

# **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 25, 2014**

**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-New Martyr Nicholas Cehelskyj in Moldova.**

**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 24**      5 PM      *Health and Salvation of Cliff & Gabriel Oldham by Andrew Semler*

**SUN. MAY 25**      9:45 PM      **THIRD HOUR**

10 AM      *For the People*

11:15 AM      **SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

**MON. MAY 26**      **The Holy Apostle Carpus, One of the Seventy. Our Holy Father Augustine the Canterbury, Enlightener of England.**

9 AM      *+Lucille Metzinger by Brian & Suzanne Goshorn*

**TUE. MAY 27**      **The Holy Bishop Martyr Therapont.**

12:15 PM      *For the Members of the St. Suzanna School Community*

**WED. MAY 28**      **Leave-taking of Pascha. Our Ven. Fr. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon.**

7 PM      **EVENING PRAYER OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**THU. MAY 29**      **THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. The Holy Blessed Emperor & New Martyr Constantine XI Palaiologos.**

9 AM      *For the People*

**WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS TO THIS MORNING'S LITURGY. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE CHANGEABLE PARTS, HYMN NUMBERS, AND PROPERs ON THE COLORED INSERT.**

**FRI. MAY 30**

**Post-Festive Day of the Ascension. Our Ven. Fr. Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery. Our Holy Mother Macrina, Grandmother of St. Basil the Great.**

**NO DIVINE SERVICES**

**SAT. MAY 31**

**Post-Festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Apostles Hermes. The Holy Martyr Hermeas.**

**2 PM**      *Kopko - Hardy Marriage*

**5 PM**      *Health and Salvation of Brandy Craig  
by Andrew Semler*

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

**SUN. JUNE 1**

**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST  
NICEAN COUNCIL. Post-Festive Day of the  
Ascension. The Holy Martyr Justin and His  
Companions.**

**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>May 18</i>					
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$</i>				

***WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!  
PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT YOUR ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH.***

<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.



**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 11<sup>TH</sup> 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!*

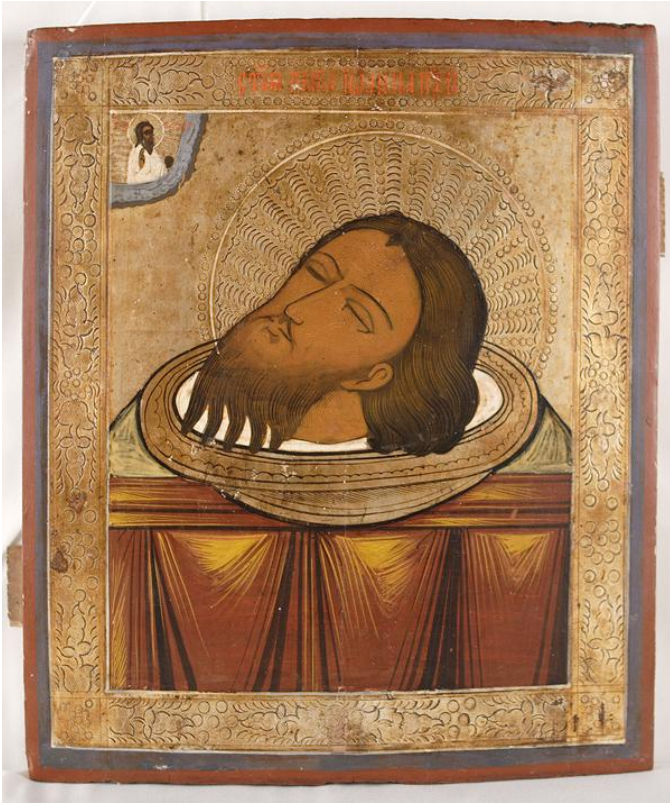
- 1) *Monday May 26 TOMMORROW Liturgy 9 AM start work @10 AM.*
- 2) *Saturday June 7. 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday Liturgy 9 AM start work @ 10:15 AM.*
- 3) *Saturday June 28 Vigil of SS. Peter & Paul start work @ 10 AM.*

***WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP! WORKDAY WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE. BRING WORK CLOTHES GLOVES, PAINT SCAPPERS, ETC.***

