

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 JANUARY 11, 2014

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

Our Ven. Fr. Theodosius, founder of the Common Life.

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. JAN. 10

7:00 PM

FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

8:00 PM

MYSTERY OF HOLY

REPENTANCE [CONFESSION]

SUN. JAN. 11

9:00 AM

FESTAL MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM

For the People

11:30 AM

PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON

12 NOON

ECF CLASSES FOR ALL

MON. JAN. 12

**Post-Festive Day of Theophany. The Holy
Martyr Tatiana.**

NO DIVINE SERVICES~FATHER'S DAY OFF

TUE. JAN. 13

**Post-Festive Day of Theophany. The Holy
Martyrs Hermolaus and Stratonicus. Our Ven.
Fr. Hilary, Bishop of Tours.**

7 AM

FIRST HOUR

7:30 AM

Health of Rosemary Dziak

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

CHRIST IS BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN!
GLORIFY HIM!

WED. JAN. 14

Leave-taking of the Theophany. Our Ven. Frs. Martyred by the Arabs in Sinai and Raitho in 312 AD. Commemoration of the Passing of the Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

7:30 AM *Int. of Andrew Basil Dietz*

THU. JAN. 15

Our Ven. Fr. Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-Dweller.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

7:30 AM *Int. of Pvt. Jackson Ruane*

FRI. JAN. 16

Veneration of the Chains of the Glorious and Illustrious Apostle Peter.

7 AM THE FIRST HOUR

7:30 AM *+Fr. Andrew Kolitsos*

[CANTOR'S RETREAT]

7 PM DAILY VESPERS

9 PM DAILY COMPLINE

SAT. JAN. 17

Our Ven. Fr. Anthony the Great.

7 AM MORNING PRAYER

9 AM THIRD HOUR

12 NOON SIXTH HOUR

3 PM NINTH HOUR

7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

8 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY

REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]

SUN. JAN. 18

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS. Our Holy Father Athanasius & Cyril of Alexandria.

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM *FOR THE PEOPLE*

11:30 AM PARISH LUNCHEON

12 NOON ECF CLASSES FOR ALL!

~YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD ~THE MONTH OF JAN. 2015

Sunday Collection Candles Holy Day Fund Raising Weekly Totals

1/4/15	\$624.99	\$187.00	\$61.00	\$203.35	\$1,076.34
TOTAL	\$624.99	\$187.00	\$61.00	\$203.35	\$1,076.34

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND DONATIONS \$250.00

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. Any amount is welcome!

SERVICE ANIMALS ~ One of our parishioners will be training a service animal for personal use. The Service Animal [a dog] can be used to assist people with a variety of different issues. These include obvious handicaps, such as blindness or physical challenges; others include a variety of less obvious issues such as anxiety etc. Please help with the training of this service animal and be respectful of the needs of training the animal. Thank you!

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, COL. WILLIAM
HOSPODAR, ALEXANDER YOUNG, BASIL & PHIL LINK.

<u>Candles Available</u>	<u>Monthly Donation</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Eternal Lamp	\$40.00	Ukraine	Dan & Olga Vaughn
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	Allison Hendricks	Judy Ernst
Tetrapod (2)	\$30.00	Special Intention	Al Macek
Nativity Icon	\$25.00	Jesus, Mary, Joseph	Richard Medwig
Theotokos of Vladimir Icon	\$25.00	Special Intention	Glen Grabow
Resurrection Icon	\$25.00	Healing	Dan & Olga Vaughn
St. Athanasius Icon	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
Holy Table	\$40.00	Peter & Christine Majawja	Judy Ernst

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

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20TH 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 NEXT SUNDAY after the Parish Luncheon. There will be no Classes TODAY. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN OUR ECF PROGRAM. The Children are divided by age and grade. 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.**

Can You Help? Many thanks to Dan Vaughn for fixing the Hall Kitchen Dishwasher. If you see something that needs to be fixed please feel free to get it fixed and tell Fr. Bryan or John Danovich.

The Cupboard is almost bare! 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 or bring them to the Church hall and place in the food bank box.

CANTOR RETREAT: Friday January 16 through Saturday January 17 EVERYONE is welcome to attend our "Cantor Retreat" which will feature the full day of the Divine Services of the Byzantine Church. We will begin with Vespers at 7 PM. Daily Compline will be at 9 PM. Saturday Matins will be at 7 AM followed by the 1st Hour. The 3rd Hour at 9 AM, the 6th Hour at 12 NOON. The 9th Hour at 3 PM. Closing with Vespers at 7 PM. Father Bryan will provide a number of talks between the Services.

