

# **THE LIGHT OF THE EAST**



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

**1117 South Blaine Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46221**

**Website: [www.saindy.com](http://www.saindy.com) Email: [sabcc@indy.rr.com](mailto:sabcc@indy.rr.com)**

**Pastor: Very Rev. Protopresbyter Bryan R. Eyman. D. Min. D. Phil.**

**Pastoral Associates: Subdeacon John Russell,**  
**Seminarian Bryan Scotton**

**Cantors: John Danovich, Brian Goshorn, Marcus Loidolt,**

**Business Manager: John Danovich**

**Phones: Rector: 317-632-4157; Pastor's Cell Phone: 216-780-2555**  
**FAX: 317-632-2988**

**WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES [starting August 16<sup>th</sup>]**

**Sat: 5 PM [Evening Prayer]**

**Sun: 9 AM [Morning Prayer] 10 AM [Divine Liturgy]**

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

**SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2014**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.**

**The Holy Great-Martyr Panteleimon.**  
**Memory of our Holy Father Clement,**  
**the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid**

**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].**

<b><u>SAT. JULY 26</u></b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<i>+Mary Slonka [40<sup>th</sup> Day]</i>
	<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]</b>
<b><u>SUN. JULY 27</u></b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>THE THIRD HOUR</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<i>For the People</i>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>PARISH LUNCHEON</b>
<b><u>MON. JULY 28</u></b>	<b><u>The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus,</u></b> <b><u>Nicanor, Timon &amp; Parmenas. Our Ven. Mother</u></b> <b><u>Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala.</u></b>	
	<b>NO SERVICES ~FATHER'S DAY OFF</b>	
<b><u>TUE. JULY 29</u></b>	<b><u>The Holy Martyr Callinicus.</u></b>	
	<b>9 AM</b>	<i>Int. of Victor &amp; Joyce Odongo by Judy Ernst</i>
<b><u>WED. JULY 30</u></b>	<b><u>The Holy Apostles Silas &amp; Silvanus &amp; their</u></b> <b><u>Companions.</u></b>	
	<b>9 AM</b>	<i>+Erma Kostan</i>

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

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

**THU. JULY 31**

**Pre-Festive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. The Holy & Righteous Eudocimus.**

**9 AM**      *Int. of Peter & Christine Mjanja  
by Judy Ernst*

**7 PM**      **CHURCHING OF VERONICA  
RUSSELL & EVENING PRAYER**

**FRI. AUG. 1**

**The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cros. The Holy Seven Machabee Brothers, their mother Solomonia and the Elder Eleazar.**

**9 AM**      **PARACLIS TO THE THEOTOKOS  
& LITTLE BLESSING OF WATER**

**SAT. AUG. 2**

**Translation of the Relics of the Proto-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Ou Ven. Fr. Basil, Fool for Christ.**

**NO DIVINE SERVICES**

**SUN. AUG. 3**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.**

**Our Ven. Frs. Issac, Dalmatus & Faustus.**

**9:45 AM**      **THE THIRD HOUR**

**10:00 AM**      *FOR THE PEOPLE*

**11:30 AM**      **PARISH LUNCHEON**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD ~ THE MONTH OF JULY 2014**

**Sunday Collection   Candles Holy Day Fund Raising Weekly Totals**

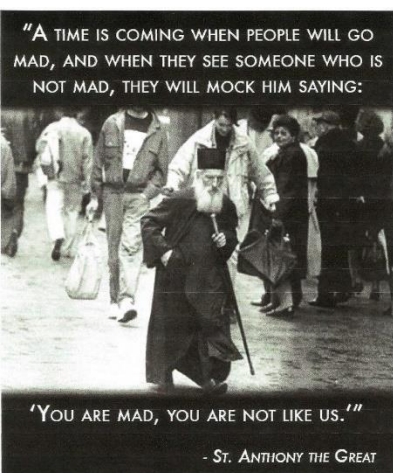
7/6/14      \$1,242.01    \$37.00    \$00.00      \$946.00      \$2,225.01

7/13/14      \$425.39    \$37.00    \$00.00      \$971.53      \$1,433.92

7/20/14      \$958.23    \$62.00    \$10.00      \$1,013.75      \$2,043.98

Totals      \$2,625.63    \$136.00    \$10.00      \$2,921.28      \$5,702.91

***WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!  
IT COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$3000.00 PER WEEK TO OPERATE  
YOUR PARISH. PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT YOUR ST.  
ATHANASIUS PARISH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!***



