

# **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**

**SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2013**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST.**

**The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rhodian and their companions.**

**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. NOV. 9            5 PM    VIGIL LITURGY *Int. of Kent Rich by Kirk Rich***

**6:15 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE**

**SUN. NOV. 10        9:45AM THE THIRD HOUR [BY THE CANTORS]**

**10:00 AM LITURGY *For the People***

**11:15 AM PANACHIDA +LARRY WIETHE [40<sup>TH</sup> DAY]**

**11:30 AM [IN ST. MARY'S HALL] BRUNCH**

**FOLLOWED BY EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY  
PRESENTATION #2**

**MON. NOV. 11        The Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor & Vincent. The Holy**  
**Martyr Stephanis. Our Ven. Fr. & Conf. Theodore the**  
**Studite. The Holy Presbyter & New Martyr Eugene**  
**Bossilkov.**

***NO DIVINE SERVICES ~FATHER'S DAY OFF***

**TUE. NOV. 12        The Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polosk. Our**  
**Ven. Fr. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Our**  
**Ven. Fr. Nilus.**

**9 AM +Larry Wiethe by Peter Wiethe**

**WED. NOV. 13        Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Patriarch of**  
**Constantinople**

**9 AM *Int. of Derek Anthony***

**THU. NOV. 14        The Holy Apostle Phillip. Our Ven. Fr. & Conf. Gregory**  
**Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika.**

**9 AM *Int. of Bohdan Mykailiv***

**THE PHILLIP'S FAST [PRE-CHRISTMAS FAST] BEGINS AT SUNDAWN**

**FRI. NOV. 15        The Holy Martyrs & Conf. Gurias, Samonas & Habib.**

**9 AM EMANAU MOLEBEN**

**[PRE-CHRISTMAS PAYER SERVICE]**

**CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE!**

SAT. NOV. 16

**The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew.**

**5 PM VESPER LITURGY** *Int. of Ryan & Elise Vaughn by  
Olga Vaughn*

SUN. NOV. 17

**TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.**

**Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-worker, Bishop of  
Neocaesarea. The Holy Bishop & New Martyr Josaphat  
Kotsylovsky, Bishop of Przemsyl [1947].**

**9:45 AM THE THIRD HOUR**

**10 AM LITURGY FOR THE PEOPLE**

**11:15 AM PANACHIDA** +*Juliana Pytel Peresie [40<sup>th</sup> day]*

**11:30 AM COFFEE SOCIAL [IN ST. MARY'S HALL]**

**11:45 AM LIVING THE LITURGY PRESENTATION #3**

**WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
COFFEE SOCIAL IN ST. MARY HALL**



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 –  
LITURGY BEGINS ON PAGE 11**  
PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY  
ARE FOUND ON PAGES 159 TO  
164 [TONE 8] OR **ON THE PULL  
OUT SHEET FOUND IN THIS  
CHURCH BULLETIN.**

**VESPERS PROPERS**

ARE FOUND ON PAGES 159-161  
*Vigil Liturgy begins on page 104 of  
the Blue-Green Pew Book. We  
switch to the Liturgy portion at  
“Holy God” pages 28-30.*

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

**Date      Collection      Candles      Holy Day      Fundraising      Total Income**

Nov. 3      WILL APPEAR IN AN UPCOMING BULLETIN!

**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!**

**2013-2014 ANNUAL EPARCHIAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

The 2013-2014 Annual Eparchial Stewardship Appeal has begun!

You should have already received a letter and pledge card from the Chancery Office. If you have not yet received a Stewardship Appeal letter and pledge card, please call John Danovich at the Parish Office. The Parish then can send one to you.

It is important for all of us to actively participate in the Stewardship Appeal. You can pay for your pledge over a 5 month period. Please be as generous as possible! Thank you! So far we have \$225.00 in pledges towards our goal!

