

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 MAY 18, 2014

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.

POST-FESTIVE OF MID-PENTECOST.

The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and their Companions. The Holy Seven Virgins.

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. MAY. 17 5 PM *Intention of Steve & Sondra Klinkovsky*

SUN. MAY. 18 9:45 PM **THIRD HOUR**

10 AM *For the People*

11:15 AM **SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

MON. MAY 19 **Post-Festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa and His Companions.**

NO DIVINE SERVICES ~ FATHER'S DAY OFF

TUE. MAY 20 **Post-Festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Thaleleus.**

NO DIVINE SERVICES

WED. MAY 21 **Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Emperor Constantine and his mother Helen, Equals to the Apostles.**

NO DIVINE SERVICES

THU. MAY 22 **The Holy Martyr Basiliscus. The Holy & Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople [381 AD].**

NO DIVINE SERVICES

Father Bryan will be at the Parma Clergy Convention this week. If there is an emergency sick call, please call the nearest priest. Then call Fr. Bryan on his mobile phone for other urgent matters.

PLEASE LOOK FOR THE CHANGEABLE PARTS, HYMN NUMBERS, AND PROPER S ON THE COLORED INSERT.

FRI. MAY 23

Our Ven. Fr. and Conf. Michael, Bishop of Synnada. Our Ven. Mother Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk.

NO DIVINE SERVICES

SAT. MAY 24

Our Ven. Fr. Simeon of the Wonderous Mountain.

5 PM *Health and Salvation of Cliff & Gabriel Oldham by Andrew Semler*

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

SUN. MAY 25

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND.

The third Finding of the Head of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. The Passing of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Nicholas Cehelskyj in Moldova.

9:45 AM **THE THIRD HOUR**

10:00 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*

11:15 AM **PARISH 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 MAY. 2014

<i>Date</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Candles</i>	<i>Holy Day</i>	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>Total Income</i>
<i>May 4</i>	<i>\$1,074.82</i>	<i>\$62.09</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$562.00</i>	<i>\$1,698.91</i>
<i>May 11</i>	<i>\$909.50</i>	<i>\$68.21</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$752.17</i>	<i>\$1,729.88</i>
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$1,984.32</i>	<i>\$130.30</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$1,314.17</i>	<i>\$3,428.79</i>

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

PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT YOUR ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH.

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

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: our parishioners, family members, friends and others who are ill or infirm: **AMY CHIAPPE, ETHAN EYMAN, CULVER “RED” EYMAN, MARGARET 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, KEITH SCOTT, DANNY ENCISO, AUSTIN MCGOFF, FR. DEACON MICHAEL GEORGE, MONICA KING GILBRECH, KATHERYN LOIDOLT, PAUL SUVAK, GLEN GRABOW, STEVE KLINKOVSKY, NICHOLAS LOYA.**

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

**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

**THE AKATHIST TO THE THEOTOKOS,
THE INEXHAUSTIBLE CUP, HEALER OF
ALCOHOLICS**



WEDNESDAY JUNE 11TH 7 PM

ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS

TROUBLED BY THE DISEASE OF

ALCOHOLISM OR CHEMICAL

DEPENDENCY? PLEASE GIVE THEIR

FIRST NAME TO FR. BRYAN AND JOIN

US FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING AND

HEALING AKATHIST

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

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. In accordance with the Safe Environment Regulations of the Parma Eparchy, every person working with our youth must be finger-printed, be subjected to a criminal background check and complete the Eparchy's Safe Environment Program.

Please speak with Fr. Bryan to volunteer to serve as a catechist.

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.

Revamping St. Athanasius Parish's ~ St. Mary Hall

Our St. Mary Hall must provide our Parish with a wide variety of uses from Catechetical Center, Meeting Room[s], Parish Socials, Parish Bakery and other projects work space etc. We need to create a way to efficiently and effectively divide the Hall for these various uses. We need to be able to divide the Hall into 3 or 4 spaces for classes and meetings. Yet it also has to be able to be opened up for socials and fund-raising work. Fr. Bryan would prefer that we use an established system of movable walls [and doors] that would be able to be hung from the ceiling. Father would like to meet with EVERYONE [especially our Knights of Columbus Council] so a plan can be formulated to accomplish this early this summer.

