often with the Byzantine finger formation.*



*In Russia, until the reforms of Patriarch Nikon in the 17th century, it was customary to make the sign of the cross with two fingers (symbolizing the dual nature of Christ). The enforcement of the three-finger sign was one of the reasons for the schism with the Old Believers whose congregations continue to use the two-finger sign of the cross.*

*The sign of the Cross is made by touching the hand sequentially to the forehead, lower chest or navel area, and both shoulders, accompanied by the*

*Trinitarian formula: at the forehead In the name of the Father; at the stomach or heart and of the Son; across the shoulders and of the Holy Spirit/Ghost; and finally: Amen.*





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*There are several interpretations, according to Church Fathers; the forehead symbolizes Heaven; the stomach, the earth; the shoulders, the place and sign of power.*

*There are some variations: for example a person may first place the right hand in holy water. After moving the hand from one shoulder to the other, it may be returned to the stomach. It may also be accompanied by the recitation of a prayer e.g. the Jesus Prayer, or simply "Lord have mercy". In some countries, like Spain and Mexico, it is customary to kiss one's thumb at the conclusion of the gesture.<sup>[2]</sup>*

*St. Theodoret (393–457) gave the following instruction:*

*"This is how to bless someone with your hand and make the sign of the cross over them. Hold three fingers, as equals, together, to represent the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. These are not three gods, but one God in Trinity. The names are separate, but the divinity one. The Father was never incarnate; the Son incarnate, but not created; the Holy Ghost neither incarnate nor created, but issued from the Godhead: three in a single divinity. Divinity is one force and has one honor. They receive on obeisance from all creation, both angels and people. Thus the decree for these three fingers.*

*You should hold the other two fingers slightly bent, not completely straight. This is because these represent the dual nature of Christ, divine and human. God in His divinity, and human in His incarnation, yet perfect in both. The upper finger represents divinity, and the lower humanity; this way salvation goes from the higher finger to the lower. So is the bending of the fingers interpreted, for the worship of Heaven comes down for our salvation. This is how you must cross yourselves and give a blessing, as the holy fathers have commanded."*

*I hope this helps your explaining our Sign of the Cross to your family and Friends.*

**The Holy Protection of the Mother of God** is one of the most beloved feast days on the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic calendar among the Slavic peoples, commemorated on October 1. The feast is celebrated additionally on October 28 in the Greek tradition. It is also known as the feast of the **Virgin Mary's Cerement**.

In most Slavic languages the word "cerement" has a dual meaning of "veil" and "protection." The Slavonic word *Pokrov* (Покров), like the Greek *Skepi* (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the **Veil of Our Lady**, the **Protecting Veil of the Theotokos**, the **Protection of the Theotokos**, or the **Intercession of the Theotokos**.

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrew of Constantinople, Fool for Christ's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

The Protection is commemorated most fervently in Slavic churches, probably because St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ was a Slav. The first celebration of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos in the Slavic Churches dates back from the 12th century and today is celebrated throughout the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches.

The feast day commemorating the miracle is celebrated with Festal Divine Services, with many of the same elements as occur on Great Feasts of the Theotokos. However, this feast has no after-feast.

## The Holy Protection of the Mother of God [page 2]

### **Slavic usage**

The Rusyn *Primary Chronicle* noted that the intercession of the Theotokos was needed for the protection of the people of Constantinople when a large fleet of the pagan Rus, led by Askole and Dir, was threatening Constantinople. The invading fleet was defeated and the event remembered. Strangely, the feast came to be considered a very important feast by the Slavic Orthodox Churches but not by the Greeks.



A twelfth century Russian chronicle describes the establishment of the intercession as a special feast day honoring the event. Within a few centuries churches began being named in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God.

Among these churches two that are world famous are: in Moscow, the *Cathedral of Intercession upon a Moat* (Russian: Храм Покрова "на рву," *Cathedral of the Pokrov upon a moat*), which is popularly known as the St. Basil's Cathedral and in Bogolyubovo near Vladimir, the *Church of Intercession upon the Nerl River* (Russian: Церковь Покрова на Нерли, *Tserkov Pokrova na Nerli*).

The Moscow cathedral was built in the mid 1500s by Tsar Ivan IV and the Bogolyubovo church was built in 1165 by Prince Andrew Bogoliusky. In Novgorod, the Monastery of the Intercession of Our Lady (Zverin Monastery) was also built during the twelfth century.

### **Greek usage**

In recent years, the Feast of the Protection has become associated with thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Greek nation from the Italian invasion of 1940. These events are commemorated in Greece in a national holiday known as "Ochi Day" or "No Day," referring to the response of the Greek leader Metaxas to Mussolini's ultimatum.

In recognition of this, and because of the many miracles of the Holy Virgin which were reported by Greek soldiers during the Greco-Italian War of 1940-1941, the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece elected in 1952 to transfer the Feast from October 1 to October 28.

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The Ecumenical Patriarchate also provides for this usage in its parishes in Greece and in the Greek diaspora, and it is generally observed now throughout the Greek-speaking world. The observance includes the chanting of a Doxology incorporating hymns recognizing the Protection of the Theotokos over the Greek nation, as well as the kontakion "O Champion Leader."



### **About the icon**

Two different events that took place four hundred years apart are combined in this one icon. Both events took place in the former Church of Blachernae in Constantinople.

