

THE LIGHT OF THE EAST



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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 MARCH 15, 2015

SUNDAY OF SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST.

The Holy Martyr Agapius and His Companions.

**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. MAR. 14</u>	7:00 PM	FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
	8:00 PM	MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSION]
<u>SUN. MAR. 15</u>	9:00 AM	FESTAL MORNING PRAYER
	10:00 AM	<i>For the People</i>
	11:30 AM	PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON
	12:15 PM	ECF CLASSES FOR ALL
	1:30 PM	LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
<u>MON. MAR. 16</u>	<u>The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas.</u>	
	NO DIVINE SERVICES FATHER'S DAY OFF	
<u>TUE. MAR. 17</u>	<u>Our Ven. Fr. Alexis, Man of God. Our Holy Father Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland.</u>	
	7 AM	THE FIRST HOUR
	7:30 AM	LENTEN TERSEXT
<u>WED. MAR. 18</u>	<u>Our Holy Father Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem.</u>	
	7 AM	THE FIRST HOUR
	7:30 AM	LENTEN TERSEXT
	7 PM	LITURGY OF THE PRE- SANCTIFIED GIFTS
		<i>+Matthew Roessler</i>

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

THU. MAR. 19

**THE GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF
CRETE. The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and
Daria.**

7 AM

**MATINS WITH THE GREAT
CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF
CRETE**

FRI. MAR. 20

**Our Ven. Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery,
martyred by the Muslims [796 AD].**

7 AM

THE FIRST HOUR

7:30 AM

LENTEN TERSEXT

7 PM

AKATHIST HYMN

SAT. MAR. 21

**AKATHISTOS SATURDAY. Our Ven. Fr. and
Conf. James, Bishop of Catania.**

7 AM

THE FIRST HOUR

7 PM

FESTAL EVENING PRAYER

8 PM

MYSTERY OF HOLY

REPENTANCE

[CONFESSIONS]

SUN. MAR. 22

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST.
MEMORY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY
OF EGYPT. The Holy Martyr Basilides, Priest
of Ancyra.**

9:00 AM

MORNING PRAYER

10:00 AM

FOR THE PEOPLE

FOR ALL PERSECUTED

CHRISTIANS

11:30 AM

PARISH LUNCHEON

12:15 PM

ECF CLASSES FOR ALL

1:30 PM

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE!

***EVERYONE PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR OUR
LUNCHEON AND THEN RETURN TO THE TEMPLE [CHURCH]
FOR ECF & THE CELEBRATION OF LENTEN VESPERS.***

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

Sunday Collection	Candles	Holy Day	Fund Raising	Weekly Totals
3/1/15	\$844.23	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$365.74
3/8/15	\$1,180.72	\$130.00	\$35.00	\$571.92
TOTAL	\$2,024.95	\$207.00	\$35.00	\$937.66
				\$3,204.61

Please bring the whole tithe [10% of your income] as the Holy Bible directs, **as a minimum**, to support the work of the Church.

MANY THANKS! To Belinda Dorney who organized our “Pampered Chef” Fund Raiser. The Parish received \$103.00 from this simple fundraiser. Also many thanks to all who purchased Pampered Chef items!

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

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, COL. WILLIAM HOSPODAR,
ALEXANDER YOUNG, RICHARD MEDWIG, MEGAN ZAHN,
JOSEPH COSGROVE, BARB & PHIL LINK, DAVE WILSON,
TOMMY CAITO, REBECCA MALY, LILAH NICHOLE MALY.

May Christ the Divine Physician send the healing needed for the salvation of these ill and afflicted people.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES 2014-2015

CLASSES CONTINUE THIS SUNDAY. WE WILL NOT HAVE CLASSES ON THE HOLY PASCHA [APRIL 5TH] AND THOMAS SUNDAY [APRIL 12TH].



CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY APRIL 19TH.

Our Classes are an excellent way of developing a greater and deeper understanding of Byzantine Christianity. This is a part of our Total and Life-Long Eastern Christian Formation.

Please remember to join us for our Eastern Christian Formation Program for all! The classes will start about 12 to 12:15 PM and end 75 minutes later. Children in the Hall and adults in the Church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME!

<u>Candles Available</u>	<u>Monthly Donation</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Eternal Lamp	\$40.00	The Reuter Family	Angie Hartman
Icon Screen (6)	\$40.00	Alison Hendricks	Judy Ernst
Tetrapod (2)	\$30.00	Special Intention	Al Macek
Nativity Icon	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
Theotokos of Vladimir Icon	\$25.00	Special Intention	Glen Grabow
Resurrection Icon	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
St. Athanasius Icon	\$25.00	AVAILABLE	
Holy Table	\$40.00	Peter & Christine Majanja	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!

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

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH 7 PM

[PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE]

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH 7 PM

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3RD 7 PM

WEDNESDAY JULY 15 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.

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

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!



