

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 7, 2014

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan.

**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. 6</u>	7:00 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	8:00 PM	MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSION]
<u>SUN. DEC. 7</u>	9:00 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10:00 AM	<i>For the People</i>
	11:30 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL
<u>MON. DEC. 8</u>	<u>The Pre-Festive Day of the Maternity [Conception] of the Holy Anna. Our Ven. Fr. Patapius.</u>	
	7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER	
<u>TUE. DEC. 9</u>	<u>FEAST OF THE MATERNITY [CONCEPTION] OF THE HOLY ANNA. The Holy Hannah, Mother of the Prophet Samuel.</u>	
	7 AM	THE FIRST HOUR
<u>WED. DEC. 10</u>	9 AM	<i>+Robert Kelly by family</i>
	<u>The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes & Eugraphus.</u>	
	7 AM	THE FIRST HOUR
	7 PM	THE EMANUEL MOLEBEN

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

CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE!

THU. DEC. 11

Our Ven. Fr. Daniel the Stylite.

**7 AM THE FIRST HOUR
FATHER'S DAY OFF**

FRI. DEC. 12

**Our Ven. Fr. Spiridon the Wonderworker,
Bishop of Tremithus. Feast of the Holy Icon of
the Theotokos "Not Made by Hands" of
Guadalupe.**

**7 AM THE FIRST HOUR
7:30 AM THE EMANUEL MOLEBEN**

SAT. DEC. 13

**The Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius,
Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes. The Holy
Virgin Martyr Lucy.**

**7 AM THE FIRST HOUR
9 AM +*Grace Kelly by Family*
7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
8 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY
REPENTANCE [CONFESSION]**

SUN. DEC. 14

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS.
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Thrysus,
Leucas, Philemon, Appolonius and Callinicus.
The Blessed Presbyter and Ascetic Father
Nimatulla al-Hardini [Joseph Kassab].**

**9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER
10:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE
11:30 AM PARISH LUNCHEON
12:15 PM ECF CLASSES FOR ALL!**

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS!

Please be sure to join us this morning for our weekly Parish Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy. At the Luncheon we will have a special guest. Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra will be our special guest. This Wonderworker will have a small gift for all of the faithful Children of the Parish, whatever age!

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

Sunday Collection Candles Holy Day Fund Raising Weekly Totals

11/2/14	\$1,092.75	\$58.00	\$00.00	\$454.82	\$1,605.57
11/9/14	\$1,149.49	\$83.43	\$10.00	\$654.83	\$1,897.75
11/16/14	\$1,142.48	\$53.41	\$00.00	\$587.78	\$1,793.67
11/23/14	\$1,271.93	\$55.65	\$00.00	\$1,069.50	\$2,397.08
11/30/14	\$510.02	\$99.75	\$5.00	\$614.77	\$982.12

TOTAL \$5,166.66 \$350.24 \$15.00 \$3,200.71 \$8,732.62

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!

Thank you for all of your support!

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. [Malachi 3:10]

2014-2015 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL PLEDGES TO DATE: \$1575.00

ST. ATHANASIUS STEWARDSHIP GOAL: \$1400.00

AMOUNT SURPASSING OUR GOAL \$175.00 [PLEDGED]

AMOUNT COLLECTED TO DATE \$1475.00

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!



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.

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



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH 7 PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19TH 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. 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. **We need the parents' commitment to have themselves and their children here each week to make the classes successful.** We expect *EVERY ADULT* to participate in the Adult Enrichment Class.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Interview with Bp. John Kudrick appears in National Catholic Magazine:

His Grace Bishop John was interviewed by Sean Salai, S. J. [who participated in the recent ordination] for the national Jesuit magazine *America* regarding the recent abrogation of the imposition of mandatory celibacy for presbyters being ordained in the USA and elsewhere. The Photograph included was taken at St. Athanasius the Great Church. If you are interested in the article please go to the following website:

<http://americamagazine.org/content/all-things/pope-francis-married-catholic-priests-qa-bishop-john-parma>

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!**

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

Conception of St. Anna of the Theotokos Celebration.

