

THE LIGHT OF THE EAST



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

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WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES

Sat: 7 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 DECEMBER 21, 2014

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia.

**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. DEC. 20</u>	7:00 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	8:00 PM	MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSION]
<u>SUN. DEC. 21</u>	9:00 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10:00 AM	For the People
	11:30 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL
<u>MON. DEC. 22</u>	<u>Pre-Festive Day of Christmas. The Holy Great Martyr Anastasia.</u>	
	NO DIVINE SERVICES ~ FATHER’S DAY OFF	
<u>TUE. DEC. 23</u>	<u>Pre-Festive Day of Christmas. The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete. Commemoration of the Dedication of the Great Church of Holy Wisdom in Constantinople.</u>	
<u>WED. DEC. 24</u>	7 AM	THE FIRST HOUR
	<u>Vigil of Christmas. The Holy Martyr Eugenia</u>	
	9 AM	THE ROYAL HOURS
	6 PM	THE HOLY NIGHT SUPPER
	8 PM	GREAT COMPLINE

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

THU. DEC. 25

CHRISTMAS, NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.

9 AM FESTAL MORNING PRAYER

10 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*

FRI. DEC. 26

SYNAXIS OF THE THETOKOS. The Holy

Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

9 AM *+Ralph Cooper by Sheila Cooper*

SAT. DEC. 27

THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR

AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN. Our Ven. Fr.

**& Conf. Theodore, Brother of Theophane the
Hymnographer.**

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

9 AM *+James Turner by Sheila Cooper*

7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

SUN. DEC. 28

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, OF THE

HOLY & JUST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF

MARY; OF DAVID, PROPHET AND KING;

AND OF THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES,

BROTHER OF OUR LORD. The Holy 20,000

Martyrs of Nicomedia. The Blessed Martyr

Gregory Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanislaviv

[1945].

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*

11:30 AM PARISH LUNCHEON

NO ECF CLASSES TODAY!

CHRIST IS AMONG US ! HE IS AND SHALL BE!

Safe Environment Program: The Eparchy of Parma and St. Athanasius the Great Parish are committed to provide a safe environment for all of the minors in our community. If you are aware of any issues of the Abuse of Minors by members of the clergy or Parish Volunteers please contact the Eparchy's Victim Assistance Coordinator Sharon Di Lauro Petrus M.D. at 216-741-8773 x 246

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

Sunday Collection	Candles	Holy Day	Fund Raising	Weekly Totals
12/7/14	\$894.22	\$45.72	\$00.00	\$595.25
12/14/14	\$1,706.64	\$83.00	\$10.00	\$1,176.25
TOTAL	\$2,600.86	\$128.72	\$10.00	\$1,771.50

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!
Thank you for all of your support!

2014-2015 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL PLEDGES TO DATE: \$2400.00

ST. ATHANASIUS STEWARDSHIP GOAL: \$1400.00

AMOUNT SURPASSING OUR GOAL \$1000.00 [PLEDGED]

AMOUNT COLLECTED TO DATE \$2400.00

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAVE PLEDGED OR CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS OUR GOAL! BUT TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PLEDGED, YOUR PLEDGE AND SUPPORT IS STILL NEEDED! NOW THAT WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL, WE RECEIVE BACK FROM THE EPARCHY A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

Please turn in your pledge card and initial payment check made out to "St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church". You can pay your pledge over a 5 month period. You may also donate online at www.parma.org and go to the donate tab. If every family pledge \$200.00 we would be able to continue to surpass our goal, and we receive back the remainder. St. Athanasius the Great Parish has received much support of the Eparchy, we al should show our appreciation for this support by contributing to the Stewardship Appeal. Any amount is welcome!

Kitten update~ Many of you have asked about Fr. Bryan's new kittens [kindly provided by the Hunter family]. The Kittens Alexey and Anastasia are doing very well. This past week, Father took them to the Brookville Road Animal Hospital for their initial veterinarian visit. He also had them spayed and neutered as a responsible pet owner. Since they will be indoor cats they were also declawed, in order to save the Rectory furniture.

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, IGNATIO ROMERO,
MAGDELINA CHAUBY, ROBERT SUVAK.

<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	Healing	Dan & Olga Vaughn
Nativity Icon	\$25.00	Jesus, Mary, Joseph	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	Special Intention	Al Macek

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.

Thank you for your support of St Athanasius the Great Parish.

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



WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH 7 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH 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~

Many thanks to all who helped and
participated watch this space for
further announcements

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.