<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 Healing	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	Ron Zeller	Judy Ernst

**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.



**SCHEDULE A DIVINE LITURGY:** *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 earlier you make your request, the more likely the date requested will be available. 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.*

**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, SONIA DOUGLAS-STANTON, RON ZELLER.**

**EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE~** *Our SECOND presentation and discussion will be held on THIS Sunday NOVEMBER 10, 2013 after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy at the Coffee Social @ 11:15 AM. The Presentation will be the SECOND one given by Fr. Deacon Michael Lee at the Eparchial Assembly. There will be a discussion following the presentation. There will be a number of parish-based presentations and discussions required in preparation for the Eparchial Canonical Assembly in early October of 2014. Please plan now to attend!*

**From the Wisdom of Yeshua ben Sira [Sirach 1;1-3]**

*All wisdom is from the Lord,  
and with him it remains forever.*

*The sand of the sea, the drops of rain,  
and the days of eternity—who can count them?  
The height of heaven, the breadth of the earth,  
the abyss, and wisdom\*—who can search them out?*

**UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES**  
**AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH**

- FRI. Nov. 15**      **BEGINNING OF THE PHILLIP'S FAST**  
**THE PRE-CHRISTMAS FAST**  
9 AM EMANUEL MOLEBEN ~ PRAYER  
SERVICE OF THE PRE-CHRISTMAS  
FAST
- SAT. Nov. 16**      5 PM VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY  
6:15PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE  
[CONFESSIONS]
- SUN. Nov. 17**      **16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:45AM THE THIRD HOUR  
10 AM DIVINE LITURGY  
11:15 AM COFFEE SOCIAL [ST. MARY HALL]  
11:45 AM *LIVING THE LITURGY #3*
- WED. Nov. 20**      7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER WITH THE  
MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING
- THU. Nov. 21**      **FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE**  
**THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE [SOLEMN**  
**HOLY DAY]**  
9 AM FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
- SAT. Nov. 23**      5 PM VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY  
6:15PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE
- SUN. Nov. 24**      **27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
REGULAR LITURGY TIMES  
11:15 AM COFFEE SOCIAL [ST. MARY HALL]  
11:45 AM *LIVING THE LITURGY #3*

**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 once 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 November 20 [Festal Evening Prayer of the Entrance of the  
Theotokos]**

*Wednesday December 18*

*Wednesday January 29, 2014 [Festal Evening Prayer of the Three Holy Hierarchs]*

*Wednesday February 26*

*Wednesday March 26 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Holy Anointing*

*Wednesday April 16 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Holy Anointing [Holy Week]*

**PLEASE INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS!**

**Adult Eastern Christian Formation Program Continues after Coffee Social!**

**"Living the Liturgy"** [An introduction to the Liturgy of the Byzantine Churches] In this class Fr. Bryan will continue to present and discuss the various aspects of the Liturgical Life of the Byzantine Churches. It will include the development of the Byzantine Church's Liturgical Cycle, Evening Prayer, Morning Prayer, the Hours, and the Divine Liturgies. Bring your questions NEXT SUNDAY! We will begin the classes at around 11:45 AM and end at around 1 PM. Please join in!

**Eastern Christian Formation for our Children Pre-K through Grade 8**

**"We Welcome All to Open the Door of Faith"** is the 2013 – 2014 theme for the Eastern Christian Formation Programs throughout the Eastern Catholic Churches of America. Here at St. Athanasius the Great Parish we wish to aid and encourage our young parents in the Spiritual Formation of their Children Pre-K through Grade 8. For the 2013-2014 school year Fr. Bryan asks that parents provide the Names, ages and Grades of all of the Children from Pre-K through Grade 8. Please provide them to Fr. Bryan or the Office Manager John Danovich. Then we can obtain the appropriate Books and Instructor's Guides for the parents to teach their children in their homes. High School aged students should participate in the Adult Program this school year. Everyone's active cooperation will be most appreciative. St. Athanasius the Great Parish will fulfill the requirements of the Eparchy of Parma's Safe Environment program.

# **CHRISTMAS DIVINE SERVICE SURVEY**

*Father Bryan has discovered that there has been no consistent time for the scheduling of Christmas Divine Services at St. Athanasius the Great Parish. Father wishes to hear from the Parish Community regarding your preferences of Liturgy times for the Nativity celebration. Since there is NO NEED FOR TWO DIVINE LITURGIES, only one will be celebrated. [The whole Parish Community should be together for the Eucharistic Celebration.]*

*Please circle your choice:*

1) **CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY  
OF ST. A BASIL THE GREAT**

*[No Divine Services Christmas day.]*

2) **CHRISTMAS EVE 8 PM GREAT COMPLINE WITH DIVINE  
LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

*[No Divine Services Christmas Day]*

3) **CHRISTMAS EVE 8 PM GREAT COMPLINE  
CHRISTMAS DAY 9:45 AM THIRD HOUR**

**10 AM FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

*[One should attend BOTH Great Compline Christmas Eve AND Christmas Day Liturgy with this selection]*