<u>Mon. December 8</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS
<u>Tue. December 9</u>	9 AM	FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY
<u>Wed. December 10</u>	7 PM	EMANUEL MOLEBEN WITH HOLY ANOINTING

27TH Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday of the Forefathers Celebration

<u>Sat. December 13</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS
NOTE NEW TIME		[FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. December 14</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES
<u>Wed. December 17</u>	7 PM	EMANUEL MOLEBEN
	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]

28th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday of the Ancestors Celebration.

<u>Sat. December 20</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS
		[FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. December 21</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL

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

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS IN DECEMBER!



Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna **[Conception of the Theotokos]**

Mon. Dec. 8

7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer

Tue. Dec. 9 [traditional and proper day]

**9 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy [with
Mirovanije]**



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

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

ST. PHILIP'S FAST (14 November - 24 December):

The St. Philip's Fast (or Filipovka), continues through December 24th.

The Byzantine focus is on the Light we are awaiting. We celebrate the victory of light over darkness both in nature and in us. The fast of Filipovka once had very strict rules. **Today, the Church requires us to abstain from meat on Fridays, and recommends Wednesdays.**

Everyone is encouraged to keep the Strict Fast of no meat and dairy products, if possible. Parish functions except on Saturday and Sunday will be meatless.

We are also required to practice the spirit of sacrifice, penance, especially charity. To prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we fast, we pray more and we increase our acts of love and compassion. Fasting involves not just food, but the entire being.

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

Wednesday December 10 Emanuel Moleben and Mystery of Holy Anointing

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.

EMMANUEL MOLEBEN

THE PHILLIP'S FAST PRAYER SERVICE OF THE BYZANTINE CHURCH



***WE EXTOL YOU, O LIFEGIVING CHRIST, FOR FULFILLING
THE SIGN FORTOLD OF EMMANUEL, YOU REVEALED
YOURSELF AS SAVIOR, BY PROPHETS FORTOLD!***

***PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THIS TRADITIONAL PRE-
CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH.***

***THE EMMANUEL MOLEBEN WILL BE SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM:***

DECEMBER 10TH, AND DECEMBER 17TH

***THE EMMANUEL MOLEBEN WILL ALSO BE SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING
DAYS AT 7:30 AM:***

***FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH; TUESDAY DECEMBER 16TH;
THURSDAY DECEMBER 18TH; FRIDAY DECEMBER 19TH***



The Conception of the Theotokos by Saint Anna is commemorated by the Byzantine Catholic Churches and Orthodox Churches on December 9. St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married St. Joachim, who was a native of Galilee. For many years, St. Anna was childless and the couple suffered much reproach for her barrenness. When they were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God, the High Priest, Issachar, upbraided Joachim,

"You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands." Both spouses gave themselves to fervent prayer, and the Archangel Gabriel announced to them separately that they would be the parents of a daughter who would bring blessings to the whole human race.

Although the Byzantine Catholic Churches and Orthodox Churches do not have the specific teaching of the Immaculate Conception, [since our Byzantine tradition does not have an understanding of “inherited guilt.”] but has also always believed that the Virgin Mary was, from her conception, filled with every Grace of the Holy Spirit in view of her calling as the Mother of Christ our God. She is the “Panagia-All-Holy”.

The Church also celebrates other saints who were sanctified in the womb of their mothers. St John the Baptist is one example; St Nicholas the Wonderworker is another.

The feast is not exactly nine months before the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8) as it is in the West, but one day less. Many have taught this is to show that God alone is perfect. There are three gestations celebrated on the Byzantine calendar. In addition to the Theotokos we have St. John the Forerunner [Baptist] from his Conception on September 23rd to his Birth June 24th of nine months plus one day. And, of course, the perfect nine months gestation of our Lord from March 25th until December 25th.

Saint Daniel the Stylite (c. 409 – 493) is a saint of the Eastern Orthodox, and Roman Catholic and Eastern Catholic Churches. He was born in a village by the name of Maratha in upper Mesopotamia near Samosata, in today what is now a region of Turkey. He entered a monastery at the age of twelve and lived there until he was thirty-eight. During a voyage he made with his abbot to Antioch, he passed by Tellnesin and received the benediction and encouragement of St. Simeon Stylites. Then he visited the holy places, stayed in various convents, and retired in 451 into the ruins of a pagan temple.