Spring and Summer work days~ *repairing, replacing rotted wood, replacing missing vinyl siding on the Church Building MUST be our first priority in making improvements to the Parish Property! We also need to repaint the outside of the storage building and make repairs and repaint the Rectory porch and other needed improvements. THIS IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! We will have a general Parish Meeting on Sunday May 18th following the 10 AM Divine Liturgy and Parish Luncheon to establish and coordinate these days.*

We will see who cares about St. Athanasius Parish by who volunteers to help complete these projects.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

Tue. – Thu. May 20-22

PARMA CLERGY CONVENTION

Sunday of the Man born Blind Celebration

<u>Sat. May 24</u>	5 PM	VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY
	6:15 PM	MYSTERIES OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. May 25</u>	9:45 AM	THIRD HOUR
	10 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
	11:30 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

<u>Wed. May 28</u>	7 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER WITH MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING
<u>Thu. May 29</u>	9 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Nicean Council Celebration

<u>Sat. May 31</u>	2 PM	KOPKO~HARDY WEDDING
	5 PM	VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY
	6:15 PM	MYSTERIES OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. June 1</u>	9:45 AM	THIRD HOUR
	10 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
	11:30 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

PLEASE PLAN NOW TO JOIN US FOR THESE VARIOUS DIVINE SERVICES.



May 21

Ss. Constantine and Helen

Equals to the Apostles

Enlighteners of
the Ecumene

THE CHURCH HAS USED MANY TERMS to describe the saints. Some of these are common to all the

historic Churches, such as apostles or martyrs. The Eastern Churches also speak of some saints as “Equal to the Apostles,” believers who were responsible for bringing the Gospel to significant groups of people or nations throughout the world. The first of them were St Mary Magdalene, who announced the Resurrection to the dispirited followers of Jesus, and St Thecla, the first woman martyr.

The Church has called Equal to the Apostles those who have been responsible for bringing the Gospel to previously pagan territories, such as Ss Cyril and Methodius and St Clement of Ochrid, who evangelized the Slavs of Moravia and Macedonia during the ninth century. An unlikely evangelist given this title is St Nino, the enlightener of Georgia. The Roman historian Tyrranius Rufinus (c345-410) recounts her story as told him by a Georgian prince. Nino, taken captive during the early fourth century, came to the attention of the queen when a sick child was healed by her prayers. She eventually brought the queen and then the king to Christ. Mass conversions followed.

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Among the Equals to the Apostles honored in the Eastern Churches are those rulers who first established or championed the Church in their realms. Chief among them are Ss Constantine and Helena whose feast is observed on May 21.

The Conversion of Constantine

Son of a pagan father and a mother perhaps already sympathetic to Christianity (Helena), Constantine followed a military career like his father, Constantius, who became senior emperor in the West in AD 305. Constantine was then given the military rule of Britain, Gaul and Spain. When Constantius died in 306, Constantine's troops acclaimed him as his father's successor. Constantine defeated one challenger after another until becoming sole emperor of both East and West by 324.

During his struggle for control of Rome Constantine had the experience which would transform his future and that of the empire as well. In 312, on the eve of a decisive battle for the city of Rome, Constantine had a dream or vision leading him to inscribe the monogram of Christ (☩) on his soldiers' shields and standards. His biographer, the Church historian Eusebius tells that the image was accompanied by the message, "with this sign, you will conquer." Constantine's troops won the battle and Constantine began the religious transformation of the Roman Empire.

