

# **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 APRIL 27, 2014**

**THOMAS SUNDAY.**

**The Holy Hiero-martyr Simeon, the Brother of our Lord.**

**Our Holy Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volynia.**

**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. APR. 26**      5 PM      *Intention of Cadet Adam Kenes*

**SUN. APR. 27**      9:45 PM      **THIRD HOUR**

10 AM      *For the People*

11:30 AM      **THOMAS SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

**MON. APR. 28**      **THOMAS MONDAY. The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater. The Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus and Quintillianus. Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov.**

**NO DIVINE SERVICES ~ FATHER'S DAY OFF**  
**THOMAS TUESDAY. The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice. Our Ven.Fr. Memnon the Wonder-worker.**

**TUE. APR. 29**

9 AM      *Intention of Nikolas Fekete & family*

**WED. APR. 30**      **THOMAS WEDNESDAY. The Holy Apostle James, Brother of St. John the Theologian.**

9 AM      *Int. of Dave & Julie Scotton & fam.*

**THU. MAY 1**      **THOMAS THURSDAY. The Holy Prophet Jeremiah. The Passing of the Holy Blessed Martyr Clement Sheptyckyj [1951].**

**NO DIVINE SERVICES**

**FRI. MAY 2**      **THOMAS FRIDAY. Our Holy Father Athanasius the Great, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria.**

**NO DIVINE SERVICES**

**PLEASE LOOK FOR THE CHANGEABLE PARTS, HYMN NUMBERS, AND PROPERs ON THE COLORED INSERT.**

SAT. MAY 3

The Holy Martyr Timothy and his wife Maura.  
The Passing of our Ven. Fr. Theodosius of the  
Pecherskaya Lavra.

5 PM *Int. of Adam Kenes*

6:15 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY  
REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]

SUN. MAY 4

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARERING  
WOMEN. The Holy Martyr Pelagia.

9:45 AM THE THIRD HOUR

10:00 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*

11:15 AM PARISH SUNDAY  
LUNCHEON

The Paschal [Easter] Greeting in various languages!

English: Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen!

Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam!

Greek: Christós anésti! / Alithós anésti!

Slavonic: Christós voskrése! / Vo-ístinu voskrése!

Romanian: Christós a inviáht! / Adevarát a inviáht!

Hungarian: Felta'madt Krisztus! Valo'ban felta'madt!

**YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD ~ THE MONTH OF APR. 2014**

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Collection</u> | <u>Candles</u>  | <u>Holy Day</u> | <u>Fundraising</u> | <u>Total Income</u> |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Apr. 6</u> | \$594.81          | \$121.25        | \$ 0.00         | \$96.00            | \$812.06            |
| <u>Apr.13</u> | \$650.16          | \$48.00         | \$0.00          | \$620.25           | \$1,318.41          |
| <u>Apr.20</u> | \$2,116.89        | \$14.10         | \$0.00          | \$1,088.25         | \$3,218.24          |
| <u>Totals</u> | <u>\$3,361.86</u> | <u>\$183.35</u> | <u>\$0.00</u>   | <u>\$1,804.50</u>  | <u>\$5,349.71</u>   |

***WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!***

***MANY THANKS! ~ The past two weeks have been action packed at St. Athanasius Parish. In addition to the normal Divine Services of Great and Holy Week; the Parish hosted two more religion classes from Guerin Catholic High School and the Pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make all of these items such a great success! Whether you helped with repairs, in the kitchen, singing, serving, or hosting your work is most appreciated.***

| <b>Candles Available</b>          | <b>Monthly Donation</b> | <b>Intention</b>            | <b>Sponsor</b>               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Eternal Lamp</i>               | \$40.00                 | <i>In Thanksgiving</i>      | <i>Karen Ybarra</i>          |
| <i>Icon Screen (6)</i>            | \$40.00                 | <i>Ukraine</i>              | <i>Dan &amp; Olga Vaughn</i> |
| <i>Tetrapod (2)</i>               | \$30.00                 | <i>Special Intention</i>    | <i>Al Macek</i>              |
| <i>Nativity Icon</i>              | \$25.00                 | <i>Jesus, Mary, Joseph</i>  | <i>Richard Medwig</i>        |
| <i>Theotokos of Vladimir Icon</i> | \$25.00                 | <i>Special Intention</i>    | <i>Glen Grabow</i>           |
| <i>Resurrection Icon</i>          | \$25.00                 | <i>+Beau Callaway</i>       | <i>Rebecca Becker</i>        |
| <i>Annunciation Triptych</i>      | \$25.00                 | <i>Deceased</i>             | <i>Dan &amp; Olga Vaughn</i> |
| <i>Holy Table</i>                 | \$40.00                 | <i>Family &amp; Friends</i> | <i>Dan &amp; Olga Vaughn</i> |