He established his pillar four miles north of Constantinople. The owner of the soil where he placed his pillar, who had not been consulted, appealed to the emperor and the patriarch Gennadius of Constantinople. Gennadius proposed to dislodge him, but in some way was deterred. Gennadius ordained him a priest against his will, standing at the foot of his pillar. When the ceremony was over the patriarch administered the Eucharist by means of a ladder, which Daniel had ordered to be brought. Gennadius then received the Eucharist from Daniel. Daniel lived on the pillar for 33 years. By continually standing, his feet were covered with sores and ulcers: the winds of Thrace sometimes stripped him of his scanty clothing.^[1]

He was visited by both the Emperor Leo I the Thracian and the Emperor Zeno. As a theologian, he came out against monophysitism.

The following is the advice he gave to his disciples just before his death: *"Hold fast humility, practice obedience, exercise hospitality, keep the fasts, observe the vigils, love poverty, and above all maintain charity, which is the first and great commandment; keep closely bound to all that regards piety, avoid the tares of the heretics. Separate never from the Church your Mother; if you do these things your righteousness shall be perfect."*^[3]

Saint Daniel is commemorated 11 December on the liturgical calendars of the Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Catholic and Roman Catholic Churches

St. Spiridon, Bishop of Trimythous, the Wonderworker (ca. 270-348 AD) was a fourth century bishop who was present at the First Ecumenical Council. He is also commonly referred to in Corfu as *Keeper of the City*, since he is also the patron saint of that island (this is where his relics are located and venerated). He is commemorated by the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches on December 12.

Spyridon was born in the village of Ashia, Cyprus (270 AD) and died in Trimythous, Cyprus (348 AD). He was a peasant farmer and shepherd and was not educated. Spyridon was married and had a daughter, Irene. After his wife died, he and his daughter both entered into monasticism. He later became the Bishop of Trimythous (during the reign of Constantine the Great) and continued in piety for which he was greatly known.

He is the patron saint of potters (from the miracle of the potsherd).

Persecutions and witness to Orthodox Catholic Faith

During the Maximilian persecutions (295 AD) he was arrested and exiled. In 325 AD, he was present at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea where he astonished many with his simple explanations of the Orthodox Catholic Faith. Though not well-educated, he surprised everyone at the Council of Nicea by converting a famous philosopher to Orthodoxy from Arianism. He explained the unity and diversity of the Trinity by holding up a brick, then commonly thought to be a combination of the elements fire, earth and water; as he spoke, fire blazed from the top of the brick while water gushed out underneath. There too, at Nicea, he met St. Nicholas of Myra, with whom he formed a lasting friendship.

Miracles

Through simplicity and deep devotion to God, he worked miracles throughout his life and became known as a great wonder-worker, calling forth rain in the midst of drought, casting out demons with a single word, healing the sick and even raising people from the dead, in addition to having the gift of prescience.

St. Spyridon [page 2] When he arrived back home from Nicea a woman told him that she had given his daughter, who had died while he was away, some jewelry for safekeeping. Now that his daughter was dead, no one could find where she had put them. Spyridon went to his daughter's grave, spoke to her, and was able to restore the jewelry to its owner.

Also during a famine Spyridon changed a snake into gold pieces so that a poor man could buy food from a greedy merchant who had cornered the supply.

One day there was only himself and the deacon and readers in church at vespers, and the responses could be heard beautifully chanted by an unseen choir. The music was so beautiful that others, passing by, heard it and saw through the windows what seemed like a large congregation. Entering the church, however, they found only St. Spyridon and his assistants.

Departure and relics



St. Spyridon lived most of his earthly life in Cyprus, where he also reposed in 348 AD and was buried in the Church of the Holy Apostles in Trimythous.

When the Islamic forces took the island, the Cypriots opened his grave in order to remove his sacred bones to Constantinople. They found that his body had remained intact, while from the grave emanated a scent of basil, true signs of the sainthood he had shown during his lifetime. When Constantinople fell to Islamic forces in 1453, he was transferred to Serbia, then an elder, Georgios Kalohairetis, brought him to the island of Corfu in Greece where he is currently buried.

To this day St. Spyridon's incorrupt relics at his shrine in Corfu continue to manifest the power of God, wondrous in His saints. He is called the "walking saint" because the silk slippers which clothe the feet of his relics wear out each year and are replaced on his feast day. His miracle in Corfu against the Turkish invasion of 1716 is commemorated on August 11.

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 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.

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!**