**Personal or Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place this in the collection basket before Sunday December 1, so that the Christmas Schedule can be arranged, cantors prepared, and acolytes selected.*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*



## **FATHER'S LITURGICAL CORNER**

### **Father, in the Roman Church there is a custom of celebrating a "Midnight Mass". What are the customary Divine Services for the celebration of Christmas in the Byzantine Catholic Church?**

The Byzantine Churches do NOT have a custom of celebrating the Divine Liturgy at Midnight. This Latinization did creep into the practice of some parishes, but since it is not in the official Typikon it is not to be celebrated in the Parma Eparchy.

Divine Services for the Nativity of our Lord begin with the Royal Hours [or Office of Readings] typically served on Christmas Eve in the morning. The Royal Hours review the prophecies and culmination of the Nativity through readings from the Old Testament, an Epistle reading and one of the Nativity Gospels.



The Services continue with the celebration of Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great usually around sundown on Christmas Eve. Fully celebrated this is an ancient day for celebrating the Mysteries of Initiation and therefore there are 15 Old Testament Readings prescribed [now usually reduced to three] during the Vesper portion. During the Divine Liturgy an Epistle and Gospel reading are done the the Anaphora of St. Basil the Great is used.

Great Compline [Night Prayer] is typically celebrated on Christmas Eve with its Scripture readings. The solemn singing of *"God is with us!"* is the most popular portion of this Liturgical Service.

Festal Morning Prayer may be served at Midnight or any time before 9 AM. It contains the singing of the Canon [Hymns] of the Nativity, one of the Nativity Gospels.

The Festal Divine Liturgy properly follows the celebration of Festal Morning Prayer. The Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom traditionally follows the celebration of festal Morning Prayer.

Thank you for your question!



*November 8 Synaxis of the Chief  
Commanders, the Archangels Michael and  
Gabriel, and of the Other Bodiless Powers*

## **Praise Him, All His Angels!**

A FEW YEARS AGO a Greek pilot had this harrowing experience. In mid-air his plane experienced system failure. The instruments disengaged, the engines cut out and there was nowhere to go but down. Suddenly the pilot saw the holy archangel Michael appear beneath the wings, holding them aloft.

He couldn't believe it. St. Michael guided the plane to safety, then vanished.

In our culture there is no room for incorporeal powers such as angels. We class them as myths, along with Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy. Their tales may provide pleasantly distracting entertainment, but we “know” that only the corporeal, the physical is real.

The Church, based on the witness of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, insists that incorporeal powers – angels – are very real, although generally unseen. They are created, as we are, but with none of the limitations our physical nature imposes on us. The angels are the invisible creation we mention in the Nicene Creed; yet they are not faceless forces: they are individuals differing according to their rank and function.

The great number of human beings who inhabit only this planet is nothing compared to the number of angels who inhabit the universe. As St Cyril of Jerusalem writes, “Imagine how great in number is the Roman people. Imagine how great in number are the other peoples who now exist and

*Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, and of the Other Bodiless Powers* [pg. 2]

how many more must have died! Imagine how many have been buried in a century or in a thousand years. Imagine all mankind from Adam to the present day. Great is their number, but it is small in comparison with the angels.”

We find the presence of angels recorded throughout the Old and the New Testaments. The prophet Isaiah saw seraphim before God’s throne (*Isaiah* 6:2) and the prophet Ezechiel saw the cherubim (*Ez* 10:8). The prophet Daniel saw a thousand thousand ministering to God with ten thousand times ten thousand standing before God (*Dan* 9 and 10). As we say in the Divine Liturgy, “There stand before You thousands of archangels and myriads of angels, cherubim and seraphim... singing, proclaiming, shouting the hymn of victory and saying ‘Holy!’”

The highest in rank of the heavenly powers who minister among us are the holy archangels, Michael and Gabriel. Mentioned in several books of the Bible, they are referred to in our Church as the “captains” or “commanders” of the heavenly hosts. In the apocalyptic Book of Daniel Gabriel is described as coming to Daniel “*in rapid flight at the time of the evening sacrifice*” (*Dan* 9:21). He prophesied that in the last days Michael, “*the guardian of your people*” (*Dan* 12:1) would defend and deliver from their enemies “*everyone who is found written in the book.*” Thus in icons Gabriel is usually depicted as winged while Michael is clothed in a military uniform.