**ETERNAL MEMORY! ~ Father Sid Sidor**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary~ The Vespers and Divine**  
*Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos will be celebrated on Thursday August 14, 2014 at 7 PM, as a memorial for Fr. Sid. Please inform former parishioners, your family, friends, and neighbors now and plan to attend this Memorial Liturgy.*

<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	In Thanksgiving	Karen Ybarra
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	Health of Judith Marie	Danny Enciso
Tetrapod (2)	\$30.00	Special Intention	Al Macek
Nativity Icon	\$25.00	+Father Sid Sidor	Richard Medwig
Theotokos of Vladimir Icon	\$25.00	Special Intention	Glen Grabow
Resurrection Icon	\$25.00	+Beau Callaway	Rebecca Becker
St. Athanasius Icon	\$25.00	Deceased	Dan & Olga Vaughn
Holy Table	\$40.00	Family & Friends	Dan & Olga Vaughn
PLEASE NOTE: The icon of St. Athanasius, formerly on the icon screen, is now in the former location of the Annunciation Tryptych, which will soon be above the window of the cry room.			
<b><u>Give a spiritual Gift to someone in need.</u></b> 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.			

*The blind men style our Savior Son of David, to show the great respect they had for him. Thus the prophets also did, when they addressed those kings to whom they wished to testify particular respect and esteem.  
 (St. John Chrysostom)*





**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, ELAINE WILSON, DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN, SONIA DOUGLAS-STANTON, RON ZELLER, NICHOLE RICHARDS, BR. JAMES BROWN S.M., WILLIS WILLIAMS, BELINDA DORNEY, DAVID BLEVINS, FR. DEACON MICHAEL GEORGE, MONICA KING GILBRECH, KATHERYN LOIDOLT, PAUL SUVAK, GLEN GRABOW, EVIE KOBUS.

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

*Wednesday July 30 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*

*Wednesday August 27 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*

*Wednesday September 24 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*

## **THE AKATHIST TO THE THEOTOKOS,**

## **THE INEXHAUSTIBLE CUP, HEALER OF ALCOHOLICS**

***WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 7 PM***

***WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 7 PM***

***ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT BYZANTINE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH 1117 S. BLAINE AVE.  
INDIANAPOLIS.***

***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.***



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

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to restart our ECF Program. Father Bryan needs to meet with all of our volunteer catechist after the Sunday Divine Liturgy on Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>. If possible, please bring documentation of previous Safe Environment Training Certification from the Boy Scouts, other Scouting type organization, or another Catholic Eparchy [Diocese] or Archeparchy [Archdiocese]. Thank you for your assistance with this essential ministry.

### **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 in which 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. Glen Grabow and Max Beaver have started on the plans for the dividers! EVERYONE Let's get to work, since it must be completed by the BEGINNING of September so we can begin the ECF program on time.

*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?  
Wisdom was created before all other things,  
and prudent understanding from eternity.\*  
The root of wisdom—to whom has it been revealed?  
Her subtleties—who knows them?\**  
*There is but one who is wise, greatly to be feared,  
seated upon his throne—the Lord.*

**SIRACH 1:1-6**

## ***WE HAVE A CHURCHING TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK!***

Veronica Russell, daughter of Sub-Deacon John & Katie Russell, will continue the process of entering the Church, this **Thursday Evening July 31 at 7 PM**. The Office of the Churching of a Child traditionally takes place on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the birth. Our parish celebration will take place preceding the celebration of Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Procession of the Most Holy Cross.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**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) Saturday July 26 starting work @ 10 AM.
- 2) Saturday August 9 starting work @ 10 AM.



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

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAVE SHOWED UP FOR OUR PREVIOUS WORK DAYS AND HELPED MAKE SOME REALLY PROGRESS WITH THE REPAIR TO OUR TEMPLE.**

**PLEASE COME ON THESE SATURDAYS OR ANY OTHER TIME AND HELP US MOVE FURTHER AHEAD ON OUR NEEDED PROJECTS.**

**If you can not come on Work Days, call the Parish Office and come to volunteer on other days. There is something for EVERYONE to do, so please come and help do your part.**

***The Dormition Fast begins this week!*** Please remember that the Dormition Fast begins after Evening Prayer on Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>. Traditionally a Strict Fast of no meat or dairy products is to followed until August 14<sup>th</sup>, except for the Feast of the Transfiguration [August 6<sup>th</sup>]. The Fast is voluntary, but encouraged.