The next year Constantine and Licinius, who controlled part of the Eastern Empire, agreed on a policy of religious toleration, ending the persecution of Christians. Constantine's victories in the East – and his own adoption of the Christian faith – assured the final end of persecution and the triumph of Christianity as the leading religion in his empire.

Empire and Church Are Transformed

After becoming sole ruler of the empire Constantine embarked on a series of actions which transformed both empire and Church. Most significantly

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he abolished the division of eastern and western empires, unifying his realm with a new single monetary system as well. He established a new capital, the New Rome, on the site of the ancient town of Byzantium, thus minimizing the influence of the old pagan elite and the shrines with which the Old Rome abounded. The New Rome would eventually take on its founder's name as Constantinople.

In 325 Constantine embarked on a program to unify the Church as well. He summoned bishops from all over the empire to the First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) to give it a universally recognized faith and structure. This council would produce the first part of the Symbol of Faith which we recite at every Liturgy to this day. It would also determine the regional primacies of Rome, Alexandria and Antioch as well as unify the date for celebrating Pascha. Later councils would complete the creed and establish the five major primacies of Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem.

Focus on the Holy Land

Besides erecting a great church (St Peter's) in Old Rome, Constantine strove to renew Palestine as a "Holy Land." After the Jewish revolt in AD 135 the city had been closed to Jews by the Emperor Hadrian and maintained as a Roman city, Aelia Capitolina. Hadrian had built a Roman temple over the site of the Lord's tomb and maintained pagan worship there.

Constantine appointed his mother Helena as Empress, and put the imperial treasury at her disposal to adorn the Christian holy places. In 326-328 Helena journeyed to Palestine where she built the Churches of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Eleona on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives to commemorate Christ's ascension. She had Hadrian's temple destroyed and began the construction of the Church of the Resurrection. During the excavation three crosses were unearthed and, according to fourth century sources, Helena identified the Lord's cross when a sick woman was healed

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by touching it. Helena brought part of the cross to Old Rome and enshrined it in her palace which is now the Basilica of the Holy Cross. St Helena is also credited with establishing churches on Mount Sinai (site of St Catherine's Monastery), and in Cyprus (site of the Stavrovouni Monastery). She reposed in 328/329 and was buried near St. Peter's in Old Rome.

Other rulers celebrated as Equals of the Apostles are St Boris I, ninth century ruler of Bulgaria and Ss Vladimir and Olga, tenth century rulers of Kievan Rus, who spearheaded the Christianization of their respective lands.

From the Vespers of the Feast

You gave Your precious Cross as a most powerful weapon to the emperor. Through it he reigned righteously on earth, shining with godliness. And in Your compassion he was counted worthy of Your heavenly kingdom. Therefore with him we glorify Your dispensation, almighty Jesus, Savior of our souls and Lover of mankind.

As the King of kings, the Lord who reigns over all, You, O Lover of mankind, granted Your servant the wisdom of Solomon, the meekness of David and the Orthodox faith of the apostles. Therefore we glorify Your dispensation, almighty Jesus, Savior of our souls and Lover of mankind.

You received the scepter from God, O Constantine, first emperor of Christians, when the hidden symbol of salvation appeared to you on earth. Having the life-giving cross as an invincible weapon, O blessed saint, you brought all the nations to the feet of Rome and you yourself were led to God.

With longing and love for Christ, the mother of a sweet offspring made haste to come to holy Zion, to the sacred place where our Savior was crucified in His desire to save us. Raising the cross there, she cried, rejoicing: Glory to Him who has given me what I desired!



St. Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of the Holy Savior in Polotsk (1101–1173) was the granddaughter of a prince of Polotsk, Vseslav, and daughter of Prince Svyatoslav of Polotsk. She is one of the 15 patron saints of Belarus, whose lives are celebrated in the Belarusian Greek Catholic and Orthodox Churches, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, a feast that was instituted in the year of her canonization in 1984.

Predslava [her baptismal name] was born between 1101 and 1104, into the Rurik noble family, members of which were the dukes of the principality of Polotsk, in what is modern day Belarus. Her father was Prince Svyatoslav-Georgy Vseslavich, second son of Vseslav the Sorcerer.

