

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 OCTOBER 5, 2014

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Holy Martyr Charitina.

**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. OCT. 4

NO FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

SUN. OCT. 5

9:00 AM FESTAL MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM *For the People*

**11:30 AM 4TH DEGREE K of C FLAG
PRESENTATION**

12 NOON PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

MON. OCT. 6

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.

9:00 AM *Intention of Brian Goshorn*

TUE. OCT. 7

The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

NO LITURGY ~ FATHER'S DAY OFF

WED. OCT. 8

Our Ven. Mother Pelagia.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

9 AM *+Derek Anthony Springer*

THU. OCT. 9

The Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Our Ven. Fr.

Andronicus and his wife Athanasia. Our

Righteous Forefather Abraham & his nephew

Lot. The Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

9 AM *+Fr. James Atkins [2nd Year]*

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

CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE!

FRI. OCT. 10

The Holy Martyrs Eulampius & Eulamopia.

7 AM

THE FIRST HOUR

9 AM

*Int. of Abouna Damaskinos
Abdullah, his Family and his
Parish in Hama, Syria*

SAT. OCT. 11

**The Holy Apostle Phillip, one of the Seven
Deacons. Our Ven. Fr. Theophane, the Artist
and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea. Our Holy
Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome .**

5 PM

FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

6 PM

**MYSTERY OF HOLY
REPENTANCE
[CONFESSIONS]**

SUN. OCT. 12

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Probus,
Tarachus and Andronicus. Our Ven. Fr.
Cosmos, Bishop of Maium, the Hymnographer.
Our Holy Fr. Martin, Bishop of Tours.**

9:00 AM

MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM

FOR THE PEOPLE

11:30 AM

PARISH LUNCHEON

12 NOON

ECF FOR ALL BEGINS!

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
9/21/14	\$ 626.50	\$9.78	\$00.00	\$937.87	\$1,574.15
9/28/14	\$ 1,134.54	\$ 71.17	\$00.00	\$813.40	\$2,019.11
Totals	\$ 4,609.03	\$166.85	\$22.00	\$2,873.44	\$7,671.32

***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	Thanksgiving	Karen Ybarra
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	Allison Hendricks	Judy Ernst
Tetrapod (2)	\$30.00	AVAILABLE	
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	AVAILABLE	

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. Please come and see Father Bryan after the Luncheon TODAY.

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

18TH Sunday after Pentecost Celebration. 7TH COUNCIL FATHERS

<u>Sat. October 11</u>	5 PM	FESTAL VESPERS
<u>Sun. October 12</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN
<u>Wed. October 15</u>	7 PM	INEXHAUSTIBLE CUP AKATHIST

19TH Sunday after Pentecost Celebration

<u>Sat. October 18</u>	3 PM	FESTAL VESPERS [Special time]
<u>Sun. October 19</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

20TH Sunday after Pentecost Celebration.

<u>Sat. October 25</u>	5 PM	FESTAL VESPERS PANAHIDA: +Marjorie Sullivan [40th day]
<u>Sun. October 26</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER!



The Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael & All Angelic Powers

[Solemn Holy Day]

Fri. November 7

7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer

Sat. November 8

9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

[with Mirovanije]



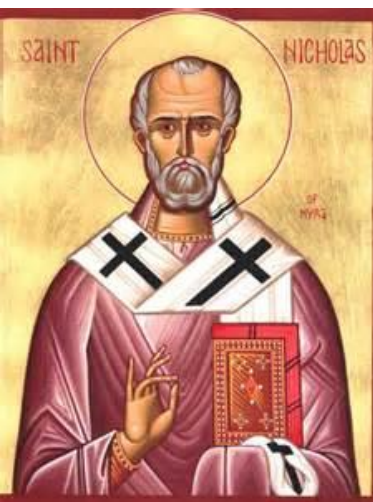
Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple [Solemn Holy Day]

Thu. November 20

7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer

Fri. November 21 9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

[with Mirovanije]



Feast of Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra

Fri. December 5

7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer

Sat. December 6

9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy [with Mirovanije]

Please plan now to share in celebrating these joyous Holy Days!