## **WE HAVE THREE AUGUST HOLY DAYS!**



**The Feast of the Holy Transfiguration will be celebrated on:**

***Tue. August 5***

***7 PM: Vespers & Lityja***

***Wed. August 6***

***9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy***

***The Blessing of the First Fruits will follow each Divine Service.***

***Please bring various fruits and vegetables to Church!***



**The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

***Thu. August 14***

***7 PM: Vespers with Divine Liturgy***

***Fri. August 15***

***9 AM: Festal Morning Prayer***

***The Blessing of Flowers and Herbs will follow each Divine Service.***

***Please bring various Flowers to Church***



**Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

***Thu. Aug. 28***

***7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer***

***Fri. Aug. 29***

***9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy***

***This is traditionally a day of Strict Fast  
[No Meat and Dairy products]***

***Please join us for the Divine Services  
celebrating these Holy Days!***



**Upcoming Changes to St. Athanasius the Great Liturgy Schedule:**

*Please join us for Divine Services, the following schedule will take effect in August 16, 2014*



***Saturday 5 PM: Festal Evening Prayer***

***Sunday 9 AM: Festal Morning Prayer***

***10 AM: Divine Liturgy***

***Holy Days:***

***On the eve of the Holy Day:***

***7 PM Festal Evening Prayer***

***On the Holy Day itself:***

***9 AM Divine Liturgy***



**Blindness** is extremely common in the East from many causes. Blind beggars figure repeatedly in the New Testament (Matthew 12:22) and "opening the eyes of the blind" is mentioned in prophecy as a peculiar attribute of the Messiah. (Isaiah 29:18; 42:7) etc. The Jews were specially charged to treat the blind with compassion and care. (Leviticus 19:14; 27:18) Blindness willfully inflicted for political or other purposes is alluded to in Scripture. (1 Samuel 11:2; Jeremiah 39:7)

**The Small Blessing of Water~** Formerly water was blessed on a more frequent basis, usually the first day of the month. Today the Typicon has retained only the blessing of Water on August 1<sup>st</sup>. [In addition to January 6<sup>th</sup>.] Unlike the Jordan Water consecrated on Theophany, this water is not customarily retained, although it can be retained if pastoral needs require it. Please join us Friday morning for the celebration of Paraclis and the Small Blessing of Water.

***We bow to Your Cross and we glorify Your Resurrection!***

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

Wed. July 30      7 PM      PARACLIS & MYSTERY OF HOLY  
ANOINTING

Thu. July 31      7 PM      CHURCHING OF VERONICA  
RUSSELL

**8<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Celebration**

Sat. August 2      5 PM      NO VESPERS THIS EVENING  
6:15 PM      NO MYSTERIES OF HOLY  
REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]

Sun. August 3      9:45 AM      THIRD HOUR  
10 AM      FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY  
11:30 AM      PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Tue. August 5      7 PM      VESPERS OF TRANSFIGURATION  
BLESSING OF THE FIRST FRUIT

Wed. August 6      9 AM      LITURGY OF TRANSFIGURATION  
BLESSING OF THE FIRST FRUIT

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Celebration**

Sat. August 9      10 AM      [PARMA CATHEDRAL]  
PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION ANDREW NAGRANT  
NO 5 PM      VESPERS OR CONFESSIONS

Sun. August 10      9:45 AM      THIRD HOUR  
10 AM      FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY  
11:30 AM      PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

## **August is the month of Mary in the Byzantine Church**

*Like our brothers and sisters in the Roman Church, Byzantine Catholics also have a month especially dedicated to the Most Holy Theotokos. But unlike our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, Byzantine Catholics do not have a special remembrance of the Theotokos in May or October. Our special month of the Theotokos is August of each year.*

*The first 15 days of the month are set aside for the Theotokos by the fulfilment of the Dormition Fast. This Fast traditionally calls for a Strict Fast of no meat, meat products or dairy products, with the usual mitigations for Saturday, Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration [August 6<sup>th</sup>]. It has become the custom in many Byzantine Churches to celebrate the Paraklis [Office of Consolation to the Theotokos] daily from Monday through Friday, except again for the Transfiguration.*