The icon of the feast, Protection of the Mother of God, shows the Theotokos standing above the faithful with her arms outstretched in prayer and draped with a veil. On both sides of her are angels. On the lower right of most icons of this feast, are saints Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius who saw this vision of the Mother of God, with the twelve apostles, bishops, holy women, monks and martyrs, spreading her veil in protection over the congregation. St. Epiphanius is wearing a tunic under his

cloak and gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance, while St. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, is dressed only in a cloak.

Below the Theotokos, in the center of the icon, stands a young man with a halo, he is clothed in a deacon's sticharion. In his left hand, he is holding an open scroll with the text of the Kontakion for Nativity in honor of the Mother of God. This is St. Romanus the Melodist, the famous hymnographer whose feast is also celebrated on the same day, October 1. He is with his choir attended by the Emperor Leo the Wise together with the Empress and the Patriarch of Constantinople.

**Blessed Andrew the Fool-for-Christ** was a 10th century fool-for-Christ, famed for his vision of the Protection of the Mother of God. He is commemorated by the Church on October 2.

He was born a Scythian [a Slavic Tribe] and came to live in Constantinople as the slave of Theognostus, a *protospatharios* ("first sword-bearer," an honorific title) to Emperor Leo VI the Great (886-912). He was also the spiritual child of Nicephorus, a priest at Hagia Sophia during that time.

Blessed Andrew loved God's Church and the Holy Scriptures, and he had a strong desire to devote himself totally to God. He took upon himself a very difficult and unusual ascetic feat of fool-for-Christ; that is, he acted as if he were insane.

Seeming to be insane, Andrew was brought to the Church of St. Anastasia for his care. There St. Anastasia appeared to him in a dream and encouraged him to continue his ascetic feat. He was driven off the church property because of his faked madness and had to live on the streets of the capital city, hungry and half-naked. For many years the saint endured mockery, insults, and beatings. He begged for alms and gave them away to the poor. The beggars to whom he gave his last coins despised him, but Andrew endured all his sufferings humbly and prayed for those who hurt him.

St. Andrew's holy wisdom and extraordinary spiritual beauty were revealed when he removed his mask of folly. This occurred when talking to his spiritual father, a presbyter of Hagia Sophia, or to his disciple Epiphanius.

For his meekness and self-control, the saint received from the Lord the gifts of prophecy and wisdom, saving many from spiritual perils. While praying at the Blachernae church, it was St. Andrew who, with his disciple, the Blessed Epiphanius, saw the Most Holy Mother of God, holding her veil over those praying under her Protection. The synaxarion states that upon seeing this vision, St. Andrew turned to his companion and asked, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

Blessed Andrew died in the year 936 at the age of 66.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY THOSE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.**

**MAJOR CRAIG M. EYMAN DO~** is Fr. Bryan's 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest brother. He has reentered the Army Reserve and is currently serving with the 848<sup>th</sup> FST [Forward Surgical Team] stationed in Twinsburg, OH. He has been deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan.

**CAPTAIN BRIAN HEWKO~** has been a friend of Fr. Bryan. Brian is from St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Byzantine Catholic Church in Austinburg, OH. He is a 2008 graduate of West Point. Brian became a Captain in the U. S. Army on July 1, 2011, and has been deployed to Afghanistan during 2011 and 2012. Brian is currently serving our Republic at an Army base in Arizona, where he is training for Army Intelligence. He thanks you for your prayerful support.

**CAPTAIN CHRISTINA MOMONIER~** is a friend of Fr. Bryan. Christina is from Baltimore, MD and was received into the Byzantine Catholic Church at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Fairport Harbor, Ohio. She is currently serving at Ft. Drum, NY.

**CAPTAIN [FATHER] JOSEPH BRANKATELLI USA ~** is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. Fr. Joseph is currently deployed and serving in Bagram, Afghanistan.

**SPECIALIST 3 KATIE WELLER USAF and AIRMEN FIRST CLASS**

**JOHANN WELLER USAF ~** are friends of Fr. Bryan and members of St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg, PA. Before entering the Armed Forces they were active with the BYZANTEEN Youth Rallies.

**PRIVATE CODY ROMERO USA, STAFF SERGEANT NIKO ROMERO, and STAFF SERGEANT RORY ROMERO** Sons of Sonia Stanton. Cody recently received the Military Blessing at our Church and will soon be deployed to Afghanistan.

**PRIVATE JACKSON RUANE USA~** Jackson is formerly from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Ashtabula, OH. He has completed Basic Training and was deployed to Korea on September 9, 2013.

**PRIVATE ABIGAIL BROWN USA~** is the Grand Niece of parishioner Belinda Dorney. She entered Basic Training in the Army at Ft. Sill, OK on August 13, 2013. If you have a member of the military you would like to have commemorated please write a note to Fr. Bryan or call the Parish Office.

***May God, in His infinite Love and Mercy, guide and protect all of those serving our Republic in the Armed Forces.***

*Welcome to St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church of Indianapolis, IN. We are a Byzantine Catholic Community that, as part of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy [Diocese] of Parma, is in Communion with Pope Francis I and the other Catholic Churches. If you remain until the end of the Divine Liturgy; you will fulfill your Sunday Obligation. [If you leave early you do not fulfill your Sunday obligation.] We welcome to Holy Communion all Orthodox and Catholic Christians, who are able to receive Holy Communion in their own parish Church. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, all should come forward to kiss the Holy Cross, or be anointed with blessed oil, and share in the Blessed Bread. Then join us in our St. Mary Hall for our Coffee Social. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!*