**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

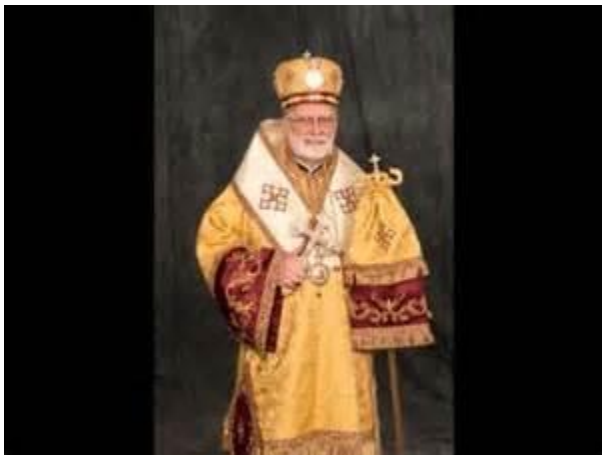
Wednesday December 10 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing

Welcome to our visitors from the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

Today we welcome the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Knights of Columbus. They are here to present to St. Athanasius the Great Parish a new outdoor flag and accessories for our flag pole. The New flag is especially made for outdoor use, and will be larger than the previous flags on the Pole. MANY THANKS TO ALL OF THE 4TH DEGREE KNIGHTS AND THEIR LADIES FOR JOINING US!



**2014 Parma Eparchy Gathering: ADVANCING of Life,
Faith and Spiritual Understanding**



Fr. Bryan and a number of your fellow Parishioners showed their care and concern for their Byzantine Catholic Church and Faith by their participation in the 2014 Eparchy Gathering. They heard His Grace Bishop JOHN as he presented the PASTORAL PLAN FOR THE EPARCHY OF PARMA. EVERYONE in the Parish is called upon to join together to

implement the Pastoral Plan on our Parish Level. In the upcoming weeks we will be announcing meetings to enable our Parish Community to cooperate in the revival of our Parish and the Parma Eparchy.



To the Parents of our small children:

Young children are not going to always be silent at the Liturgy, but parents should remember that the Church during Divine Services is not a “playground.” So if the children are running around or chasing each other around the Church, even in the back, they need to be stopped and perhaps taken to the Holy Family Room. The same is true if the young ones start to cry or yell and cannot be quieted down quickly. They need to be taken to the Holy Family Room until they can be calmed down. Children should not be

permitted to bang on the backs of the pews, bang with toys, or make noise with the cold air returns and HVAC vents in the floor. If it is disturbing to you, then it is disturbing to the rest of the worshipping community.

Megan Craig works as an early childhood education teacher. She has told Father Bryan that she would be willing to mind the young ones in the Holy Family Room. If you would like her to do so, please talk to her directly. An additional pew was placed in the Room was that it can easily accommodate six people. Both Fr. Bryan and the cantors are using the microphones, so that those in the Holy Family Room can hear and participate in Divine Services.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING OR PERMIT YOUR CHILDREN TO USE CRAYONS, PENS OR PENCILS ON THE WALLS OF THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM OR THE REST OF THE CHURCH.

We have had a number of incidents where crayons or other markers have been used to write on the walls of the Holy Family Room, on Church Pews, on the walls of the Parish Hall, and even on the icons on the walls of the Parish Hall. Thank you for helping us in this area!

Once again, the Holy Family Room is NOT a place for the whole family to remain for the whole Liturgy. But it is place to take the little ones when they are load and unruly. With everyone’s cooperation the whole worshipping community can have an increasingly blessed experience.

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“Sent as a radiant sunrise to the people of India”

Orthros, October 6

The Gospels tell us little about Christ’s chosen disciples other than their names. A few of them – Peter, John, and Philip – feature in the early chapters of Acts, but there is little said about the others.

Thomas is more prominent in John than in the other Gospels. The story of Thomas and the risen Christ in John 20 is one of the most compelling tales in the resurrection Gospels. In Byzantine Churches this passage is read in two sections, as it occurred. At vespers on Pascha we read the story of Thomas’ doubts when told that Christ had risen. On the following Sunday – “Thomas Sunday” – we read of his encounter with the risen Christ which evoked his act of faith in Christ as “My Lord and my God” (*Jn 20:28*).

Non-scriptural tales and writings associated with one or another of the Apostles were widely circulated in the first centuries; foremost among them were stories attributed to St. Thomas. The earliest and most widely held concerned Thomas as the Enlightener of India.

The Church beyond the Empire

While the Acts of the Apostles details the spread of the Gospel throughout the Roman Empire, we know that at the same time Christ was being preached to Jews and Gentiles beyond the borders of the empire: specifically, to the East, in Osrhoene (Mesopotamia), Parthia and Persia and as far as India, especially where Jewish colonies could be found.

Traders traveling by caravan or ship were common in the Middle East in the time of Christ. The Greek historian Strabo (64 bc -ad 24) writes of as

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many as 120 ships sailing through the Red Sea to India every year. St Thomas reportedly sailed to India in ad 52 in one of these ships in the company of a merchant.

Jewish merchants had settled in towns along the Old Silk Road and in the coastal cities of India as far back as the Babylonian captivity in the sixth century bc. After the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in ad 70 even more Jews fled Palestine and settled in the established Jewish colonies. It was among them that St Thomas would have a lasting success.