**Special Prayers for Christians being persecuted by
Radical Islamists, atheistic Communists, and
atheistic secularists.**

His Grace Bishop JOHN of Parma has asked for a weekend of special prayers for Christians who are being persecuted around the world. These prayers will take place throughout the Eparchy on the weekend of March 21st and 22nd the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt. We need to pray for and actively support our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters. Please be sure to invite your family and friends

to join us for these concerted prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Pysanky Painting Class and Supplies~ Pysanky [traditional Carpatho-Rusyn and Ukrainain Easter Eggs] supplies will be in the Parish Hall starting Tuesday March 17th. This is so those who wish to make Pysanky may do so in the Parish Hall. Please call John Danovich at the Parish Office Number [317-632-4157], if you wish to use the Parish Hall. Those making Pysanky should plan on bringing their own eggs, or they can make an offering of

\$5.00 for use of chicken eggs provided by the Parish.

Becky Hunter is planning a Pysanky Class for Home School Mothers on Thursday March 26th in the Evening in our St. Mary Hall. Please see Becky for more information and details. Our Parish Bakery's Baked Goods will be available for purchase.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES

AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH

Wed. March 18 **7 PM** **LITURGY OF THE
PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS**

Fri. March 20 **7 PM** **AKATHIST HYMN**

Sat. March 21 ~ AKATHISTOS SATURDAY

7 AM **1ST HOUR**

7:30 AM **AKATHIST OF THE THEOTOKOS**

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt ~ 5th Sunday of the Great Fast Celebration

Sat. March 21 **7 PM** **FESTAL VESPERS**

[FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]

Sun. March 22 **9 AM** **FESTAL MATINS**

10 AM **DIVINE LITURGY**

11:30 AM **PARISH LUNCHEON**

12:15 PM **ECF CLASSES FOR ALL**

1:30 PM **SUNDAY AFTERNOON VESPERS**

Wed. March 25 **FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

7 PM **VESPERS WITH THE LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Fri. March 27 **7 PM** **AKATHIST HYMN TO THE
THEOTOKOS THE
INEXHAUSTIBLE CUP**

Sat. March 28 **LAZARUS SATURDAY**

7 PM **FESTAL VESPERS**

[FOLLOWED BY CONFESSIONS]

LENTEN FASTING MINIMUMS~

**Each Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast are days of
Mandatory Simple Abstinence from Meat and Meat Products.**

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SAT. MAR. 28

LAZARUS SATURDAY

10 AM CHURCH AND HALL CLEAN UP
7 PM FESTAL EVENING PRAYER
8 PM MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE
[CONFESSIONS]

SUN. MAR.29

PALM [FLOWERY] SUNDAY. THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM.

9 AM MATINS [BLESSING OF PALMS AND
PUSSYWILLOWS]
10 AM DIVINE LITURGY
11:30 AM PARISH SOCIAL
1:30 PM PALM SUNDAY LENTEN VESPERS

TUE. MAR. 31

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

7 AM BRIDEGROOM MORNING PRAYER
7 PM LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED
GIFTS

WED. APR. 1

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

7 AM BRIDEGROOM MORNING PRAYER
7 PM LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED
GIFTS

[WITH MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING]

THUR. APR. 2

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

7 AM FIRST HOUR
7 PM VESPERS & DIVINE LITURGY

FRI. APR. 3

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

12 NOON THE ROYAL HOURS [ON THE HOUR]
7 PM VESPERS AND BURIAL SERVICE
8 PM TO 12 MIDNIGHT VIGIL AT THE TOMB

SAT. APR. 4

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

10 AM SETTING UP OF CHURCH AND HALL

SUN. APR. 5

THE HOLY PASCHA ~ THE RESURRECTION

9 AM PROCESSION & RESURRECTION MATINS
MYSTERIES OF HOLY INITIATION
DIVINE LITURGY BLESSING OF FOOD
11:30 AM PASCHAL LUNCHEON
1 PM PASCHAL EVENING PRAYER
[AGAPE VESPERS]

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS IN MARCH & APRIL!



Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos

Wed. March 25

7 AM: First Hour

**7 PM: Vespers with the
Liturgy of St. John
Chrysostom**

Great and Holy Week ~ Palm [Flowery] Sunday

Sat. Mar. 28

7 PM

Festal Vespers

Sun. Mar. 29

9 AM

Matins

[Blessing of Palms & Willows]

10 AM

Procession and Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM

Lenten Luncheon

12:15 PM

Eastern Christian Formation

1:30 PM

Palm Sunday Evening Prayer



**Check for updates on Great & Holy Week
and Pascha Schedule.**

Feast of the Holy Great Martyr George [Simple Holy Day]

Wed. Apr. 22 7 PM

Festal Vespers

Thu. Apr. 23 7 AM

First Hour

7:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR EACH OF THESE DIVINE SERVICES!
MAY GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT FILL US WITH HIS DIVINE GRACE!**



The Old Testament Canticles ??? **Singing in the Midst of the Flames**

ONE OF THE LAST BOOKS in the Old Testament – and perhaps the most intriguing – is the Book of Daniel. Written in the second century BC, it tells the adventures of the godly Jewish nobles Daniel and his companions Ananiah, Azariah and Mishael who were taken captive by the Babylonians four hundred years before. Given new names – Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – and trained for service in

the Babylonian court, they were imprisoned for not worshipping the gods of their pagan masters but vindicated by the power of the true God, the God of Israel.