**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

NO FEBRUARY SERVICE

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!

All Souls Saturdays~ Every Year Byzantine Catholics remember their departed Loved Ones during the 5 All Souls Saturday during the Pre-Lenten period, the Great Fast, and the Saturday before Pentecost. This year we will celebrate the All Souls Saturdays on the following Dates:

1) Saturday February 21 [moved from Feb. 7] 1st Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM

2) Saturday February 28 2nd Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM

3) Saturday March 7 3rd Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM

4) Saturday March 14 4th Sat. of the Great Fast
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM

5) Saturday May 23 Saturday before Pentecost
First Hour 7 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida 7:30 AM

Please provide Father Bryan with an updated list of your faithful departed. Thank you very much!

PARISH COLLECTION ENVELOPES~ Father Bryan apologizes for the lack of Parish Collection Envelopes for the beginning of the New Civil Year. Evidently the Church Envelope provider lost the Parish's standing order. As this is being written, the envelopes have not yet arrived. If they do not arrive by Sunday, please use the envelopes found in the back of the Church. Thank you!

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

<u>Wed. January 14</u>	7 PM	PARACLIS & HOLY ANOINTING
<u>Fri. January 16</u>	7 PM	CANTOR RETREAT BEGINS
<u>Sat. January 17</u>	7 AM	MORNING PRAYER AND CONTINUATION OF CANTORS RETREAT

32nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday of Zacchaeus Celebration.

<u>Sat. January 17</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS [FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. January 18</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL
<u>Thu. January 22</u>	12 NOON	NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Celebration.

<u>Sat. January 24</u>	7 PM	FESTAL VESPERS [FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]
<u>Sun. January 25</u>	9 AM	FESTAL MATINS
	10 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
	11:15 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12 NOON	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY!



Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Thu. Jan. 29

7 PM: Festal Evening Prayer

Fri. Jan. 30

7 AM: First Hour

7:30 AM: Festal Divine Liturgy



Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

Mon. Feb. 2

7 AM: First Hour

7:30 AM: Divine Liturgy

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

Father to have a Divine Liturgy at the National March for Life

Father Bryan has been asked by the Pro-Life Office of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Church to celebrate a Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Catholic Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

The Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:30 AM. The Byzantine Catholic Chapel is located on the Lower Level of the Basilica near the Crypt Chapel. The National Rally and March for Life will begin on the Washington Mall at 12 NOON. If you are planning to participate in the National March for Life please try to attend.

2015 THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSING FORM

In the Byzantine Churches, it is traditional for everyone to have their home blessed each year. This Blessing is usually performed after the Solemn Consecration of the Jordan Water. Father Bryan would really enjoy coming to bless your home. If you would provide the information below, he will be happy to make arrangements to celebrate this blessing.

Also if you would like to share a meal with Fr. Bryan please indicate below.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

WORK PHONE:

MOBILE PHONE #1:

MOBILE PHONE #2:

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE FATHER FOR :

LUNCH: ☐ **[CHECK ONE]**

SUPPER: ☐

PLEASE CUT THIS FORM OUT, GIVE IT TO FATHER BRYAN, MAIL IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE, OR PLACE IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. Thank you!

Father, recently we attended the Liturgy at a Roman Catholic Church. Even though we spoke to the priest celebrant before the Liturgy, he refused to give Holy Communion to our small Children. He claimed that it would scandalize his faithful. Was he correct in refusing to give Holy Communion to our children?

You followed the proper protocol in talking to the priest celebrant before the Roman Catholic Liturgy you attended. Sadly the Roman Catholic priest DID NOT follow the proper procedure in refusing to give Holy Communion to your children. Father is well aware of this difficulty. Since so many of the Roman Catholic clergy are completely ignorant of the Byzantine Catholic Church, it is important that you inform Father Bryan or Father Deacon John when this happens to you and your children. This is so Father Bryan can inform the offending Roman Catholic cleric of his responsibility to be aware of the practices of the other Churches of the Catholic Communion, and to inform his Deacons and Extraordinary Distributors of Holy Communion of these practices.

