



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

*Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!
Indeed He is Risen! Voistunu Voskrese!*

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.

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.

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.

Announcements:

The previously announced parish retreat on May 6th-7th with the Sisters of Bridegroom Monastery is being rescheduled.

Knights of Columbus Meeting, May 14th

Following the potluck luncheon the Knights will meet to propose a slate of officers for the upcoming year, discuss work projects, etc.

During the month of May you are encouraged to have special devotions to Mary, the Theotokos. Come pray in church and, when you're at home, you can choose to celebrate a Moleben, Akathist, sing Marian Hymns, etc.

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.

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY

When: November 2 – 5, 2023

Theme: Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past.

For more details visit: byzantineassembly2023.org.

PROTECT THEM BOTH

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution for a vote on the November 2023 ballot expands and enshrines abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. Every parish is asked to unite in prayer, distribute educational materials, and encourage voter registration to Vote NO on the abortion expansion amendment. All campaign materials and other helpful resources can be found on the Protect Them Both campaign site: www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

Our parish feast day of St. Athanasius the Great is May 2nd. We're celebrating the event today so be sure to stay after today's Liturgy.

Services for the Week of Apr. 30-May 7, 2023

	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	April 30 Sunday of the Paralytic Man	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Parish feast day celebration	Acts 9:32-42 Jn 5:1-15
Tuesday	May 2 Athanasius the Great – patronal feast day	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Theotokos Divine Liturgy meeting with youth	Acts 10:21-33 Jn 7:1-13
Wednesday	May 3 MID-PENTECOST Theodosius of the Cave Venerable	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Theotokos Divine Liturgy	Acts 14:6-18 Jn 7:14-30
Friday	May 5 Irene Great-Martyr	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Theotokos Divine Liturgy	Acts 10:44-11:10 Jn 8:21-30
Saturday	May 6 Job Venerable	5:00 PM	Vespers	
Sunday	May 7 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Moleben to the Theotokos Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30 Jn 4:5-42

The Paschal greeting and response in various languages

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Greek: Christós anésti! Alithós anésti!

Slavonic: Christós voskrése! Vo-ístinu voskrése!

Ukrainian: Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Christianity is to make one whole. Baptism is for all men, not just for one man, at one time in the season.

And the man said to Christ, when Christ said, "wilt thou be made whole?" he said, 'I have nobody to help me.' And he was looking at the Man who would help him; he was looking at the God-man who would help him, and he didn't know who He was yet.

Christ asks us this question continually. "Wilt thou be made whole?" And for the most part we answer him with a resounding "No." To some extent we've answered "yes"; we've come to the waters of baptism, we make an effort to fast, to come to the services - sometimes, unfortunately, a very poor effort to come to the services. Don't lose your zeal; some of you are in very great danger of losing your zeal.

We make our small efforts, so yes indeed we say, to some extent, "Yes, I want to be made whole, O Lord!" But for the most part we say, "No, I don't want to give up what I'm doing; I don't want to give up the sweetness of sin, or the sweetness of complaining, or the sweetness of excuses."

They're so sweet, aren't they? But they cover up bitter, bitter poison. So we must answer this question completely and totally, "Yes, I want to be made whole! I want to be cleansed of all my sins, and I don't blame Thee, the Lord, or my friends, or my family, or anyone else for my sins and for my afflictions; they are mine and mine alone, and they are my fault. But Thou canst

heal it; Thou art the man that can bring me into the water and can refresh me."

He is the One. We don't fully recognize that, either - we believe it with our minds, with our lips, but if we really believed it we'd make much greater effort in living the Christian life.

And another thing jumps out, when Christ said: "Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more." Christianity is a constant process of becoming whole, but it involved two free wills - God's, who is perfectly free, and ours, which should be free but has become enslaved to passions and lusts and corruptible things. But we were made to be free. It was our purpose. God made us to have perfect freedom. So we have to answer Christ, when He asks us the question "wilt thou be made whole?", "Yes!" And any portion which answers "no" we must confess with bitter tears.

Stop making excuses for yourself. Don't make excuses for not being able to say your prayers, for not being able to come to church, for not being able to come to confession, for not doing this, for not doing that, for this reason, for that reason, for why you do this and why you do that. You know it's all a lie. I know it is a lie in my own life, so I strive to be honest concerning these things also. It's a lie. And every time you make an excuse, you are saying "NO." You're saying "I don't want to be made whole. I like laying in the gutter, I like laying in filth. I like wallowing in my sins." Don't allow yourself to do this. So I beseech you struggle against this; don't make excuses, don't let your life be in the way of eternal life. Don't say No. Say YES!



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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