Daun Hughey has come forward to coordinate this effort. But
she will need everyone's cooperation to connect with the
Community to make this meal a success. If you are willing to
help with this effort, please see Daun or Father Bryan.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES 2014-2015



Our Eastern Christian Formation Classes will continue **THIS SUNDAY** after the Parish Luncheon. There will be no Classes on Sunday December 28th. The Children are divided by age and grade. We hope to have a Pre-K and Kindergarten class, a Primary Grade class, a Middle Grade class, and a High School age class. Currently the Pre-K and Kindergarten and Primary Grade classes have begun.

Parents please commit to have themselves and their children here each week to make the classes.

We expect EVERY ADULT to participate in the Adult Enrichment Class. Sadly all too many of you have NOT been faithful in attending and participating in Eastern Christian Formation Classes. Please recommit yourself to

growing in the Holy Spirit and Faith. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

Second Annual traditional Christmas Eve Supper~

So many people enjoyed the Traditional Christmas Eve Supper [Holy Night Supper] that we celebrated last year before the celebration of Great Compline, that it has been decided to hold the Supper annually. Everyone is welcome for this Supper [which will be a potluck] please sign up in the Parish Hall at the Luncheon. Information on the traditional foods for the supper are also in the Parish Hall.

5 PM ~ DOORS OPEN [FOR LAST MINUTE FOOD PREPARATION]

6 PM ~ SUPPER BEGINS WITH PRAYER

**8 PM ~ GREAT COMPLINE FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS MARVELOUS TRADITIONAL
SUPPER!**

Can You Help? The Hall Kitchen Dishwasher is disparately in need of repair. Father has been told that it is in need of a new "drain filter" [if he remembers correctly]. A usable Dishwasher will help simplify clean up after various Parish projects and meals. If you can help please tell John Danovich and schedule a time to assess the situation and make a repair. Thanks!

The Cupboard is almost bare! *Our Parish Food Bank was nearly empty after providing assistance to needy people this November. Fr. Bryan had to spend his own monies to purchase some basics for the food bank. It would be a great help if every family would bring a few non-perishable food items to Church. We especially need cereals, canned fruit and vegetables, canned and boxed soups, canned meats, and canned soups. But any non-perishable food items would be most welcomed! Please bring them to Church and place in the food bank box.*

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

Wednesday January 14 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday February 11 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday March 11 Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts & Holy Anointing

Wednesday April 29 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday May 27 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Wednesday June 24 Paraclis & Holy Anointing

Please invite your friends and join us for this beautiful Healing Service!

A **Paraclis** or **Supplicatory Canon** in the Orthodox Christian Church and Byzantine Catholic Churches, is a service of supplication for the welfare of the living. It is addressed to a specific Saint or to the Most Holy Theotokos whose intercessions are sought through the chanting of the supplicatory canon together with psalms, hymns, and litanies.

The most popular Paraklesis is that in which the supplicatory canon and other hymns are addressed to the Most Holy Theotokos (the Mother of God). There are two forms of this service: the *Small Paraklesis* (composed by Theosterictus the Monk in the 9th century), and the *Great Paraklesis* (composed by Emperor Theodore I Ducas Lascaris in the 13th century). During the majority of the year, only the Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos is chanted. However, during the Dormition Fast (August 1—14, inclusive), the Typikon^lprescribes that the Small and Great Paraklesis be chanted on alternate evenings, according to the traditional regulations.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

PLEASE FIND THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS DIVINE SERVICES ELSEWHERE IN THE BULLETIN!

Sunday after Christmas ~ Sunday of the St. Joseph, David, & James Celebration

<u>Sat. December 27</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS
		[FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. December 28</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES

Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great Celebration

<u>Wed. December 31</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS
<u>Thu. January 1</u>	9 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday before the Theophany Celebration.

<u>Sat. January 3</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS
		[FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. January 4</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL
<u>Mon. January 5</u>	7 PM	VESPERS AND LITURGY OF ST. BASIL WITH THE CONSECRATION OF THE JORDAN WATER

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS IN DECEMBER & JANUARY!



Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Wed. Dec. 24

9 AM: Royal Hours [Office of Readings]

6 PM: Holy Night Supper [for all Parishioners]

8 PM: Great Compline of the Nativity

Thu. Dec. 25

9 AM: Festal Morning Prayer

10 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy [with Mirovanije]



Feast of the Synaxis of the Theotokos

Fri. Dec. 26

9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Holy Proto-martyr Stephen

Sat. Dec. 27

9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great



Wed. Dec. 31

7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer

Thu. Jan. 1

9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Theophany Celebration

Mon. Jan. 5

7 PM: Vespers and Liturgy consecration of the Jordan water

Tue. Jan. 6

9 AM: Festal Morning Prayer

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



Sunday before the Nativity

Walking in the Midst of the Fire

IN OUR FIRST TONE TROPARION of the resurrection, sung repeatedly throughout the year, we chant these words: “Glory to Your economy, O You who alone are the Lover of

mankind.” Our secular society uses the word *economy* for financial matters exclusively; the term has other meanings in the Church, particularly in the East.

“Divine economy” is the traditional way we refer to the way God interacts with the world, particularly in achieving the restoration of humanity to communion with Himself. Sometimes the term is paraphrased as *plan of salvation* or *dispensation*. The creation itself, and all the events connected with our redemption in Jesus Christ are included in the Church’s term *economy*. They are the way God “manages” His creation.

The highpoint of God’s plan for us is the Incarnation of the Word. Everything in the divine economy leading up to the coming of Christ is in some way a preparation for this event. The saga of Abraham and his descendants, the Israelites in Egypt, their exodus to the promised land and their subsequent history are all aspects of this plan which St Paul calls “*the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ*” (Eph 3:9).

One particular moment in the story of Israel figures prominently in our celebration during the Nativity Fast: the exile of the Jews to Babylon and the experience of three of them in the fiery furnace. These three young

Sunday before the Nativity [Page 2] men are remembered along with the prophet Daniel on December 17 each year. They are also specifically invoked on the two Sundays before the Nativity because of the accomplishments of their faith.

The Babylonian Exile

In 605 BC the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and made its king a vassal. Responding to several rebellious incidents the Babylonians pillaged the city in 597 BC and destroyed the temple built by Solomon. The Jewish king, his court and many prominent Jews were taken captive and deported to Babylon. Their exile would end in 538 BC when the Persian king Cyrus the Great defeated the Babylonians and allowed the Jews to return home.

The Book of Daniel

The story of the exile and captivity of the Jews forms the background of the Book of Daniel. Its present form, written in Hebrew and Greek, dates to the mid-second century BC, but contains some original Aramaic tales dating from the exile as well. It is generally considered an apocalyptic book, offering its readers consolation that their present troubles (Greek and Roman occupation) would one day end as the Babylonian exile had ended: with the liberation of the Jews and the restoration of true worship. Daniel was a highly placed Jew, highly regarded for his faithfulness to the Law in an era when the Law was largely neglected. The prophet Ezechiel, who lived through the Babylonian exile, puts Daniel in the highest company in this prophecy: *“The word of the LORD came again to me, saying: ‘Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,’ says the Lord GOD”* (EZ 14:14).

The first part of the book includes three dramatic and prophetic scenes concerning Daniel and three other young Jewish nobles. When they were taken captive, they were impressed into their captor’s service and given Babylonian names. *“Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his*

Sunday before the Nativity [Page 3] eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king. Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego" (Dan 1:3-7). The book uses these names indiscriminately, which sometimes confuses readers.



From the first these young Jews refused to violate the Law. They would not eat the meats given them and would only eat vegetables. Nevertheless they rose to positions of responsibility in the Babylonian Empire.

When Nebuchadnezzar erected a golden idol on the plain of Dura, the three young men refused to worship it as the king had

commanded, even though he had stipulated: "*whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace*" (Dan 3:6).

When confronted by the king the three Jews insisted, "*Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up*" (Dan 3:17-18). They knew that God could deliver them and believed that He would. But if that was not His will, they would not lose faith: they still were not going to worship the idol.

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"And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, 'Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?' They answered and said to the king, 'True, O king.' 'Look!' he answered, 'I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like a Son of God'" (Dan 3: 23-25).



The angel of God who protected these young Jews is seen by the Church as a type of Christ, the One who walks among His people at all times, in the midst of every circumstance, even when God seems absent. It is He whose coming in the flesh we are about to celebrate.

Troparion and Kontakion (Dec. 17)

*Faith can accomplish great things!
Through it the three holy young men
rejoice in the flames as if they had been
in refreshing water; and Daniel in the
midst of lions is like a shepherd among
his sheep. Through their intercession, O*

Christ God, save our souls.

Armed with God's invisible power, you shunned the adoration of man-made idols, O thrice-blessed young men. Strengthened with this power beyond words, you stood in the midst of a devouring fire and called upon God, saying: "Hasten, O merciful One, and speed to our help, for You are good and have the might to do as You please."