Jews had a thriving colony on the Malabar (west) coast of India. They settled in Muziris, the center of the Chera dynasty, near Cochin, where an ancient synagogue may still be seen. According to local tradition St Thomas and his companions organized a number of communities along this southwestern coast of India. There are still several churches in modern-day Kerala, home of the *St. Thomas Christians*, which claim to have been founded by St Thomas.

After several years the Apostle undertook a missionary journey to the Coromandel (eastern) Coast where he converted, among others, the wife and son of the prefect of Mylapore, near Madras. The prefect charged Thomas with bewitching them and had Thomas imprisoned. He was tortured and then executed by being pierced with spears in ad 72. The place of his execution outside Mylapore is revered as St Thomas' Mount to this day.

At first the body of St Thomas was enshrined in Mylapore, where miracles were associated with its presence. In ad 232 the bulk of the relics were brought from India to Edessa, the Syriac Christian center at the edge of the Roman Empire. A shrine was erected to house these relics which attracted the attention of the pilgrim-nun Egeria who visited it in the 380s. She described her visit in a letter she sent to her convent in Spain:

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“We arrived at Edessa in the Name of Christ our God, and, on our arrival, we straightway repaired to the church and memorial of Saint Thomas. There, according to custom, prayers were made and the other things that were customary in the holy places were done; we read also some things concerning Saint Thomas himself. The church there is very great, very beautiful and of new construction, well worthy to be the house of God, and as there was much that I desired to see, it was necessary for me to make a three days’ stay there.”

St Ephrem the Syrian, who wrote several poetic hymns in the Apostle’s honor, has Satan bewail the powerful presence of Thomas’ relics in Edessa:

“I stirred up Death to slay the Apostles, that by their death I might escape their blows. But harder still am I now stricken: the Apostle I slew in India has overtaken me in Edessa. ... I went there and he was there. I found him both here and there, to my grief.”

The shrine was destroyed by the Zengids, a Turkish tribe who conquered Edessa in 1144. The relics were taken to Patmos, Greece and Ortono, in the Abruzzo region near Rome, where they still remain.

St Thomas’ Writings?

Several early texts are connected with St Thomas:

The Acts of Thomas (c. 180-230)— an early third-century Syriac work that tells the story of his missions in India. It is generally accepted as in line with the proven history of the day.

The Infancy Gospel of Thomas – written about the same time, this work contains a fanciful rendering of Jesus’ early years focused on prodigies and magic tricks He performs on His teacher and other children.

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The Gospel of Thomas – the time of its composition unknown, this work was discovered in Greek and Coptic translations in the modern era. It presents “sayings” of Jesus that reflect a kind of Gnostic philosophy which circulated in Egypt in the early Christian era.

While TV commentators speculate wonderingly about these “suppressed” sayings of the Lord, a more reliable evaluation of them comes from the fourth-century Father, St Cyril of Jerusalem: “Let none read The Gospel according to Thomas, for it is the work, not of one of the twelve Apostles, but one of Mani’s three wicked disciples” (Catechesis 5).

St Thomas Christians Today

St. Thomas’ missions, being outside the Roman Empire, formed part of the Church of the East. Over time they adopted the liturgy of Edessa, the Syriac Christian center. To this day St Thomas Christians consider their Churches “Syrian.”

From the fourth century until the sixteenth the St. Thomas Christians received Persian and Assyrian bishops from the Church of the East as their spiritual fathers. An Indian archdeacon administered the day to day affairs of the community. Portuguese colonizers in the sixteenth century ousted the bishops and the archdeacon, replacing them with a Portuguese Latin bishop, beginning a long period of extreme latinization lasting to the time of Vatican II. Since then the Syro- Malabar Catholics have slowly begun recovering aspects of their West Syrian heritage.

About one third of the Thomas Christians refused to accept the Latin hierarchy and turned to the Syriac Patriarch of Antioch for bishops. Since then some Thomas Christians observe a form of their traditional East Syrian rite of Edessa (Church of the East, Syro-Malabar Catholics) while others follow the West Syrian rite of Antioch (Malankara Syrian Orthodox, Syro-Malankara Catholics and the Mar Thoma Church, a reformed Orthodox group which adopted some Anglican practices during the British rule of India). Each of these Churches has at least one diocese in the United States today.

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!

Ss. Sergius (or Serge) and Bacchus were fourth-century Roman Christian soldiers revered as martyrs and saints by the Byzantine Catholic, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches. Their feast day is 7 October.

According to their hagiography, Sergius and Bacchus were officers in Galerius' army, and were held high in his favor until they were exposed as secret Christians. They were then severely punished, with Bacchus dying during torture, and Sergius eventually beheaded.

Sergius and Bacchus were very popular throughout Late Antiquity, and churches in their honor were built in several cities, including Constantinople and Rome. The close friendship between the two is strongly emphasized in their hagiographies and traditions, making them one of the most famous examples of paired saints.