*At St. Athanasius the Great we will serve the Paraklis on the following dates and times:*



<i>Fri. August 1</i>	<i>9 AM</i>
<i>Thu. August 7</i>	<i>7 PM</i>
<i>Fri. August 8</i>	<i>9 AM</i>
<i>Tue. August 12</i>	<i>7 PM</i>
<i>Wed. August 13</i>	<i>7 PM</i>

*In many Parishes on the Vigil of the Dormition [August 14<sup>th</sup>] the Burial Service of the Theotokos is celebrated in the evening. This*

*Liturgy includes placing the Burial Shroud of the Theotokos in a tomb set up in the center of the nave of the Church. The Burial Service includes the celebration of Vespers and Matins [“The All-Night Vigil”], with the Procession with the Burial Shroud of the Theotokos around the outside of the Church and through the neighborhood. This is a purposely created recreation of the Burial Service of Christ on Good Friday and the Matins of Lamentation on Holy Saturday morning.*

*The post-festive period of the Dormition continues until its Leave-taking on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. During the post-festive period the Akathist for the Dormiion of the Most Holy Theotokos is celebrated in many Parishes.*





**July 27**

**The Great Martyr and Healer**

**St. Pantaleimon**

**Jewel of the Martyrs**

FEW CHRISTIANS HAVE NOT HEARD of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. After living in India for twenty years, teaching in a (middle class) girls high school, she received what she termed “a call within a call” to devote the rest of her life to caring for the sick poor while living among them. At her death there were over 4500 sisters in the religious community she founded.

Mother Teresa is a modern example of what our Tradition calls “Unmercenary Healers,” people – usually physicians – who cared for the sick without pay, offering their skills back to God as their sacrifice of praise. The troparion usually sung in honor of these Unmercenaries speaks of them living out the command of Christ to the Twelve, “*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give*” (Matthew 10:8).

Then, as now, physicians were respected members of society and expected to be remunerated for their services, which is why the sick poor were often ignored in the ancient world. The Unmercenary Healers were the exception to this rule.

## **Unmercenary Healers**

The Eastern Churches have, for centuries, honored a number of Unmercenaries, several of whom were also martyrs in the early persecutions. A few of them (and their feast days) are:

## ***St. Pantaleimon [page 2]***

***Ss. Cosmas and Damian*** of Asia Minor (November 1),

***Ss. Cosmas and Damian*** of Rome (July 1),

***Ss. Cyrus and John*** in Egypt (January 31),

***St Julian*** in Homs, Syria (February 6),

and the teenaged medical student ***St Thallaios*** (May 20).

Some Unmercenaries were not trained physicians but rather native healers, usually associated with rural areas and practicing what we might call “alternative medicine” today. Among them we venerate:

***St Tryphon*** (February 1) who healed livestock as well as people in his village, Lampsacos.

Not a few of these Unmercenaries were women. Among them the Church honors:

***Ss. Zenaida and Philonella*** (October 11), who operated a clinic at a healing spring in Thessaly, and the precursors of Mother Teresa, ***Ss.***

***Hermione and Eukhidia*** (September 4), who established the first hostel for the homeless poor in Ephesus.

These and others are also remembered in a collective feasts of the Holy Unmercenaries in the calendars of some local Churches, generally in October or November.

## **The Great Martyr St. Panteleimon**

One of the most revered Unmercenaries in both East and West is the Great Martyr St. Panteleimon the Healer. He lived in Asia Minor from 284 to 304 and was thus a contemporary of St. George and other martyrs. Like them he suffered martyrdom in the same persecution.

Our saint was born in Nicomedia, the regional capital, about the year 284 to a pagan father, Eusturgios, and a Christian mother, Eubula. At birth he

### **St. Pantaleimon [page 3]**

was given the name Pantaleon, which means “in all things like a lion.” His mother began teaching him the Christian faith but she died when her son was still a boy. Raised by his father, Pantaleon was taught to join him in worshiping the ancestral gods of the region.

The highly intelligent lad was entrusted as a teenager to the noted physician Euphrosinos to learn the practice of medicine. As was the custom, he accompanied his master everywhere to study his methods. Since Euphrosinos was occasionally called to the imperial court Pantaleon attracted the attention of the Eastern emperor, Maximian. He successfully completed his studies and began the practice of medicine himself.

