

THE LIGHT OF THE EAST



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

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WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES

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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

**SUNDAY AFTER AND LEAVE-TAKING OF
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.**

The Holy Apostle Codratus of Magnesia.

**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].**

<u>SAT. SEP. 20</u>	5:00 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	6 PM	CONFESSIONS
<u>SUN. SEP. 21</u>	9:00 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10:00 AM	<i>For the People</i>
	11:30 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
<u>MON. SEP. 22</u>	<u>The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope. The Holy Prophet Jonah. Our Ven. Fr. Jonah the Presbyter, Father of Theophane the Hymnographer and Theodore the Artist.</u>	
	NO SERVICES ~ FATHER'S DAY OFF	
<u>TUE. SEP. 23</u>	<u>The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.</u>	
	7 AM	THE FIRST HOUR
<u>WED. SEP. 24</u>	<u>The Holy Proto-Martyr among women and Equal to the Apostles Thecla.</u>	
	7 AM	THE FIRST HOUR
	7 PM	PARACLIS WITH HEALING PRAYER [READER SERVICE]

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 PROPER ON THE
COLORED INSERT.**

THU. SEP. 25

Our Ven. Mother Euphrosyna. Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Pecherskaya Lavra, who repose near the Venerable Anthony.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

FRI. SEP. 26

The Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

SAT. SEP. 27

The Holy Martyr Callistratus and his Companions. Our Ven. Fr. Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

NO FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

NO MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE

[CONFESSIONS]

SUN. SEP. 28

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

Our Ven. Fr. & Conf. Chariton. The Holy Martyr Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. The Holy Prophet Baruch. The Passing of our Blessed Father, Confessor and Martyr Nicetas Budka [1949].

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE

11:30 AM PARISH LUNCHEON

YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD ~ THE MONTH OF SEP. 2014

Sunday Collection		Candles Holy Day Fund Raising		Weekly Totals	
9/7/14	\$1,688.25	\$61.90	\$5.00	\$367.50	\$2,122.65
9/14/14	\$1,159.74	\$24.00	\$17.00	\$754.67	\$1,955.41
Totals	\$2,847.99	\$85.90	\$22.00	\$1,122.17	\$4,078.06

***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!***

<u>Candles Available</u>	<u>Monthly Donation</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Eternal Lamp	\$40.00	Health of Judith Cavnato -McKeever	Danny Enciso
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	+Susan Dorsey	Judy Ernst
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	Special Intention	Father Bryan
St. Athanasius Icon	\$25.00	Ukraine	Dan & Olga Vaughn
Holy Table	\$40.00	+Fr. Sid Sidor	Ray & Anne Hamilton

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, JAY MURTAUGH, 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, JOHN BORGERT, LAUREN FIORELLI, CLARE HUNTER.

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



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15TH 7 PM
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH 7 PM
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17TH 7 PM

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**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.**



ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT
PARISH COMMUNITY MEAL~
Proposed Date Wed. Nov. 19
from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

**As part of our call to participate
actively in the Holy Father's call
for the "New Evangelization",
we need to truly reach out to
the Neighborhood Community
surrounding our Parish
Facilities. One way for us to do
this is to provide a Free**

Community Meal on a regular basis.

**We need to have someone come forward to coordinate this
effort. If you are willing to help coordinate this effort, please
see Father Bryan.**

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 catechists. We will schedule another meeting later in August.

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].

We will be following the Safe Environment program of the Parma Eparchy. If you have any questions you can get more information on the Eparchy's website www.parma.org. Thank you for your assistance with this essential ministry.

With the permission of His Grace Bishop JOHN, St. Athanasius the Great Parish will be restarting its Eastern Christian Formation program, after the Eparchial Gathering the weekend of October 3-4-5. We have tentatively scheduled our start date for Sunday October 12th after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy and Parish Luncheon at around 11:45 AM. Classes will last for 90 minutes, ending at around 1:15 to 1:30 PM.