**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.

**Upcoming celebrations of the Paraclis to the Theotokos and Mystery of Holy Anointing "Ancient Healing Service" at 7 PM.**

*Wednesday May 28 Festal Evening Prayer of the Ascension with Holy Anointing*  
*Wednesday June 25 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*  
*Wednesday July 30 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*  
*Wednesday August 27 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*

**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, CORY ROMERO, KEVIN ZAHN, DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN, SONIA DOUGLAS-STANTON, RON ZELLER, NICHOLE RICHARDS, JUDY ERNST, BR. JAMES BROWN S.M., WILLIS WILLIAMS, BELINDA DORNEY, DAVID BLEVINS, FIREFIGHTER ROBERT KRAMER, KEITH SCOTT, DANNY ENCISO, AUSTIN MCGOFF, FR. DEACON MICHAEL GEORGE, MONICA KING GILBRECH, KATHERYN LOIDOLT, PAUL SUVAK, GLEN GRABOW.**

**May God grant all of them a quick healing and recovery!**

**Adult Eastern Christian Formation Program will be on Pascha hiatus!**

**"Living the Liturgy"** [An introduction to the Liturgy of the Byzantine Churches]  
We will restart the class on Sunday May 4, 2014, The Sunday of the Ointment-bearing Women after the Parish Social @ 12:15 PM. Father Bryan is open to hearing your suggestions for the Adult Eastern Christian Formation Program. Learning and growing in our Byzantine Catholic Faith is a life-long process, so why not join us on the journey of discovery.

***WELCOME~ IF YOU ARE VISITING ST. ATHANASIUS WE WELCOME YOU!***

***PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AFTER THE DIVINE SERVICES IN OUR ST. MARY HALL [BEHIND THE RECTORY] FOR OUR TRADITIONAL THOMAS SUNDAY LUNCHEON. WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FINAL BLESSING OF THE ARTOS. COME MEET OUR PASTOR FR. BRYAN, AND OUR PARISHIONERS. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME PLEASE JOIN US AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT PARISH!***

**PLANNING FOR EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES 2014-2015**

With the number of children under 18 whose families are now attending St. Athanasius Parish, we need to re-establish our ECF program to serve them. We will need catechists, willing to instruct our children in Byzantine Christianity. We will also need others who are willing to help provide room dividers so we can separate St. Mary Hall for Catechetical use. More Information will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

**BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY JULY 10-13, 2014**

**The TRANSFIGURATION of Christ, of US, of our World**

Mount St. Mary University Emmitsburg, MD

ages: 13-19 Cost: \$300.00 [plus transportation]

For more Information contact: Father Edward Cimbala

ByzanTEEN Rally 2014 at 908-725-06125

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

## **Sunday of the Ointment-Bearing Women Celebration**

**Sat. May 3                      5 PM                      VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY**

**6:15 PM                      MYSTERIES OF HOLY  
REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]**

**Sun. May 4                      9:45 AM                      THIRD HOUR**

**10 AM                      FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

**11:30 AM                      PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

**12:15 PM                      LITURGY & LIFE**

**“PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE”**

## **Sunday of the Paralytic Man Celebration**

**Sat. May 10                      5 PM                      VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY**

**6:15 PM                      MYSTERIES OF HOLY  
REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]**

**Sun. May 12                      9:45 AM                      THIRD HOUR**

**10 AM                      FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

**11:30 AM                      PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

**MOTHERS' DAY**

## **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Celebration**

**Sat. May 17                      5 PM                      VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY**

**6:15 PM                      MYSTERIES OF HOLY  
REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]**

**Sun. May 18                      9:45 AM                      THIRD HOUR**

**10 AM                      FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY**

**11:30 AM                      PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON**



*April 23 - St George*

*Great Martyr and Trophy-Bearer*

## Soldier of the Great King

“LARGER THAN LIFE” is a fitting description for this saint who has become the patron of so many nations and peoples. George the Great-Martyr and Trophybearer (c.280-303) was born to a prominent Greek Christian family in Palestine. His father was a military official from Cappadocia and his mother from Lod (Lydda). When George’s father died, mother and son

went back to Lod where he was raised.