Canon Law FORBIDS Roman Catholic clergy and Eucharistic Distributors denying the Holy Eucharist to properly prepared Byzantine and other Eastern Catholics. This includes infants and small children normally receiving communion in their Eastern Catholic Churches. Father Bryan advises you that, if this happens to you and your children, you then ask the priest or deacon his name [or pick up the Church Bulletin] and leave that Parish Church. If your children are refused communion, under these circumstances, you should NOT REMAIN at that celebration of the Eucharist. [Your attempt to have your child communed has fulfilled your obligation for that Sunday.]

Father certainly is aware that you may feel uneasy, approaching a Roman Catholic clergyman regarding communing your infants and small children. But if you do not stand up for your children's right to receive no one else will. The only way for this ignorance of the Byzantine Catholic and other Eastern Catholic Churches to be overcome is if we stand firm and inform our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters of our practices.



Sunday after the Theophany

“N” Is For Nazarene

WHEN THE “ISLAMIC STATE” FIGHTERS seized Mosul in northern Iraq they marked Christian properties for seizure by painting the Arabic letter ن (“N”) for “Nasrani” on the buildings. Muslims do not use the Arabic word for “Christian” (*Maseehi* – *followers of the Messiah*) but refer to Jesus’ disciples as *Nasrani*,

followers of the Nazarene. They assume it is an insult. In response, many Western Christians, like the Archbishop of Canterbury, began displaying the ن in solidarity with their beleaguered Eastern brethren.

Nasrani is, in fact an ancient designation in the Aramaic-speaking world. To this day the Syriac Christians of India, whether Catholic, Church of the East or Orthodox, refer to themselves as *Mar Thoma Nasrani* (St Thomas Christians). To be a Nazarene was – and remains – an honorable way for Syriac Christians to call themselves followers of Jesus.

Nazareth in the Scriptures

The Gospels refer to Nazareth as a city (“*polis*”); by our standards it was probably a small village. In the first century AD Nazareth was a place of no importance, probably inhabited only by local farmers and tradesmen. Apart from the Gospels there is no mention of it in early documents before the third century. This led some scholars to suggest that Nazareth did not exist in Christ’s time. In 2009, however an Israeli archeologist working in Nazareth discovered the remains of a house dating from the first century. “The discovery is of the utmost importance,” she noted, “since it reveals for the very first time a house from the Jewish village of Nazareth.”

Unlike many of the more populous towns in Galilee, Nazareth had an exclusively Jewish population. There were no Gentiles or even Samaritans

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living there, a good indication that the village held little economic or political interest. Its residents seem to have been regarded as “Jewish hillbillies” by their neighbors. Thus, when Philip told Nathaniel, from the nearby town of Cana, about Jesus, “*Nathaniel said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’*” (Jn 1:46). Its residents were devout, however, and had a synagogue where Jesus was accustomed to pray.

Nazareth: Icon of the Divine Humility

As the early Church came to emphasize the divinity of Christ, its appreciation of the depth of God’s love for us grew. The Church spoke of the incarnation as an act of *Kenosis*, or self-emptying. In the words of St Paul, “*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men*” (Phil 2:5-7).

That the incarnation took place in Nazareth, an insignificant Galilean village, points to the depth of the self-emptying which the Word of God assumed for us. Nazarenes, including the Theotokos herself, were people of no account by the world’s standards. They had nothing of value to either the rulers of Israel or its priests. They were basically “invisible” to the important ones of their day. Nazareth wasn’t “on the map,” as it were. Yet it is here that a young woman was chosen to usher in the new covenant kingdom. As St Paul would later point out, “*But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are*” (1 Cor 1:27-28).

Capernaum “By the Sea”

The Gospels tell us that Nazareth was “*where [Jesus] had been brought up*” (Lk 4:16) but that He began His public ministry in the nearby towns of

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Cana and Capernaum. When He returned to Nazareth, the Lord encountered opposition to His teaching (see Lk 4:16-31); and so, as we read in Mt 4:13, He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum.

On the main highway to Damascus, Capernaum “*by the sea*” (Mt 4:13) was an important crossroads for traders and other travelers to Asia Minor, Syria and present-day Lebanon. As such it had a customs office and a detachment of Roman soldiers was quartered there. Its location on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee (known to the Romans as Lake Tiberias and today as Lake Kinneret) was a rich fishing ground. It was among these fishermen that Jesus called His first disciples, Andrew and Peter, James and John.