The angel Gabriel appears before Zechariah to announce the birth of John the Forerunner and before the Theotokos to announce the birth of Christ. There are angels at His birth in Bethlehem and at His tomb in Jerusalem. Angels populate the garden in the Book of Genesis (*Gen* 3:24) and the heavens in the Book of Revelation. We call on them in the psalms to protect and help us and to lead us in blessing the Lord.

## **A Synaxis for the Heavenly Powers**

On November 8, the Byzantine Churches celebrate a synaxis (assembly) in honor of the commanders of the heavenly hosts, Michael and Gabriel, along with all the heavenly powers. This feast was first observed in a church at the thermal baths of the Emperor Arcadius in Constantinople and spread from there throughout the Christian East as the principal commemoration of the incorporeal powers.

Another feast of St. Michael is kept on September 6 remembering the miraculous spring at Chonae in Asia Minor. A sanctuary dedicated to the Archangel had been erected by local Christians. Pagans sought to destroy it by diverting a stream from a nearby gorge against it; however a lightning strike split a massive rock diverting the stream again and preserving the shrine. Believers attributed the lightning to St Michael and considered the diverted waters forever sanctified.

## **Other Angels in the Tradition**

There are a number of other angels named in Christian tradition, not to mention those in Jewish or Islamic lore. The Book of Tobit, found in the Greek Septuagint, but not in the Hebrew Masoretic text, speaks of the angel **Raphael**, who identifies himself as “*one of the seven angels who enter and serve before the glory of the Lord*” (Tob 12:15). Thus seven angels are often depicted in icons wearing priestly vestments.

The seven are named in *1 Enoch* 20, a book highly esteemed by first-century Christians and still regarded as canonical Scripture in the Ethiopian Church. Besides **Michael**, **Gabriel** and **Raphael** it lists **Uriel**, **Remiel** (Jeremiel), **Sariel** (Selaphiel) and **Raguel**. Uriel and Remiel are also mentioned in *2 Esdras* 4, another early work held to be canonical in some Churches. Uriel and Remiel were sent to explain to Ezra the signs of



the times in which he lived. The presence of the archangels in our world was generally thought to indicate an approaching apocalyptic age.

Hail, Gabriel, announcer of the Incarnation of God! Hail, Michael, chief Captain of the bodiless hierarchies, who cry aloud, “Holy, holy, holy are You, O our Mighty God!”

From the Canon, November 8

### **Dionysius and the Angels**

In the late sixth century a certain Dionysius, thought to be a Syrian pupil of the Greek philosopher Proclus, composed a number of works systematizing Scriptural teaching in a philosophical framework. For centuries he was confused with Dionysius the Areopagite, an Athenian convert of St Paul, and even St Denys of Paris. Since the nineteenth century he has been called by scholars Pseudo-Dionysius.

Dionysius’ *Celestial Hierarchies* arranged the Scriptural names for the incorporeal powers in a specific order, the nine “ranks” of spiritual beings in three “choirs”: those closest to God (thrones, cherubim and seraphim), those closest to us (angels, archangels and principalities) and those in between (authorities, dominions and powers). The names are found in Scripture:

- ***Cherubim*** (*Gen 3; Ps 80 & 99; Ez 10*)
- ***Seraphim*** (*Is 6*)
- ***Archangels*** (*1 Thess 4; Jude*)
- ***Angels*** (*Rom 8; 1 Pt 3*)
- ***Thrones, Authorities, Principalities and Dominions*** (*Eph 1, 3; Col 1*)
- ***Powers*** (*Rom 8; Eph 1*).

Dionysius felt that this list was far from exhaustive. “How many ranks of heavenly beings there are, what their nature is and how the mystery of holy authority is ordered among them only God can know in detail.... All that we can say about this is what God has revealed to us through them themselves.”

**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 returned to his family in Solon, OH. Fr. Bryan was able to visit with him while on vacation.

**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 has returned to the United States and continues to serve the Military Archdiocese.

**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 is serving at Fort Benning, GA. His brother 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 recently graduated from Army Basic Training, and is training in Army Intelligence at a base in Arizona..

Please inform Fr. Bryan of any changes.

*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!*