*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**

<u>Mon. May 26</u>	9 AM	MEMORIAL DAY LITURGY
	10 AM	PARISH WORK DAY
<u>Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ</u>		
<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
<u>Sunday of the Fathers of the First Nicean Council Celebration</u>		
<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
<u>Sat. June 7</u>	<u>ALL SOULS SATURDAY</u>	
	9 AM	MEMORIAL LITURGY
	10:15 AM	PARISH WORK DAY
	5 PM	VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY
	6:15 PM	MYSTERIES OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. June 8</u>	<u>PENTECOST SUNDAY</u>	
	9:45 AM	THIRD HOUR
	10 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	KNEELING PRAYERS
	11:30 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON



*May 25*

*The Third Uncovering  
of the Head of John the  
Forerunner*

**“A Divine Treasure  
Hidden in the Ground”**

THE PRINCIPAL FEASTS in our liturgical year commemorate some event in the life of Christ or of the Theotokos. A second category of feasts honors the memory of saints, often on the day of

their repose. A third category of feasts recalls significant events in the history of the Church, such as the discovery and exaltation of the holy Cross or the seven Ecumenical Councils of the first millennium.

In this last category the Byzantine Churches observe two feasts concerning the head of St John the Forerunner. On February 24 the “First and Second Uncovering” of his head are recalled, On May 25 the “Third Uncovering” of this relic is observed.

The Gospel account of John’s death and burial is found in *Mt* 14:3-12. There we are told that John was beheaded, that his head was given by Salome to her mother, and that “*Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus*” (v. 12). What became of John’s head was not mentioned.

**The Fate of John’s Body**

According to a very early local tradition, John’s disciples took his body to Samaria, outside Herod’s jurisdiction, and buried it in Sebastiya, near the tomb of the Prophet Elisha.



## *The Third Uncovering of the Head of John the Forerunner [2]*

The adornment of the holy places and the spread of monasticism in the fourth century saw the rise of interest in the Holy Land and the establishment of monasteries on the holy sites. Monastics, who revered John as a kind of proto-monk because of his life in the wilderness, settled in Sebastiya at the site of John's tomb.

According to Rufinus of Aquileia, who lived in Jerusalem at the time, pagans, during the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363), desecrated the tombs of both John and Elisha and burned their bones. Some of the remains were rescued by monks who brought them to their monastery in Jerusalem.

After Julian's brief reign the shrine was restored and at least some of the relics presumably returned. In 512 St John of Maiuma in Gaza visited Sebastiya, describing what he saw: "This site, in fact, was a particular chapel of the church, enclosed within gates because it contains two urns covered in gold and silver, in front of which burn perennial lamps: one is John the Baptist's, the other is Prophet Elisha's." The church was destroyed, probably by an earthquake, in the ninth century.

### **Palestine: the First Uncovering**

[Nicephorus](#) and [Symeon Metaphrastes](#) (in accordance with Josephus) say that Herodias had John's head buried in the fortress of [Machaerus](#) where he had been slain. Other writers say that it was interred on the tetrarch's property in Jerusalem where it was discovered by two pilgrim-monks during the restoration of the city under [Constantine](#) the Great. For several years it was kept by local Christians as a treasured relic.

### **Syria: The Second Uncovering**

A Syrian visiting Jerusalem acquired the head from some monks and brought it home to Emesa (Homs) where it came into the possession of another monk who buried it in his cave. A contemporary chronicle relates

## *The Third Uncovering of the Head of John the Forerunner [3]*

that in 452 St. John the Baptist appeared to Marcellus, the archimandrite of this monastery, and indicated where his head was hidden. The head was discovered and enshrined in a newly-build church which was then dedicated to St John.

This discovery was widely celebrated at the time and a feast and procession established in Constantinople on February 24 to commemorate it. Before long, the Fore-runner's head was brought to Constantinople where it remained until the iconoclast period (730-842). The head was then secretly taken and hidden in Comana (Abkhazia today) for safekeeping.

### **Constantinople: The Third Uncovering**

Around the year 850, with the final defeat of iconoclasm, the head of the Forerunner was solemnly returned to Constantinople where major portions were enshrined at the Studion Monastery and the Monastery of the Forerunner. The upper portion remained in Constantinople until the disastrous sack of the city during the Fourth Crusade in 1204. Crusaders took the relic to Amiens in northern France where it was enshrined in the new cathedral.

In 1793 revolutionaries sacked the cathedral and seized its valuables. They took the reliquary but the mayor of Amiens hid the actual relic until 1816 when it was returned to the cathedral where it remains.

