



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine
Catholic Church*

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory to Him Forever! Slava Naviky Bohu!*

We welcome all to the Divine Services at our parish. Our restrooms are in the Dormition Hall behind the next door Rectory. On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy, our potluck luncheon is open to everyone, especially our guests. Please bring a main dish, side or dessert to share.

We appreciate all the help from each of you when you can join us, even 1 or 2 hours is a huge help! We pray for all of our workers, bakers, and volunteers who support our parish!

Need to request an appointment with Father?

Father is available for confession or spiritual direction by appointment and he welcomes you to contact him whenever you need him.

Prayers for the sick or other intentions:

If you have a special intention for the sick, birthdays, deceased, need to request a Liturgy or other service to be offered for someone please give a note, text or call Father at 216-532-6364.

Announcements:

Paska bread is now available. You can purchase them after services on Saturdays and Sundays or during bake days Tuesday through Friday. Small \$12, Medium \$14, Large \$16. Add \$1 for raisins. Call the parish to arrange pick-ups. Thank you for helping with our parish's fund-raising.

ECF Class

We welcome kids of all ages from our parish to participate in ECF class on Sundays after Liturgy and Lunch for 30 minutes.

An adult ECF class will be held on Sundays in our church as well. Please bring your friends to our church to help build our church community.

Father recommends that everyone Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year.

On every month on Wednesdays we will have:

1st week Akathist to Jesus Christ

2nd week Akathist to Holy Panteleimon

3rd week Akathist to Holy Mother

4th week Akathist to Holy Spyridon

Stewardship Appeal

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal that reflects the importance of the Church in your life and in the lives of those close to you. The Eparchy needs your support. Your gift will make a positive difference, such as: Development of Parishes, Vocations and Seminarian Education, The Works of the Apostolate and Retired Priests of the Eparchy.

The Great Fast will be February 20 through Palm Sunday.

This is a 40 days fast for those who are healthy between the ages of 14 through 60. Fasting restrictions include no meat, dairy, eggs or any alcohol. Everyone can come for services, make their own office/prayers at home or read the Holy Bible, make good deeds to each other, come to confession, visit sick people, call your parents, etc. Sick people, pregnant/lactating women, kids younger than 14 and adults older than 60 are not expected to fast.

On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast there will be Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts.

Services for the week of Feb. 19, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	February 19 Sunday of Cheese-fare	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:10 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy ECF Class Forgiveness Vespers	Rom 13:11-14:4 Mt 6:14-21
Monday	February 20 1st day of Fasting	6:00 PM.	Psalter	1 st Kathisma
Tuesday	February 21 Timothy Venerable	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	2 nd Kathisma
Wednesday	February 22 Finding of the Relics of the Martyrs of Eugenia	6:00 PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	Gen 1:24-2:3 Prov 2:1-21
Thursday	February 23 Polycarp Bishop-Martyr	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	3 rd Kathisma
Friday	February 24 Erasmus Venerable	6:00 PM	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	Gen 2:20-3:20 Prov 3:19-34
Saturday	February 25 Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great-Martyr Theodore	5:00 PM	Vespers & Holy Repentance	Heb 1:1-12 Mk 2:23-3:5
Sunday	February 26 1 st Sunday of the Great Fast	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:10 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy ECF Class Vespers	Heb:11:24-26,32-12:2 Jn 1:43-51

FORGIVENESS VESPERS

On Holy Saturday, (the Saturday before Pascha), the priest changes from dark to light vestments. The covers on the altar and other tables are also changed from dark to light. When is the process reversed? The change from light to dark is made at the vesper service on Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday.

Hopefully, with this short explanation of the service, you will appreciate its beauty, and yes, symbolic presentation. When the service begins, the priest is robed in light-colored vestments. Soon after “Lord, I have cried to You, hear me...” we hear sung the instructions: “Let us abstain from food and persevere, to be worthy to see the Holy Passion of Christ, our God, and meet the joy of His Holy Resurrection.”

After this we will note that the Holy Doors are opened and there is a procession. After the priest and deacon return to the altar, the change from light to dark vestments is made. The Prokeimenon changes the mood from joy to sadness. “Turn not Your face away from Your servant, for I am in trouble, pay attention to me, draw near to my soul and redeem me!” LENT HAS ARRIVED.

The Holy Doors are close, the remainder of the services continues in the Lenten chant mode. “Behold, this is the favorable time, the season of change. Let us turn away from the works of darkness, and clothe ourselves with the armor of light, so that crossing the ocean of the fast, we may come to the harbor of the Resurrection on the third day....”

We will soon hear “Lord have mercy” fervently repeated forty times followed by the recitation of the Prayer of St. Ephraim with prostrations.

After Vespers, people ask forgiveness of each other so that they could start Lent in peace with everyone.

After such a solemn service and such a moving exchange with our fellow Christians most people quietly exit the church trying to hold on to the emotions engendered by the prayers and events of the service.

Psalm 6

Prayer for Recovery from Grave Illness

- ¹ O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.
- ² Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
O LORD, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.
- ³ My soul also is struck with terror,
while you, O LORD—how long?
- ⁴ Turn, O LORD, save my life;
deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- ⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who can give you praise?
- ⁶ I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
- ⁷ My eyes waste away because of grief;
they grow weak because of all my foes.
- ⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- ⁹ The LORD has heard my supplication;
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- ¹⁰ All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;
they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame.



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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins

10 AM Divine Liturgy

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