Capernaum became Jesus’ home after He left Nazareth. There He attracted disciples from Capernaum, including Matthew the tax collector, as well as from the nearby villages of Cana (Nathaniel) and Bethsaida where Philip lived.

Christian Nazareth

Nazareth remained a Jewish town for centuries. Its first church seems to have been built by a wealthy convert, Joseph of Tiberias, at the time of St. Constantine. The church, dedicated to the Annunciation, was rebuilt during the Crusades and again in the eighteenth century. It is located over an underground spring, where the Virgin Mary was reputedly drawing water at the time of the Annunciation. Water from the spring still runs inside the apse of the church and also feeds the adjacent site of “Mary’s Well,” located 150 yards away.

The local Jews seem to have appreciated the importance of Nazareth for Christians. In AD 570 a pilgrim from Piacenza in Italy (sometimes identified as Antoninus) wrote of his visit to the town: “The synagogue still has the book which was used to teach Our Lord the alphabet. There is also a bench in the synagogue where Our Lord would sit with the other children.”

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Jews were expelled from Nazareth in the early seventh century during the war with the Persians. When the Frankish bishop Arculf visited Nazareth in 670, the synagogue had been turned into a church.



The present “synagogue church” in Nazareth is of medieval origin, possibly built in the twelfth century by the Crusaders, and is now sunken about five feet underground. This church was under the control of the Franciscans until the 18th century, when the emir Daher al-Omar passed it to the Greek Catholics.

Nazareth remained a predominantly Christian town throughout the modern era until the resettlements after World War I. Today it is the largest Arab city in Israel

noted for its software development and munitions industries.

Finds in Capernaum

The nineteenth century saw excavations conducted in parts of Capernaum resulting in the discovery of the ruins of an ancient synagogue, and a fifth-century octagonal church. During the twentieth century further excavations unearthed portions of a first-century house that had been venerated as the house of St Peter as early as the mid-first century. First turned into a church probably in the fourth century, it has come to be known as “St. Peter’s House.”

Another modern find is a fishing boat, built sometime in the first century BC, which was discovered in 1986 during an unusually low water level in Lake Kinneret. The boat had been preserved in the mud of the lake-bed, and was found to contain various items, including an oil lamp and a cooking pot. Dubbed the “Jesus boat,” the craft is now on display at a nearby kibbutz.

Our Holy Father Paul of Thebes.



Born of wealthy parents in Lower Thebes in Egypt in the reign of the Emperor Decius, he and a sister of his together inherited all their parents' property. But his brother-in-law, an idol-worshipper, plotted to seize Paul's half of the inheritance. He therefore threatened Paul that he would betray him to the authorities as a Christian if he did not hand over his share of the property. This misfortune, coupled with the examples of self-sacrifice by the Christian martyrs that Paul saw with his own eyes, induced him to give his half of the property to his sister and go off into the desert, where he lived in asceticism until his death. The spiritual heights

attained by this giant of a monk are testified to by no less a person than St Antony the Great, who once visited Paul and saw how the wild animals and birds of the air ministered to him. Returning from this visit, Antony said to his monks: 'Woe is me, my children, a sinful and false monk, who am a monk in name only. I have seen Elias, I have seen John in the desert, and I have seen Paul - in Paradise!' St Paul lived 113 years, and entered peacefully into rest in the Lord in the year 342.

Our Holy Father John (The Hut-Dweller) [Kalyvites].

He was born in Constantinople in the early part of the 5th century, of rich and eminent parents whose only child he was. Drawn by inclination to the spiritual life, the young John fled with a monk to a monastery in Asia Minor. He spent six years in this monastery in the greatest restraint, prayer and obedience to the superior. Then the devil attacked him with the temptation to leave the monastery and return to his parents, to live with them as a nobleman. He indeed returned to his parents' home, but dressed as a beggar. He saw his parents, but, not wishing to reveal himself to them as their son, remained as a beggar in their courtyard, living off the crumbs that the servants threw him and enduring much ridicule from all. He lived thus for three years, praying God that He would save the souls of his father and mother. When he fell ill and felt death approaching, he revealed himself to his parents. They recognized him by a precious Gospel-book which they had given him in childhood and which he had kept with him as his sole possession. And so this young man, albeit so rich, saved his soul and those of his parents, overcame the devil and entered into rest in the Lord in about the year 450.