She refused all proposals of marriage and, without her parents' knowledge, ran away to the convent where her aunt was the Hegumena [abbess]. She became a nun and took the name Euphrosyne. With the blessing of the Bishop of Polotsk, she began to live near the Holy Wisdom cathedral, where she spent her time copying books. The money she thus earned she distributed amongst the poor.

Around 1128 Bishop Elias of Polotsk entrusted Euphrosyne the task of organizing a women's monastery. At the newly constructed Savior-Transfiguration monastery at Seltse she taught the young women to copy books, singing, sewing and other handicrafts. Through her efforts, in 1161, a cathedral was built which survives to the present day. She also founded a men's monastery dedicated to the Mother of God, as well as, two churches. The Church of The Holy Savior, still stands today and is considered to be the most precious monument of early Belarusian architecture.

Towards the end of her life, she undertook a pilgrimage to Constantinople and the Holy Land. Patriarch Michael II of Constantinople gave her an icon of the Theotokos, which is now called the *Virgin of Korsun*. The Crusader king, Amalric I of Jerusalem, also received her in the Holy Land. There she died about 1173. Her body, after the conquest of Jerusalem by

Saint Euphrosyne [Page 2] Saladin in 1187, was carried by the monks to Kiev and deposited there in the Monastery of the Caves. It was only in 1910 that the relics of the saint were brought back to her native town of Polotsk. Her feast day is celebrated on May 23. Euphrosyne is the only virgin saint of East Slav origin. She is a patron saint of Belarus.

Cross of Saint Euphrosyne

The cross of Saint Euphrosyne was a splendid gem-studded cross created at her behest by a local master, Lazar Bohsa. The famous six-armed golden cross was decorated with enamels and precious stones and presented by her to the church of the Holy Savior in 1161. Of exquisite beauty, the relic survived centuries of turbulence until World War II, when it mysteriously disappeared during the evacuation of the museum in 1941. Most probably it was stolen by a Soviet soldier, or possibly by a German. In its attempts to trace the whereabouts of this treasure, the government of the Republic of Belarus has looked virtually everywhere, examining even private collections in the United States.

The Week of the Samaritan Woman

The Samaritan Woman, St. Photini, is an image of our baptism. Though the well of Jacob could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in Spirit and Truth. In this week we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photini, the woman enlightened by the Lord. Her Feast Day is February 26th.

When the Samaritan Woman came to the well with faith, she beheld you, o Water of Wisdom. You allowed her to drink in abundance and glorified her eternally, for she inherited the heavenly kingdom.

Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman [Tone 8]

I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me! [Phillipians 4:13]

From the Chancery Office of the Eparchy of Parma:

This week the Parish Office received an assessment of the Parish property performed by the Eparchy's insurer Cincinnati Insurance Company. They performed this assessment at all Parishes of the Eparchy, for the purpose of "Loss Control." The following recommendations were made for the Parish Church of St. Athanasius the Great.

- 1. The peeling paint on the building and windows needs to be scraped and repainted to prevent damage to the building.*
- 2. The missing pieces of the trim must be replaced to prevent damage to the building.*
- 3. The deteriorated column at the right rear [South east] corner must be replaced to prevent damage to the building.*
- 4. The deteriorated sill of the large west window must be replaced and repainted immediately to prevent further damage to the vestibule ceiling, and possible loss of the window.*
- 5. The boarded windows must be properly repaired and replaced.*

The insurance company has called upon the parish to make these necessary repairs or to expect a significant increase in our insurance premiums. This makes the necessity this summer of making these repairs all the more urgent. Please actively and positively respond to help with the repair work this summer!

