



*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:

Paska bread, nut or poppy seed rolls, pirohi, kolachy, Easter cheese, etc. are available in Dormition Hall in limited quantities. You can purchase anything in stock after services on Saturdays and Sundays or 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.

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.

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 Bright Week of Apr. 9-16, 2023

| | Day | Time | Service | Readings |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Monday | April 10 Bright Monday | 9:00 AM | Matins Divine Liturgy | |
| Tuesday | April 11 Bright Tuesday | 9:00 AM | Matins Divine Liturgy | |
| Saturday | April 15 Bright Saturday | 5:00 PM | Vespers blessing of Artos Bread | |
| Sunday | April 16 Thomas Sunday | 8:15 AM 10:00 AM | Matins Divine Liturgy and mirovanje | Acts 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31 |

Services for Holy Week Apr. 2-9, 2023

| | Day | Time | Service | Readings |
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| 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 |
| Monday | April 3 Holy Monday | 6:00 PM | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy | |
| Tuesday | April 4 Holy Tuesday | 6:00 PM | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy | |
| Wednesday | April 5 Holy Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Holy Anointing | |
| Thursday | April 6 Holy Thursday | 5:00 PM | Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil & Matins with Reading of 12 Gospels | |
| Friday | April 7 Good Friday | 9:00 AM 6:00 PM | Royal Hours Good Friday Vespers | |
| Saturday | April 8 Holy Saturday | 9:00 AM | Jerusalem Matins then Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil | |
| Sunday | April 9 Pascha Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ | 7:10 AM 7:20 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM | Paschal Midnight Office Ukrainian Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets Procession & Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets Agape Vespers | Rom 6:3-11 Mat 28:1-20 |

Palm Sunday

Behold, the Bridegroom Is Coming

WHEN DOES A DAY BEGIN? The clock says that a new day starts at 12:01 AM, which most people see as the middle of the night. For others a new day begins when the sun rises and reveille (or the alarm clock) is sounded. The Eastern Churches follow the pattern set in the Book of Genesis: “the evening and the morning were the first day” (Gen 1:5). The liturgical day begins with Vespers and continues through the night. Matins (Orthros) at dawn followed by the hours and the Divine Liturgy complete the daily cycle of prayer, and the next day begins with vespers. Based on this pattern the Great and Holy Week begins at sunset, with Vespers, in the evening of Palm Sunday.

There are a great number of services appointed for this week. A few important points should be noted about them:

Fast Days – Every day of this week (including Saturday) is a fast day, as every day (except Holy Friday) is a Eucharistic day. Either the Presanctified Liturgy or the Liturgy of St Basil is celebrated at vespers. Holy Friday is a strict (i.e. day-long) fast in memory of Christ’s saving death.

Focus of these services – Some of these services are “thematic”: focusing on the meaning of the Paschal Mystery in our lives. These include the reconciliation of penitents, holy unction and the baptism of catechumens. Other services are historical, focusing on the events of this week in Christ’s life: the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and His burial. These historical services became popular after shrines were erected in Jerusalem in the time of St Constantine the Great (fourth century). Today several of our services combine both thematic and historical aspects.

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – The Gospel story of Christ’s teaching in the temple during these days is read at each Matins and Presanctified Liturgy. The troparion sung on these days is based on the parable of the wise and foolish virgins (see Mt 25:1-13), particularly

appropriate for this time: “Behold the Bridegroom is coming in the middle of the night – blessed is the servant He shall find awake! But the one He shall find neglectful will not be worthy of Him. Beware, therefore, O my soul. Do not fall into a deep slumber lest you be delivered to death and the doors of the kingdom be closed on you. Watch instead and cry out, ‘Holy holy, holy are You, O our God...’”

This parable is such a powerful image of the Paschal Mystery that the services themselves are popularly called “Bridegroom matins” or “Bridegroom Services” and the icon of Christ displayed for veneration on these days is called “the Bridegroom.”

Holy Wednesday – The story of Christ’s anointing by Mary at Bethany “for the day of my burial” (see Jn 12:1-11) is read at the Presanctified Liturgy. The Mystery of Holy Unction is often served as well, preparing us to die and rise with Christ at Pascha.

Holy Thursday – The betrayal by Judas is remembered: “While the glorious disciples were enlightened at the supper by the washing of their feet, Judas the wicked betrayer, fell into darkness and betrayed You...” (troparion). The bishop reenacts the washing of the feet and the institution of the Eucharist is commemorated at the Vesper-Liturgy of St Basil.

Holy Friday – The arrest and passion of Christ is remembered at Orthros/Matins and at the Royal Hours as the passion Gospels are read and the cross is venerated. Christ’s body is taken down from the cross and wrapped in the holy shroud at Vespers.

Holy Saturday – The burial of Christ by Joseph of Arimathea and the sealing of the tomb by Roman soldiers is observed at Orthros. “The noble Joseph took Your most pure body from the tree, wrapped it in clean linen with aromatic spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb” (troparion). The Vesper Liturgy of St Basil is the time when (adult) catechumens would be baptized, hear the first proclamation of the Resurrection and share for the first time in the Eucharist.



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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins

10 AM Divine Liturgy

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