The Office of Compline

Compline [the Night Service] takes two distinct forms: Small Compline and Great Compline. The two versions are quite different in length.

At Compline (whether Small or Great), a Canon to the Theotokos in the Tone of the Week will normally be read (these Canons will be found in the Octoechos). Services to saints in the Menaion that, for one reason or another, cannot be celebrated on the day assigned to them, may be chanted on the nearest convenient day at Compline. In such cases, the Canon for the Saint would be read together with the Canon to the Theotokos, followed by the Stichera to the saint from Vespers. There are also particular days (such as certain Forefeasts, Afterfeasts, and days during the Pentecostarion) that have special Canons for Compline composed for them.

The Office always ends with a mutual asking of forgiveness. In some traditions, most notably among the Russians, Evening Prayers (i.e., Prayers Before Sleep) will be read near the end of Compline. It is an ancient custom, practiced to this day on the Holy Mountain and in other monasteries, for everyone present at the end of Compline to venerate the Relics and Icons in the church, and receive the priest's blessing.

Small Compline

Small Compline is served on most nights of the year (i.e., those nights on which Great Compline is not served). On the eves of Sundays and feasts with All-Night Vigil, Compline may be either read privately or suppressed altogether. Among the Greeks, who do not normally hold an All-Night Vigil on Saturday evenings, Compline is said as normal.

The service is composed of three Psalms (50, 69, 142), the Small Doxology, the Nicene Creed, the Canon followed by *It is Truly Proper*, the Trisagion, Troparia for the day, *Lord, have mercy* (40 times), the Prayer of the Hours, the Supplicatory Prayer of Paul the Monk, and the Prayer to Jesus Christ of Antiochus the Monk. Then the mutual

Compline [page 2] forgiveness and final blessing by the Priest. After this, there is a Litany and the veneration of Icons and Relics.

Great Compline

Great Compline is a penitential office which is served on the following occasions:

- Tuesday and Thursday nights of Cheesefare Week (the week before Great Lent)
- Monday through Thursday nights of Great Lent
- Friday nights of Great Lent
- Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week
- Monday through Friday during the lesser Lenten seasons: the Nativity Fast, the Apostles' Fast, and the Dormition Fast
- The Eves of certain Great Feasts, as a part of the All-Night Vigil:
 - Nativity
 - Theophany
 - Annunciation

Unlike Small Compline, Great Compline has portions of the service which are chanted by the Choir and during Lent the Prayer of Saint Ephraim is said with prostrations. During the First Week of Great Lent, the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete is divided into four portions and read on Monday through Thursday nights.

In Greek Prayer Books, a modified form of the Midnight Office is used for morning prayers for laymen, while a modified form of Small Compline is used for evening prayers.

Great Compline is composed of three sections, each beginning with the call to prayer, "O come, let us worship...":

First Part

Psalms 4, 6, and 12; Glory..., etc.; Psalms 24, 30, 90; then the hymn "God is With Us" and troparia, the Creed, the hymn "O Most holy

Compline [page 3]

Lady Theotokos", the Trisagion and Troparia of the Day, *Lord, have mercy* (40 times), "More honorable than the cherubim..." and the Prayer of St. Basil the Great.



Second Part

Psalms 50, 101, and the Prayer of Manasseh; the Trisagion, and Troparia of Repentance, *Lord, have mercy* (40 times), "More honorable than the cherubim..." and the Prayer of St. Mardarius.



Third Part

Psalms 69, 142, and the Small Doxology; then the Canon followed by *It is Truly Meet*, the Trisagion, the hymn "O Lord of Hosts, be with us...", *Kyrie eleison* (40 times), the Prayer of the Hours, "More honorable than the cherubim....", the

Prayer of Saint Ephraim, Trisagion, the Supplicatory Prayer of Paul the Monk, and the Prayer to Jesus Christ of Antiochus the Monk. Then the mutual forgiveness. Instead of the normal final blessing by the Priest, all prostrate themselves while the priest reads a special prayer intercessory prayer. Then the Litany and the veneration of Icons and Relics.

On Christmas Eve we will be celebrating Great Compline in preparation for the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. This is one of the most beautiful Vigil celebrations of the entire year. It is at Great Compline that we will sing the traditional Christmas Hymn "God is with us!" Wouldn't it be a beautiful addition to your family's Christmas Eve Customs, if you were to add coming and joining in the celebration of Great Compline for the Feast?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY THOSE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.

Lt. COL. 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 Austintown, 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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