PLEASE FILL OUT THE EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN. PLEASE FILL IT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN ORDER THE NEEDED BOOKS.

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. As you can see that progress is being made towards the construction, installation and completion of the Partitions. If you can help please let Glen or Max

know when you are available.

Please be sure to keep the children from playing and roaming around the materials during this construction. Thank you for your help!

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

16TH Sunday after Pentecost Celebration

Sat. September 27 5 PM FESTAL VESPERS

Sun. September 28 9 AM FESTAL MATINS

10 AM DIVINE LITURGY

11:15 AM PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Protection of the Theotokos Celebration

Tue. September 30 7 PM FESTAL VESPERS

Wed. October 1 9 AM FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY

EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY

Fri. October 3 DAY OF PRAYER AT CATHEDRAL

Sat. October 4 EPARCHIAL GATHERING AT CATHEDRAL

**NO DIVINE SERVICES SATURDAY AT ST.
ATHANASIUS THE GREAT PARISH**

17th Sunday after Pentecost Celebration

Sun. October 5 9 AM FESTAL MATINS

10 AM DIVINE LITURGY

11:15 AM PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

18TH Sunday after Pentecost Celebration

Sat. October 11 5 PM FESTAL VESPERS

Sun. October 12 9 AM FESTAL MATINS

10 AM DIVINE LITURGY

11:15 AM PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

**12 NOON EASTERN CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN**

WE HAVE ONE MORE HOLY DAYS COMING UP SOON!!



The Feast of the Holy Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos

[Solemn Holy Day]

Tue. September 30

7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer

Wed. October 1

9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy [with Mirovanije]

Please plan now to share in celebrating this joyous Holy Day!

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

NO SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER

Wednesday December 10 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing

WHAT IS THE “LUCAN JUMP?”

The Continuous reading of the Gospel of the Holy Evangelist Luke begins on the Monday following the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The four Gospels are all read in their entirety in the Byzantine Church and the reading of each begins with a Great Feast. Regardless of the number of Sundays after Pentecost, we begin the course reading of the Gospel of St. Luke on the Monday after the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This year this takes place on September 22nd. The continuous reading of the Epistle continues and this year there will be a difference of two weeks between the Gospel and Epistle readings. So this week we will be reading the Epistle of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost, while we will be reading the Gospel of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. This will continue until January 4th including Saturdays and Sundays. The readings for the fixed feast days will continue as normal. So let's all have some fun as we make the “Lucan Jump!”



September 23

Conception of the Holy Prophet.

Forerunner and Baptist John

The Herald of Repentance
Begins to Take Flesh

IN THE CALENDAR USED TODAY by the Byzantine Churches, the Liturgical Year begins on September 1. In earlier calendars used in some local Churches, however, the year began with the Feast of the Conception of St John the Forerunner. This feast

originated in the East in the fifth century and was observed in some Western dioceses as well, although it is not on the general Western calendar.

The basis for this feast is the sequence of events recorded in *Luke* 1:5-25 – the annunciation to Zachariah, the penalty of Zechariah, and the conception of John.

The Annunciation to Zachariah

“There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zachariah, of the division of Abijah [Abihu]. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years” (vv. 5-7).

In *1 Chronicles* 24:7-19 we read that King David and Zadok the High Priest set a schedule for each of the priestly families (named after the sons of Aaron) to serve in the temple. Each family served for eight days, from Sabbath to Sabbath, twice each year. During their times of service the

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priests lived in the temple quarters, away from their wives and children. In addition all the divisions served during the “pilgrimage feasts” – Pesach, Shavuoth (Pentecost) and Sukkoth (Tabernacles) – when all Jewish men were expected to come to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices.

“So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him” (vv. 8-12).

Some commentators think that the mention of “*the multitude of the people*” suggests that this event took place during one of the pilgrimage feasts. It could also have been on a Sabbath when more people would have come to worship. St John Chrysostom thought that Zachariah was in Jerusalem for the Day of Atonement when the angel visited him.

