



*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.

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:

*Bake goods Paska bread, nut or poppy seed rolls, pirohi, kolachy, Easter cheese, etc. must be **ordered by Thursday, March 30.*** You can purchase anything in stock after services on Saturdays and Sundays or during bake days Tuesday through Friday. Call the parish at 317-632-4157 to arrange pick-ups. After morning Matins, Vespers with Divine Liturgy services on Holy Saturday we will have pysanky supplies available so that you can decorate eggs for your Easter basket. We may be making Chrin (beets & horseradish) too.

Clean-up Day

On Lazarus Saturday, April 1st, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m. Immediately following (after coffee, tea or juice) we will clean the church for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. So come prepared with some work clothes. We may bake paska bread if needed and show what's necessary to mail baked goods. More hands will make the day go faster so we encourage you to come, and bring a friend too.

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 is from 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.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma will be providing one scholarship to a young member of our Eparchy which will cover the cost of the full trip July 20 - August 8, 2023, including airfare. The recipient will serve as a chaperone for an English summer camp in Slovakia and enjoy a European road trip to Portugal, stopping in Nice, Lourdes, and Fatima, before arriving to Lisbon to participate in the World Youth Day Pilgrimage. Visit www.parma.org/WYD2023 to learn more and **Apply by April 1, 2023.**

FOOLS FOR CHRIST

The 3rd annual young adults retreat theme is learning how to become Fools for Christ. Check us out at Byzantineyoungadults.com
When: July 27-July 30, 2023 Cards are on the back table of the church
Where: St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church Lakeside Marblehead OH
Email: byzantineyoungadults@gmail.com Phone: 440-720-4679

Services for the week of Mar. 26, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	March 26 5 th Sunday of the Great Fast Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:10 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy ECF Class Vespers	Heb 9:11-14 Mk 10:32-45
Monday	March 27 Matrona Venerable	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	16 th Kathisma
Tuesday	March 28 Hilary & Stephen Venerable	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	17 th Kathisma
Wednesday	March 29 Mark, Cyril and Others	6:00 PM	Psalter Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	18 th Kathisma Gen 17:1-9 Prov 15:20-16:9
Thursday	March 30 John Climacus	6:00 PM	Psalter Jesus Prayer	19 th Kathisma
Friday	March 31 Hypatius Bishop	6:00 PM	Psalter Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	20 th Kathisma Gen 49:33-50:26 Prov 31:8-31
Saturday	April 1 Lazarus Saturday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Vespers & Holy Repentance	Heb 12:20-13:8 Jn 11:1-45
Sunday	April 2 Palm Sunday Before Liturgy blessing of palms and pussy willows	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:10 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy ECF Class Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Phil 4:4-9 Jn 12:1-18

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: ST. MARY OF EGYPT A PRELUDE TO SALVATION

The sixth week of the Great Fast has a two-fold designation in our liturgical books. First of all, it marks the end of this fasting season. We also fast during the Great and Holy Week of the Lord's Passion, but that observance is not part of the Great Fast. The Great Fast has prepared us to celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ's saving passion, death and resurrection by inviting us to refocus our lives on God in repentance. During the Holy Week our fasting has a different character: it is a way of observing the sorrowful events of this week: the plotting against Christ, His betrayal, passion, death and burial.

Between the two fast periods we observe the double feast of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday. This last week of the Great Fast is simultaneously a week of preparation for these feasts. In our liturgical books this week, then, is called the Week of Palms, looking forward to that celebration.

The hymns prescribed to be sung this week in Vespers, Orthros (Matins) and the Presanctified Liturgy reflect both of these themes. On one hand the services include chants focused on the end of the Great Fast such as the final sticheron sung this coming Friday:

“Count us worthy of beholding the week of Your Passion, O Lover of Mankind, for we have completed the forty days of the Fast for the profit of our souls. Let us glorify Your mighty deeds, Your ineffable dispensation for our sake, singing with one mind: ‘O Lord, glory to You!’”

Other chants reflect the coming feast, recalling Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. At Orthros on Monday, for example, we sing:

“O faithful, let us prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday, joyfully observing the forefeast from this present day onwards, so that we may be counted worthy to see the life-giving Passion.”

Psalm 10

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

- ¹ Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
- ² In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor— let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.
- ³ For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart, those greedy for gain curse and renounce the LORD.
- ⁴ In the pride of their countenance the wicked say, “God will not seek it out”; all their thoughts are, “There is no God.”
- ⁵ Their ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of their sight; as for their foes, they scoff at them.
- ⁶ They think in their heart, “We shall not be moved; throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity.”
- ⁷ Their mouths are filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under their tongues are mischief and iniquity.
- ⁸ They sit in ambush in the villages; in hiding places they murder the innocent. Their eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;
- ⁹ they lurk in secret like a lion in its covert; they lurk that they may seize the poor; they seize the poor and drag them off in their net.
- ¹⁰ They stoop, they crouch, and the helpless fall by their might.
- ¹¹ They think in their heart, “God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it.”
- ¹² Rise up, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed.
- ¹³ Why do the wicked renounce God, and say in their hearts, “You will not call us to account”?
- ¹⁴ But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands; the helpless commit themselves to you; you have been the helper of the orphan.
- ¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers; seek out their wickedness until you find none.
- ¹⁶ The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations shall perish from his land.
- ¹⁷ O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear
- ¹⁸ to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.



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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins

10 AM Divine Liturgy

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