### **Pantaleon’s Conversion**

The young physician often passed a house where three priests – Hermolaos, Hermippos and Hermocrates – were living in seclusion. They had survived a notorious massacre in 303 when thousands of Christians, who had taken refuge in the principal church in Nicomedia, were slaughtered. Hermolaos noticed him and invited him in. In the course of what became frequent conversations, Hermolaos praised Pantaleon for his skills, but also challenged him: “But, my friend, of what use are all your acquisitions in this art, since you are ignorant of the science of salvation?”

Pantaleon was well disposed to Hermolaos’ teaching, but was only convinced to accept baptism through the following event. The young physician once happened to see a child stricken on the street, bitten by a poisonous snake. Pantaleon began to pray to our Lord Jesus Christ that the dead child might be revived and that the poisonous reptile might die. He firmly resolved that, should his prayers be answered, he would become a follower of Christ and would accept baptism. Pantaleon saw the child come back to life and the great viper burst into pieces. Pantaleon was then baptized by Hermolaos and was given the name Pantaleimon (“all-compassionate”).



### *St. Pantaleimon [page 4]*

Pantaleimon began urging his father, Eustorgios, to accept Christ. When Eustorgios saw his son heal a blind man by invoking the name of Christ, he came to believe and was baptized, along with the man who had regained his sight.

After Eustorgios' death, Pantaleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, sick, needy and indigent. Everyone who came to him he treated without charge, healing them by invoking Jesus Christ. He would visit those in prison, especially Christians, whose numbers were filling the prisons, and treat their wounds, thus living up to his Christian name. This naturally attracted the attention of people and they abandoned their other physicians to be treated by Panteleimon.

The other physicians reacted by denouncing Panteleimon as a Christian. Maximian urged Panteleimon to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to the Roman gods, but he refused. On the contrary, Panteleimon healed a paralyzed man in the emperor's presence by invoking Christ. Maximian dismissed this as some kind of trick and condemned Pantaleimon to death. He suffered martyrdom, along with the three priests who had befriended him, on July 27, 304.

**Imitating the mercy of God, O Pantaleimon, you deserve your name which corresponds to the nature of your deeds, for you showed mercy to all, granting them a double healing. You calm and care for their sufferings while you lead them to the divine and radiant knowledge of Christ.**

*Sticheron at the Praises of Orthros*



**Saint Clement of Ohrid**~ (ca. 840 – 916) was a medieval Bulgarian saint, scholar, writer and enlightener of the Slavs. He was the most prominent disciple of Saints Cyril and Methodius and is often associated with the creation of the Glagolitic and Cyrillic scripts, especially their popularization among Christianized Slavs. He was the founder of the Ohrid Literary School and is regarded as a patron of education and language by some Slavic nations. He is regarded to be the first bishop of the Bulgarian Orthodox and Greek Catholic Church, one of the seven

Apostles of the Bulgaria, the patron saint of the Republic of Macedonia, the city of Ohrid and the Macedonian Orthodox and Greek Catholic Churches.

According to his hagiography by Theophylact of Ohrid, St. Clement was born in the southwestern part of the Bulgarian Empire, in the region then known as Kutmichevitsa.

St. Clement participated in the mission of SS. Cyril and Methodius to Great Moravia. After the death of Cyril, Clement accompanied Methodius on his journey from Rome to Pannonia and Great Moravia. After the death of Methodius himself in 885, Clement headed the struggle against the German clergy in Great Moravia along with St. Gorazd. After spending some time in jail, he was expelled from Great Moravia and in 885 or 886 reached the borders of Bulgaria together with St. Naum of Preslav, St. Angelarius and possibly Gorazd (according to other sources, Gorazd was already dead by that time). Thereafter, the four of them were sent to the then Bulgarian capital of Pliska where they were commissioned by Boris I of Bulgaria to instruct the future clergy of the state in the Slavonic language.

After the adoption of Christianity in 865, religious ceremonies in Bulgaria were conducted in Greek by clergy sent from the Byzantine Empire. Fearing growing Byzantine influence and weakening of the state, Boris viewed the adoption of the Old Slavonic language as a way to preserve the political independence and stability of Bulgaria. With a view thereto, Boris made arrangements for the establishment of two literary academies where theology was to be taught in the

**Saint Clement of Ohrid [Page 2]** Slavonic language. The first of the schools was to be founded in the capital, Pliska, and the second in the region of Kutmichevitsa.