The young George aimed at a military career like his father and at the age of seventeen went to Nicomedia, the imperial capital in Asia Minor, to present himself for the emperor’s service. Emperor Diocletian had known George’s father and welcomed him into the Roman army. By his late 20s George held the rank of tribune and served in the imperial guard.

### **The Persecution of Diocletian**

In AD 293 Diocletian had instituted a “tetrarchy,” entrusting the rule of the Roman Empire to four leaders: two emperors (Diocletian and Maximian) and two Caesars (Galerius and Constantius) as part of his program to revitalize the empire. His plan also involved restoring temples and cults of the ancient gods as a way of instilling “Roman pride.” Christians supported the empire but resisted its identification with the gods and goddesses of antiquity.

*St George [Page 2]* Christian historians have long described the events of 302-311 as the “persecution of Diocletian,” but in fact it was instigated by Galerius. His mother, a pagan priestess, loathed the Christians for avoiding her festivals and passed on those sentiments to her son. He instituted the persecution of Christians in the territory he ruled and urged the same throughout the empire.

In the previous forty years Christians had become increasingly influential in public life and in the military. Under the tetrarchy, however, Christians were increasingly blamed for the failure of the ancient gods to answer the prayers of their devotees. In 299, for example at the end of a war with Persia, Diocletian and Valerius had stopped at Antioch and were consulting oracles there to determine their future course. The diviners blamed the presence of Christians in the imperial retinue for their own failure to interpret the future.

In the year 302, Diocletian was again at Antioch. A sacrifice was being offered in the palace when a Christian deacon interrupted and publicly denounced it. When a few months later fire broke out in the imperial palace at Nicomedia Galerius convinced Diocletian that it was a revolt of some Christians on his staff. The result was described by the fourth century historian, Eusebius:

“It was the nineteenth year of Diocletian’s reign [AD 303] and the month Dystrus, called March by the Romans, and the festival of the Savior’s Passion was approaching, when an imperial decree was published everywhere, ordering the churches to be razed to the ground and the Scriptures destroyed by fire, and giving notice that those in places of honor would lose their places, and domestic staff, if they continued to profess Christianity, would be deprived of their liberty. Such was the first edict against us. Soon afterwards other decrees arrived in rapid succession, ordering that the presidents of the churches in every place should all be first committed to prison and then coerced by every possible means into offering sacrifice” (Eusebius, *History of the Church*, VIII.2).



## St George [Page 3] The Martyrdom of St George

George stood up for his faith. He resisted the bribes Diocletian offered if he were to worship the Roman gods, and remained firm when those bribes turned to threats. Condemned to death, George gave away his belongings to the poor and submitted to torture. Later writers described all manner of tortures said to have been inflicted on St. George. Perhaps the most astute judgment on those writings is that of Pope Gelasius I who stated that George was among those saints “whose names are justly revered among men, but whose actions are known only to God” (*De Libris recipiendis*, 494).

George was beheaded outside the walls of Nicomedia on April 23, 303. His body was returned to Lod where Christians began to revere him as a martyr. In the time of Constantine the Great, a church was built over the Saint’s grave. There has been a shrine at this site from the fourth century until the present day.

Another Palestinian shrine to St George, at Beit Jala, is frequented by numerous Pilgrims – Muslims as well as Christians. An Orthodox church, it nevertheless found a place in Taufiq Canaan’s *Mohammedan Saints and Sanctuaries in Palestine*. It may be that, while many Palestinians were willing to accept Islam during the Arab and Egyptian invasions, they were not willing to give up St. George.

### **Persecution Ends in 311**

George’s apparent defeat at the hand of Diocletian was actually a victory over him and, by extension, over all evil. For this reason St George is called “the Trophy-bearer.” That victory would soon become widespread in the Roman world.

In AD 311, Galerius ended the Great Persecution which he had instigated in 303. Having contracted a particularly loathsome disease, he sought to appease the Christian God. Both Lactantius (XXXIV) and Eusebius record this Edict of Toleration:

*St George [Page 4]* “Among the other steps that we are taking for the advantage and benefit of the nation, we have desired hitherto that every deficiency should be made good, in accordance with the established law and public order of Rome; and we made provision for this – that the Christians who had abandoned the convictions of their own forefathers should return to sound ideas. For through some perverse reasoning such arrogance and folly had seized and possessed them that they refused to follow the path trodden by earlier generations (and perhaps blazed long ago by their own ancestors), and made their own laws to suit their own ideas and individual tastes and observed these; and held various meetings in various places.