“But the angel said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, “to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,” and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (vv. 13-17).

The angel’s message describes John as a prophet, calling the people to repentance. The mention that he “*shall drink neither wine nor strong drink*” suggests that John would also be a Nazarite: one set apart and consecrated to the Lord by a special vow. The first requirement for a

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Nazarite is that “*he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink*” (Num 6:3). Nazarites were forbidden to cut their hair or do anything that would make them ritually impure. These practices come down to us in monasticism through the witness of John.

Zachariah’s Penalty

“And Zachariah said to the angel, ‘How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.’ And the angel answered and said to him, ‘I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.’ And the people waited for Zachariah, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless” (vv. 18-22).

It is often wondered why Zachariah was penalized for questioning Gabriel when the Holy Virgin was not (see *Lk* 1:34). Perhaps it is because conception by a virgin was unknown while there were well-known cases of God enabling conception in old age in the Old Testament. As a priest Zachariah was surely familiar with Sarah’s conception of Isaac (see *Gen* 17:15-19) and the conception of the Nazarite Samson by the elderly wife of Manoah (see *Judges* 13). Each of them would play a critical part in the development of God’s plan for His people, as would John.

Another well-known woman who conceived in answer to prayer is Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel (see *1 Sm* 1, 2). Long childless, she prayed, “*O LORD of hosts, if You will... give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.*” Samuel, dedicated as a Nazarite before he was conceived, would be the spiritual guide of David and Solomon.

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The Conception of John

“So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ‘Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people’” (vv. 23-25).

Zachariah and Elizabeth lived in the “hill country” of Judea (see *Lk* 1:39). The town of Ein Kerem, southwest of Jerusalem, has long been revered as the place of Zachariah’s home, the Visitation, and John’s birth. Texts from the sixth and seventh centuries attest to celebrations there connected with the Forerunner and his parents. The tenth-century *Book of the Demonstration*, attributed to Eutychius of Alexandria noted: “The church of Bayt Zakariya in the district of [Aelia](#) bears witness to the visit of Mary to her kinswoman Elizabeth.” The two modern churches of St John in Ein Kerem (Orthodox and Roman Catholic) were each built on the remnants of ancient churches.

At the time that Zachariah officiated as a priest in the holy Temple, presenting the prayers of the people to the compassionate Benefactor, he saw an Angel of God, who began to speak to him and said, “Your prayer has been heard! Take courage, old man, and do not doubt. You will have as your child the holy Forerunner, who will be the greatest of those born of women; and in the power of Elijah, he will go before Christ!” (*Vespers Sticheron*)

Joy to you, O barren one unable to give birth! Behold, you conceive today the one who is really a Torch of the Sun, who will enlighten the whole world that suffered from blindness. Rejoice, O Zachariah, and cry out in all confidence: “The one who will be born is a Prophet of the Most High!” (*Troparion*)

2014 Eastern Christian Formation Registration Form

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Family Phone Number: _____

Father's Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Mother's Cell Phone: _____

1] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

2] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

3] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

4] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

5] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

6] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

7] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

8] Child's Name: _____ **Age/Grade:** _____

Please complete this form and turn it in to the Parish Office, by handing it to Father Bryan or John Danovich, or mailing it to the Parish Office. ALL CHILDREN OVER 4 WHO HAVE NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR ARE YOUNGER THAN 18 MUST PARTICIPATE IN EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION. NO EXCEPTIONS!

PLEASE PRAY FOR 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.

CAPT. BRIAN HEWKO USA~ is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a parishioner of St. Anne Ukrainian 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. Fr. Joseph is posted in Washington, DC.

SPECIALIST 3 KATIE WELLER USAF AIRMAN MICHAELA and AIRMAN 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 is currently serving at Ft. Polk, LA since September, 2014. 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.

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. 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!**