While Naum of Preslav stayed in Pliska working on the foundation of the Pliska Literary School, Clement was commissioned by Boris I to organise the teaching of theology to future clergymen in Old Church Slavonic in Kutmichevitsa. For a period of seven years (between 886 and 893) Clement taught some 3,500 disciples in the Slavonic language and the Glagolitic alphabet. In 893 he was ordained archbishop of Drembica (Velika), also in Kutmichevica. Upon his death in 916 he was buried in his monastery, Saint Panteleimon, in Ohrid.

Saint Clement of Ohrid was one of the most prolific and important writers in Old Church Slavonic. He is credited with the *Panonic Hagiography of Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius*. Clement also translated the *Flower Triode* containing church songs sung from Easter to Pentecost and is believed to be the author of the *Holy Service* and the *Life of St. Clement of Rome*, as well as of the oldest service dedicated to St. Cyril and St. Methodius. The invention of the Cyrillic alphabet is also usually ascribed to him although the alphabet is most likely to have been developed at the Preslav Literary School at the beginning of the 10th century (see Cyrillic script).

The first modern Bulgarian university, Sofia University, was named after Clement upon its foundation in 1888. The Macedonian National and University Library, founded on November 23, 1944, also bears his name. The University in Bitola (Republic of Macedonia), established in 1979, is named after Clement, as well as the Bulgarian scientific base, St. Kliment Ohridski on Livingston Island in the South Shetland Islands of Antarctica.

In November 2008, the Macedonian Orthodox Church donated part of Clement's relics to the Bulgarian Orthodox Church as a sign of good will.





**Saint Alphonsa** is the first native saint from India. **Saint Alphonsa Muttathupadathu**, F.C.C., (19 August 1910 to 28 July 1946) was a Syro-Malabar Catholic Franciscan Religious Sister who is now honored as a saint. She is the first woman of Indian origin to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church and the first canonized saint of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, an Eastern Catholic Church of the Saint Thomas Christian community.

She was born Anna Muttathupadathu, the fourth child of Cherian Ouseph and Mary Muttathupadathu, in Kudamalloor, near Kottayam, on 19 August 1910. Which lies within the Archeparchy of Changanassery. She had a difficult childhood and experienced loss and suffering early on in life. Anna's mother died when she was young, so her maternal aunt raised her.

Anna arrived at the Clarist convent at Bharananganam, Kottayam district, on Pentecost Sunday 1927. She received the postulant's veil on 2 August 1928 and took the name **Alphonsa**. On 11 August 1931, she completed the novitiate and took her first vows. Sister Alphonsa took her permanent vows on 12 August 1936. For many years she suffered from numerous serious ailments. She died on 28 July 1946. On 2 December 1953, Cardinal Tisserant inaugurated the diocesan process for her beatification and Alphonsa was declared a Servant of God.

Venerable Sister Alphonsa was beatified along with Father Kuriakose Elias Chavara, T.O.C.D., at Kottayam, on 8 February 1986 by Pope John Paul II during his Apostolic Pilgrimage to India.

On Sunday, 12 October 2008, Pope Benedict XVI announced her canonization at a ceremony at Saint Peter's Square.

**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 been deployed to the Emirate of Kuwait on the Persian Gulf.

**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 posted in Washington, DC.

**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. Katie is getting married at Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church in Annandale, VA in the near future.

**PRIVATE CODY ROMERO USA, STAFF SERGEANT NIKO ROMERO, and STAFF SERGEANT RORY ROMERO** Sons of Sonia Stanton. Cody received the Military Blessing at our Church and is currently serving at Fort Bragg, NC. His brother Rory has been deployed to Afghanistan. Their brother Niko serves as an Army recruiter in Anderson, IN.

**PRIVATE JACKSON RUANE USA**~ Jackson is formerly from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Ashtabula, OH. He was deployed to Korea on September 9, 2013. He thanks you for your prayers.

**PRIVATE ABIGAIL BROWN USA**~ is the Grand Niece of parishioner Belinda Dorney. She was recently promoted to PFC and has completed 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.*

*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!*