The saints' story is told in the Greek text known as *The Passion of Sergius and Bacchus*. The story is ostensibly set during the reign of Roman Emperor Galerius (305 to 311), though it contains a number of contradictions and anachronisms that make dating difficult. The work itself may date to the mid-5th century.

According to the text, Sergius and Bacchus were Roman citizens and high-ranking officers of the Roman Army, but their covert Christianity was discovered when they attempted to avoid accompanying a Roman official into a pagan temple with the rest of his bodyguard. After they persisted in refusing to sacrifice to Jupiter in Galerius' company, they were publicly humiliated by being chained, dressed in female attire and paraded around town. Galerius then sent them to Barbalissos in Mesopotamia to be tried by Antiochus, the military commander there and an old friend of Sergius. Antiochus could not convince them to give up their faith, however, and Bacchus was beaten to death. The next day Bacchus' spirit appeared to Sergius and encouraged him to remain strong so they could be together forever. Over the next days, Sergius was also brutally tortured and finally executed at Resafa, where his death was marked by miraculous happenings.

The *Passion*, replete with supernatural occurrences and historical anachronisms, has been dismissed as an unreliable historical source. The

Ss. Sergius and Bacchus [page 2] work has been dated to mid-5th century, and there is no other evidence for the cult of Sergius and Bacchus before about 425, over a century after they are said to have died.

Veneration of the two saints dates to the 5th century. A shrine to Sergius was built in Resafa (renamed Sergiopolis around 425), but there is no certain evidence for his or Bacchus' cult much older than that. Their cult grew rapidly during the early 5th century, in accordance with the growth of the cult of martyrs, especially military martyrs, during the period. The Resafa shrine was constructed of mudbrick, evidently at the behest of bishop Alexander of Hierapolis. The *Passion* has been dated to the mid-5th century on the grounds that it describes the construction of such a shrine as if it were a relatively recent occurrence. The original shrine was replaced with a sturdier stone structure in 518; this new site was patronized by important political figures including Roman Emperor Justinian I, King Khosrau II of Sassanid Persia, and Al-Mundhir, ruler of the Ghassanids.

In the Byzantine Empire, they were venerated as protectors of the army. A large monastery church, the Little Hagia Sophia, was dedicated to them in Constantinople by Justinian I, probably in 527. Sergius was a very popular saint in Syria and Christian Arabia. The city of Resafa, which became a bishop's see, took the name Sergiopolis and preserved his relics in a fortified basilica. Resafa was improved by Emperor Justinian, and became one of the greatest pilgrimage centers in the East. Many other churches were built dedicated in the name of Sergius, sometimes with Bacchus. A church dedicated to Santi Sergio e Bacco was built in Rome in the 9th century. Christian art represents the two saints as soldiers in military garb with branches of palm in their hands. Their feast is observed on 7 October, and a Liturgy is assigned to them in the "Sacramentarium" of Pope Gelasius. The nomads of the desert looked upon Sergius as their special patron saint.

In the Armenian Church traditions Sergius, or Sarkis, was venerated as a Christian general in the Roman army. He was martyred with his son, Martyros, for witnessing to their faith in Christ. The feast is preceded by a three-day fasting.

Parishioner takes monastic vows receives the Tonsure:



Rob “Buddy” Hughey, son of Robert and Daun Hughey, of St. Athanasius the Great Parish received monastic tonsure, took his first vows, and received the monastic riasa at Holy Resurrection Monastery in St. Nazianz, WI on Thursday October 2nd. Although the new monk will actually receive his new name from the Abbot of the

Monastery Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Nicholas Zachariadis, your pastor was told that the name “Romanos” was seriously being considered. [The new monk will not discover what his new monastic name will be until the Archimandrite tell him in the ceremony. We will inform you if another name was chosen.]

Holy Resurrection Monastery is a Byzantine Catholic Monastery under the omophorion of His Grace Bishop JOHN Michael Boetean, Eparch of the Eparchy of St. George of Canton, OH. The Monastic community was founded by Archimandrite Nicholas in 1995 in Newberry Spring, CA. In 2011 they moved to their present monastery building in St. Nazianz, WI, a town originally settled by Roman Catholic Germans. They named their community after the great Greek Church Father St. Gregory the Theologian [or St. Gregory of Nazianzus the younger] Patriarch of Constantinople. The Roman Catholic parish in the community is also named for this illustrious Church Father.



Monastic Tonsure and clothing is the first step towards an ever deeper monastic life. We congratulate Rob, and his parents and family on this achievement. And we will continue to pray for the new riasaphore Monk and ask the Lord to sustain him in

His Holy Will.

May God grant him many happy and blessed years!

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.

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.

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.

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