Hall Kitchen / Hospitality Committee~ One of the most enjoyable and evangelistic aspects of St. Athanasius the Great Parish is the way that many in the Parish come over to our St. Mary Hall and share food and fellowship with one another. A very good suggestion was brought to Father Bryan by Dr. Judy Ernst, regarding the establishment of a Hall Kitchen Hospitality Committee to organize the post Sunday Liturgy Brunch each week. Father Bryan completely agrees with this idea and requests that those who received the email and anyone else interested in helping with this Committee, speak to Judy about participating.



This Committee would include people interested in planning, provisioning, preparing, presenting and cleaning up the Sunday repast. The Committee would develop a core group that would rotate the responsibility for planning for a particular

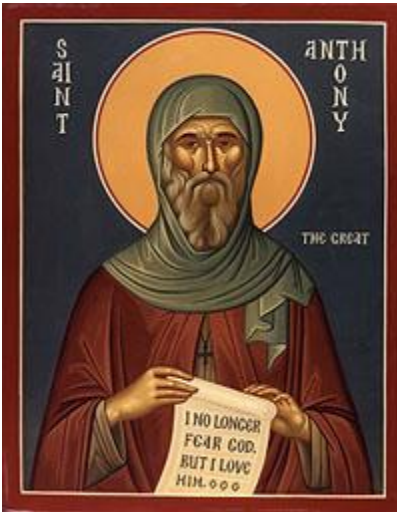
Sunday during the month. Perhaps at first we would begin with one person responsible for one Sunday per month.

The Committee would develop groups FROM THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP that are willing to provide, prepare, serve and/or clean up. Father Bryan has decided to permit the person[s] responsible for getting the food out on time would be excused from the Liturgy immediately following Holy Communion. When this has recently been attempted the Brunch was ready to begin when Father arrived to bless the food.



When we have visitors, please be sure to invite them over to the Brunch. It is a chance to meet with the visitors and for Father Bryan and Father Deacon John to speak with them and perhaps answer any questions that they may have. Each and everyone of us have the responsibility to be apostles who share the Good News about what is going on at

St. Athanasius the Great Parish .



Our venerable and God-bearing Father Saint Anthony the Great was born in to a wealthy family in Upper Egypt about 254 AD. Also known as **Anthony of Egypt, Anthony of the Desert, and Anthony the Anchorite**, he was a leader among the Desert Fathers, who were Christian monks in the Egyptian desert in the 3rd and 4th centuries AD. The Byzantine Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches celebrate his feast on January 17.

Life

One day after a teaching on Jesus saying to the people, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matthew 19:21), St. Anthony sold everything he owned, gave the proceeds to the poor, and left the city behind to live in the desert.

Although he held no titles or position, his holiness marked him as one whose wisdom commanded respect. When the Synod of Nicea was convened, he was invited to participate. His eloquent defense of the Orthodox doctrine concerning the person of Jesus Christ was instrumental in weakening the position of Arianism. His witness led to the eventual and complete elimination of Arianism.

He instructed his followers to bury his body in an unmarked, secret grave, lest his body become an object of veneration. The monastic rules of Saint Anthony, the "patriarch" of monastic life, have served as the basis for countless monasteries.

Quotes

"I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said groaning, "What can get through from such snares?" Then I heard a voice saying to me, "Humility"."

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"One should not say that it is impossible to reach a virtuous life; but one should say that it is not easy. Nor do those who have reached it find it easy to maintain. Those who are devout and whose intellect enjoys the love of God participate in the life of virtue; the ordinary intellect, however, is worldly and wavering, producing both good and evil thoughts, because it is changeful by nature and directed towards material things. But the intellect that enjoys the love of God punishes the evil which arises spontaneously because of man's laziness."

"Our life and our death is with our neighbor. If we gain our brother, we have gained God, but if we scandalize our brother, we have sinned against Christ."

"A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying, 'You are mad, you are not like us'."

"Whoever hammers a lump of iron, first decides what he is going to make of it, a scythe, a sword, or an axe. Even so we ought to make up our minds what kind of virtue we want to forge or we labor in vain."

"Obedience with abstinence gives men power over wild beasts."

Hymns

Troparion (Fourth Tone)

O Father Anthony, you imitated the zealous Elijah.

You followed the straight paths of the Baptist and became a desert dweller.

By prayer you confirmed the universe.

Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion (Second Tone)

Forsaking the uproars of life O venerable one,

you completed your life in quiet, fully imitating the Baptist.

Therefore, we honor you with him, O Anthony, Father of Fathers.

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.

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