“Consequently, when we issued an order to the effect that they were to go back to the practices established by the ancients, many of them found themselves in great danger, and many were proceeded against and punished with death in many forms. Most of them indeed persisted in the same folly, and we saw that they were neither paying to the gods in heaven the worship

that is their due nor giving any honor to the god of the Christians. So in view of our benevolence and the established custom by which we invariably grant pardon to all men, we have thought proper in this matter also to extend our clemency most gladly, so that Christians may again exist and rebuild the houses in which they used to meet, on condition that they do nothing contrary to public order.... Therefore, in view of this our clemency, they are in duty bound to beseech their own god for our security, and that of the state and of themselves, in order that in every way the state may be preserved in health and they may be able to live free from anxiety in their own homes.”

After eight years of persecution, Christians again were permitted to build their churches, if only they would pray for the recovery of the dying emperor.



### **The Blessed Hieromartyr Clement Sheptytsky,**

**M.S.U.** was an archimandrite of the Order of Studite monks of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

Klymentiy has been beatified by the Catholic Church, as well as awarded the title of Righteous Among the Nations by the State of Israel for saving Jews. As effective leader of the Church, he was arrested and died a prisoner of the Soviet Union.

Sheptytsky was born on 17 November 1869 in the village of Prylbychi, near Lviv in Galicia to an old Rusyn noble family, which had been heavily Polonized and Latinized. The Sheptycky family lived in the eastern part of Poland, near Zamosc, in Labunie's Palace. At that time, the area was of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He was a younger brother of the future Servant of God, Metropolitan Bishop Andrew Sheptytsky, and received his education first at home and starting in 1882 at Krakow. Sheptytsky later also studied in Munich and Paris. In 1892 he became a doctor of law at the Jagiellonian University. After finishing his studies he returned home to manage the family estates and look after his aging parents. In 1900 Casimir Sheptytsky was elected to the Austrian parliament however after its dissolution in 1907 he decided to withdraw from politics.

In 1911 Sheptytsky decided to become a monk and entered the Roman Catholic Benedictine monastery in Beuron (Baden-Württemberg), Germany. After a year he decided to follow the example of his older brother, returning to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of their ancestors and entered the St. Theodore the Studite Monastery of St. Theodore in Bosnia. He took the religious name of **Clement**, after Pope Saint Clement I, martyred in Cherson, who together with St Andrew the First-Called is considered to be the founder of Christianity in the Balkans. On 28 August 1913 he was ordained a priest by the Bishop of Križevci, Croatia. That same year he undertook theological studies in Innsbruck and after finishing them in 1919 returned to Ukraine to settle in the Holy Dormition Lavra near Peremysyl.

**Clement Sheptytsky [Page 2]** In 1926 Father Clement was named the hegumen (prior) of the Univ Lavra. In 1937 he came to Lvov to aide his ailing brother Andrew. In 1939 the region was occupied by communists, the Soviet "liberators" immediately implemented a plan to eliminate the Ukrainian intellectual elites and Church. At the time they did not arrest the Metropolitan himself, fearing his great authority among the nation, but went after his family attempting to capture Clement and murdering their brother Leon along with his family. During that time the Metropolitan divided the Soviet union into four exarchates and named Father Clement the exarch of Russia.



In 1941 the persecution of Christians was interrupted with the outbreak of the Nazi-Soviet war and the German occupation of Ukraine, however the situation did not improve much. From 1941 to 1944, when the region was occupied by Nazi Germany, Jewish boys were hidden at the monastery in Univ, home to monks of the

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Univ was particularly important because it was the main Studite monastery; with its large community of monks, younger boys would go unnoticed by authorities. Along with the handful of holy men who were the children's daily caretakers, three figures were instrumental in their safekeeping: Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, his brother Klyment, and Fr. Emilian Kovch, a priest from the nearby town of Peremyshl. Kurt I. Lewin, whose father was Lviv's last rabbi and who would later become a renowned businessman, and David Kahane, later chief rabbi in the Israeli Air Force, were both harbored by Sheptytsky in Lviv. Later in their lives, both men would write about their experiences, Lewin in "A Journey Through Illusions" and Kahane in the "Lvov Ghetto Diary." Klement Sheptytsky was recognized as one of the Righteous among the Nations by the State of Israel in 1995.

