



*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.

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:

This year's Eparchial Pilgrimage will take place August 19-20 at the Shrine of Our Lady Mariapoch in Burton, Ohio. On Saturday, there will be the Blessing of Water and Moleben to the Theotokos, Divine Liturgy and an evening campfire and chat. Sunday will include Matins, activities for children and teens, and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. No registration is required.

Visit: <https://www.parma.org/pilgrimage>

The Greek Catholic Union fraternal organization has provided each parish, including ours, in our Metropolitan Church a generous \$2,000.00 grant in their Fraternal Metamorphosis Program. We are grateful that they are helping all parishes across the four eparchies. May God grant their board and members health and happiness.

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

Services for the Week of May 21-May 28, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	May 21 Sunday of the Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos ECF Class	Acts 20:16- 18 & 28-38 Jn 17:1-13
Tuesday	May 23 Michael of Synnada Bishop - Confessor	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos Divine Liturgy Youth meeting	Acts 21:26- 32 Jn 16:2-13
Wednesday	May 24 Simeon Venerable	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos Divine Liturgy	Acts 23:1- 11 Jn 16:15-23
Saturday	May 27 5 th All Souls Saturday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy & Panachyda with Hramoty Vespers	Acts 28:1- 31 Jn 21:15-25
Sunday	May 28 Pentecost Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos ECF Class Vespers with Kneeling Prayers	Acts 2:1-11 Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



The Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council is the first Sunday after the leave-taking or apodosi of Pascha, and the celebration of the Feast of the Ascension. It commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in

Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

Arius was a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria, and in 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son of God saying that He was not the true God, consubstantial with the Father, but rather a work or creation of God and different from the essence and glory of the Father. He also taught that the Son of God had a beginning. These teachings shook the faithful at Alexandria. The Bishop of Alexandria, Alexander, attempted to correct Arius through admonitions, cut him off from communion, and finally deposed him in 321 through a local council. Arius continued with his heretical teachings, creating controversy and division in the churches of other cities, which led to a theological and ecclesiastical crisis throughout the Christian Church.

Moved with divine zeal and concern for unity, the Emperor Constantine the Great, equal to the Apostles, summoned the First

Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was in this place that the bishops of the Church gathered in 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed.

The Fathers also anathematized Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

The icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council depicts Saint Constantine together with the God-bearing Fathers and Saints of the Church who attended the Council and affirmed the unity of the Faith through the Nicene Creed. The Fathers are shown holding the text of the Creed, also referred to as the Symbol of Faith.

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.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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