From the Writings of the Church Fathers:

No other way to account for Jesus' Knowledge. The woman is not offended at Christ's rebuke. She does not leave him and go away—far from it. Her admiration for him is raised: "The woman said to him, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.'" ... "I perceive" means "You appear to me to be a prophet." And having come to this belief [that Jesus was a prophet], she does not ask any questions relating to life, health or sickness of the body.... She is not troubled about thirst; rather, she is eager to be caught.

St. John Chrysostom: *Homilies on the Gospel of John 32.2-3.*

The Wellness Class resumes on Tuesday May 20th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.

National Catholic Prayer Breakfast: Era of Comfortable Catholicism Is Over. Speakers Robert George and Cardinal Sean O'Malley told Catholics gathered for the national event to brace for troubled waters — and set out into the deep.

From the *National Catholic Register* edited by your Pastor
WASHINGTON — Catholics at the 10th anniversary of the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast got a startling wake-up call on Tuesday morning: They have lost the luxury of being comfortable in their faith in 21st-century America. More than ever before, they must embrace the risks of discipleship by encountering others and witnessing to the Gospel.

For the 800 people gathered in Washington, the morning's speeches were mainly divided between Princeton professor Robert George's sobering assessment of what Christian discipleship requires in America's current cultural-political landscape and Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston's cheerful exhortation for Catholics to embrace the missionary spirit of the early Church.

No More 'Tame Catholics'

George told Catholics that he had a "somber" message for them: "The days of acceptable Christianity are over. The days of comfortable Catholicism are past." He warned that a "price is demanded" of all committed believers, as mainstream America registers its preference for Catholics who might go to Mass but do not embrace the totality of the Church's teachings — or those who know the Church's teaching but prefer safety in their silence.

"In other words, a tame Catholic who is ashamed of the Gospel is socially acceptable," said George, even as he called on his audience to "take risks" and follow Christ's words to "take up thy cross and follow me."

The costs of discipleship may be personal, familial or professional, he said. Standing up for the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life and marriage — teachings which he said are "not fourth-class Gospel truths" and must be proclaimed with all of the Church's revealed teaching — may lead to charges of "bigotry" or waging a "war on women" or that Christians are an "enemy of reproductive freedom."

"To believe in the Gospel is to make oneself a marked man or woman," he said.

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The shifting, more hostile cultural landscape indicates American society's "love affair with Jesus and his Church is over."

George reminded his audience that while Jesus Christ has won the ultimate battle, those who live during this time must one day "give an account for all we do" before the "Lord of truth, the God of history."

"One thing and one thing only will matter: Was I a faithful witness to the Gospel?"

"My friends," he said, "the Gospel is true, and that is the most important thing to know. ... We're betting our whole lives on it."

Happy Gospel Warriors

Following upon George's somber analysis, Cardinal O'Malley enlivened the mood with a couple of humorous anecdotes. But the cardinal's levity served to underscore his point that Catholics must embrace Pope Francis' call to foster a "culture of encounter" and practice "the art of accompaniment" as modern-day disciples of Jesus Christ.

Toughest Mission Territory

Cardinal O'Malley said the toughest mission assignment for the Church today is no longer the far-off lands of Papua New Guinea, but the United States or places in Western Europe, "where secularization and de-Christianization are gaining ground."

He observed that while contemporary society offers the example of "superficial, self-absorbed" celebrities, the Church proposes the lives of the saints. He pointed to Servant of God Dorothy Day as an example of how the Church "call[s] everyone to conversion."

"One of the worst effects of the scandals of the Church in our contemporary era is the cynicism of the call to holiness," he said. "People can be overwhelmed by the bad example of priests and bishops who fail to fulfill their calling."

He called on Catholics to "break the habit" of presenting the Gospel in a way that "deceives people into thinking that they can be Christians and remain strangers."

The privatization of religion and individualism is "poisonous" to the communal nature of the body of Christ. "There can be no Catholic life, no holiness, no discipleship without prayer and the sacraments,"

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 2nd youngest brother. He has reentered the Army Reserve and is currently serving with the 848th 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.

2ND 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!**