**Clement Sheptytsky [Page 3]** With the return of the Soviets in 1944 a coordinated action to destroy the Byzantine [Greek] Catholic Church and subject it to the Moscow Patriarchate was implemented. After the death of the Metropolitan, his successor, Joseph Slipyj, named Father Clement the Archimandrite of the Studite Order. This meant that at the time of the mass arrest of Church hierarchs carried out by the NKVD in 1945 he was one of the highest ranking clergymen left. As such he became an informal leader of the Church, meeting with monks and priests and strengthening them in their resolve. On 5 June 1947 he himself was arrested by Soviet authorities and held, first in an NKVD prison in Lviv, then in Kiev, and finally, after his steadfast refusal to renounce his faith and serve the Moscow Patriarchate, sentenced to eight years imprisonment. Ivan Kryvytskyi remembered Father Klymentiy as tall, rather thin, with a long white beard, a little stooped, with a cane. "He reminded me of Saint Nicholas ... We never expected such a rascal in our room ... Some sisters had passed three apples to him, real rosy red and ripe. And he gave one apple to Roman Novosad, who often had stomach problems. He said: 'You need to take care of your stomach,' and the others he divided among us."



He died May 1, 1951 in Vladimir Central Prison.

Sheptytsky was beatified on 27 June 2001 by the Venerable Pope John Paul II in Lviv, during his apostolic journey to Ukraine, together with 27 other members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church previously declared Venerable.

On July 29, 2011, a monument to Andrey and Klymentiy Sheptytsky was unveiled in their home village of Prylbychi.

**Our Venerable Father Theodosius of the Kiev Caves**, along with St Anthony of Kiev, is considered to be founder in the eleventh century of the Kiev Pechersk Lavra (Monastery of the Kiev Caves) and of monasticism in Russia. He brought cenobitic monasticism to Kievan Rus'. His feast day is May 3.

The Venerable Theodosius was born in 1009. He grew up with his parents in Vasilkov and Kursk. His father was a judge. Theodosius was a pious and righteous youth, attending church every day and reading the Scriptures attentively. His life was overtaken by love for God. He pursued a simple life and found pleasure working with the peasants, which was not consistent with the life his mother thought he should live.

Upon meeting the young Theodosius, Anthony noted the austere life that he led and that his cave was small and uncomfortable. Theodosius replied that the Lord himself had led him to Anthony and that he, Theodosius, would obey him in everything. Foreseeing his future greatness, Anthony accepted him and bade the hieromonk Nikon to tonsure him. He was twenty-three years old.

Eventually, Theodosius was elected father superior by his brother monks. In this position he watched over the lives of the monks, and, as a true leader, he set the example by sharing in the ordinary work of the community: carrying water, cutting wood, baking, and so on. He established near the monastery a shelter for the destitute and handicapped that was maintained by the monks using a tenth of the monastery's income.

With the growth of their community, Theodosius recognized the need for establishing rules for their community life. In establishing these rules he looked to the community life of the Studion Monastery in Constantinople and used the Studion rules as the basis for governing the community life in the caves monastery. With emphasis on the duty of charity and common good, the rules served to revive the ideal of strict cenobitism and gave Rusyn monasticism its characteristic warmth.

The Venerable Theodosius reposed on May 3, 1074.

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

**MAJOR CRAIG M. EYMAN D.O.**~ 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.

**CAPTAIN BRIAN HEWKO**~ has been a friend of Fr. Bryan. Brian is from St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church in Austinburg, OH. He is a 2008 graduate of West Point. Brian has completed his training in Army Intelligence and is serving in South Carolina awaiting deployment.

**CAPTAIN CHRISTINA MOMONIER**~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan. Christina is from Baltimore, MD is a Byzantine Catholic She is currently serving at Ft. Benning, GA.

**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 at Fort Bragg, NC.

**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 Rory has been 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 was recently promoted to PFC and is training in Army Intelligence at a base in Arizona. She is serving in Oklahoma.

**2<sup>ND</sup> LT. AARON JACOBSON**~ from Mounds View, MN is a friend of Fr. Bryan. He is a 2013 West Point graduate, who has just completed his special training as a platoon leader. He is serving in Ft. Drum, NY.

*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. **In the Byzantine Catholic Church we give Holy Communion to infants and young children.** **If you bring your child forward at Communion time he or she will be given Holy Communion.** **If you do not wish your child to receive Holy Communion, please do not bring the child forward at Communion time.** 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!**