Daniel was written during the time when Israel had once more fallen captive to pagans: this time, in the person of the Hellenistic king of Syria, Antiochus IV who tried to eliminate the religion of Yahweh, ban the Torah and circumcision, and erect a pagan altar in the temple. Daniel is depicted as prophesying the defeat of the Babylonians and the restoration of Jerusalem by the power of God. The unwritten message was that, as the Jews had been liberated in the time of Daniel, they would be again in their present distress by the same power: the hand of the true God.

The Fiery Furnace

The Book of Daniel begins with a number of popular tales which may have come down from the sixth century BC. One of the most dramatic is the story of Ananiah, Azariah and Mishael in the fiery furnace. The king had erected an enormous golden idol of his patron, the god Nabu, in the Plain of Dura (near present-day Karbala, Iraq). Some commentators think that it was a statue of the king himself. At its dedication the people were

The Old Testament Canticles [Page 2] ordered, “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace” (Dan 3:4 6).

The youths refused to obey this order and were threatened by the king: “‘If you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?’ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered with a profession of faith in the God of Israel: “...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” (vv.15-17).

Then they added this remarkable statement of fidelity to God at any cost, “But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we still will not serve your gods, nor will we worship the golden image which you have set up” (v. 18). Their obedience to God did not depend on what God would do for them. Whether He preserved their lives or not, they would be faithful to Him.

The furnace was so hot that those standing nearby were burned to death themselves. But, as the story continues, “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 3:24-25). The Church has long seen this fourth person as a type of Christ who came down into our world as our Deliverer.

The king relented, freed the young men and praised the God of Israel who had sent an angel to protect them.

The Old Testament Canticles [Page 3] The Greek, Latin and Syriac versions of Daniel include additional material in this passage not found in the Hebrew text. We read in v. 23, “*And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.*” The Septuagint (LXX) and other versions then add, “*They walked around in the midst of the flames, singing hymns to God and blessing the Lord. Then Azariah stood still in the fire and prayed aloud:*” The prayers which follow in the Septuagint are our Canticles Seven and Eight.

The Prayer of Azariah

Our Cantic Seven is the prayer offered by Azariah in the midst of the flames. It is a prayer of repentance, confessing that the Jews had not been faithful to the covenant and were punished for their infidelity: “*You have executed true judgments in all you have brought upon us and upon Jerusalem, the holy city of our ancestors; by a true judgment you have brought all this upon us because of our sins... And now we cannot open our mouths; we, your servants who worship You, have become a shame and a reproach.*”

The prayer continues with words we also find in our service of the Ninth Hour: “*For your name's sake do not give us up forever, and do not annul your covenant. Do not withdraw your mercy from us, for the sake of Abraham your beloved and for the sake of your servant Isaac and Israel your holy one.*”

The prayer climaxes with a plea for deliverance: “*And now with all our heart we follow you; we fear you and seek your presence. Do not put us to shame, but deal with us in your patience and in your abundant mercy. Deliver us in accordance with your marvelous works, and bring glory to your name, O Lord.*”

Azariah concludes with a prayer for the Babylonians: “*Let them know that you alone are the Lord God, glorious over the whole world.*”

The Old Testament Canticles [Page 4]

The Cantic of the Three Young Men

The Septuagint text continues telling how the flames “*poured out above the furnace forty-nine cubits, and spread out and burned those Chaldeans who were caught near the furnace.*” Ananiah, Azariah and Mishael, however, were untouched by the flames. They sang a hymn of praise which has become our Eighth Cantic, “*Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers and to be praised and exalted above all forever...*”

The cantic is in the form of a litany calling on all creation to praise God with the refrain, “*Praise and exalt Him above all forever.*” Inspiration for many hymns, we sing it antiphonally with this refrain at the Vigil Liturgy of Pascha on Holy Saturday.

"Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord; praise and exalt Him above all forever. Bless the Lord, you heavens... Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord... Bless the Lord, all you waters above the heavens... Bless the Lord, all you powers of the Lord... Bless the Lord, sun and moon... Bless the Lord, stars of heaven... "Bless the Lord, all rain and dew... Bless the Lord, fire and heat... Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat... Bless the Lord, dews and falling snow... Bless the Lord, nights and days... Bless the Lord, light and darkness... Bless the Lord, ice and cold ... Bless the Lord, lightning and clouds... Let the earth bless the Lord... Bless the Lord, mountains and hills... Bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground... Bless the Lord, seas and rivers... Bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters... Bless the Lord, all birds of the air... Bless the Lord, all wild animals and cattle... Bless the Lord, all people on earth... Bless the Lord, O Israel... Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord... Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord... Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous... Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart; sing praise and exalt Him above all forever."

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 returned from deployment to the Persian Gulf. He is now serving in South Carolina.

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 Douglas. 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!**