This relic was actually the upper portion of the face. The lower jaw was thought to be in Verdun in eastern France. In 1958 the two sections were subjected to anatomical study and found to come from different skulls. The Amiens portion was more ancient than the Verdun bone which was dated to the Middle Ages. In fact, portions of the lower jaw had been sent before the Fourth Crusade to Mount Athos and other monasteries.

In 2010 skeletal remains were discovered in a case inscribed with John's name in Greek which was found beneath the altar in the ruins of an ancient

## *The Third Uncovering of the Head of John the Forerunner [4]*

Bulgarian church. DNA and radiocarbon testing showed that the remains likely belonged to a Middle Eastern man who lived in the first century AD!

### **What About Damascus?**

In the center of Damascus' Ummayyad Mosque stands an imposing shrine said to contain the head of the Forerunner which is venerated by both Christians and Muslims.

In AD 379 Emperor Theodosius I converted Damascus' temple of Jupiter, the largest Roman temple in Syria, into a Christian cathedral which, in the sixth century, was dedicated to St John the Baptist. The church was rebuilt as a mosque in 706. The Arab historian, Ibn al-Faqih, reported that Zayd Ibn al-Waqid, who directed the work on the mosque, discovered the skull of "Prophet Yahia" (John the Baptist) in a nearby cave.

### **From the Services of these Feasts**

*February 24:*

O Forerunner, your head, divinely preserved, has risen from the bosom of the earth as a treasury of the graces of God. Having received it, we bow down in reverence, O glorious prophet of Christ. Through you, we have been given wondrous miracles and have obtained the remission of our sins.

*May 25:*

Your holy head, blessed Forerunner, poured out abundant grace. It was shown without his foreknowledge to the priest who was wise in God. He quickly went with faith and grace and openly brought about its sanctified return with the emperor and the divinely wise people who fervently maintain the Orthodox faith.

We celebrate the third revelation of your precious head. When it was severed, O glorious one, the Trinity crowned it for your godly zeal. The ranks of angels, the company of martyrs, the apostles of God and all the prophets rejoice in its discovery. Together with them, ever remember us, O Forerunner of the Lord.

**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!*

**More From the Writings of the Church Fathers:**

*Only the Holy Spirit can purify the intellect, for unless a greater power comes and overthrows the despoiler, what he has taken captive will never be set free' ... "Do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thess 5:19), meaning. "Do not grieve the goodness of the Holy Spirit by wicked actions or wicked thoughts, lest you be deprived of the protecting light." The -Spirit, since He is eternal and life creating, cannot be quenched; but if He is grieved — that is if He withdraws — He leaves the intellect without the light of -spiritual knowledge, dark and full ; of gloom.*

*St. Diadocos of Photike, 5th cent. On Spiritual Knowledge, Philokalia*

**The Wellness Class continues on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.**



*From the writings of the Church Fathers:*



Again they said to the blind man. What dost thou say of him who opened thy eyes? But he said. He is a prophet. The Jews therefore did not believe. The Scriptures must be read, not merely casually or superficially, but with all care, so that one may not be confused. And I say this for even now one might with reason be perplexed at this text as to how it was that, though they had said: "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath," they then said to the man: "What dost thou say of him who opened thy eyes"? They did not say: "What do you say of him who has broken

the Sabbath," but now substituted defense for accusation. "And they did not believe that he had been blind and had got his sight until they called his parents." Moreover, notice in how many ways they tried to hide and discredit the miracle. Yet the nature of truth is such that it becomes stronger by the very schemes by which men seem to be undermining it; it becomes resplendent by the means intended to obscure it. For, if these efforts to discredit the miracle were not made, its authenticity might have been doubted by many. But as it was, they did everything as if they were trying to reveal the truth. They would not have brought about a different result if they had been actually doing everything in Christ's behalf. Now, I say this for they were trying to cast aspersion on Him because of the method He had used, when they said: "How did he open your eyes"? that is, "Was it by some kind of sorcery"? Elsewhere, indeed, when they were unable to indict Him, they tried to discredit the way in which He healed by saying: "He does not cast out devils except by Beelzebub." And here once again, since they could assert nothing derogatory, they took refuge in the time [as a pretext for accusing Him] and said: "He breaks the Sabbath," and again: "He is a sinner." But, if they called Him a sinner because of the fact that He seemed to be breaking the Sabbath, even this charge appeared ineffective, since their very associates remarked its great cold-bloodedness and meanness.

*By St. John Chrysostom (c.347-407)*

**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!**