



*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:

Knights of Columbus Meeting, May 7th

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.

The second Sunday of May, the 14th, is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and your mother!

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 7-May 14, 2023

	Day	Time	Service	Readings
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 KofC Meeting Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30 Jn 4:5-42
Tuesday	May 9 Isaiah Prophet	9:00 AM	Moleben to the Theotokos Divine Liturgy	Acts 12:25-13:12 Jn 8:51-59
Wednesday	May 10 Simeon the Zealot	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Theotokos Divine Liturgy	1 Cor 4:9-16 Mat 13:54-58
Friday	May 12 Epiphanius & Germanus Bishops	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Theotokos Divine Liturgy	Acts 15:5-34 Jn 10:17-28
Saturday	May 13 Glyceria Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers	
Sunday	May 14 Sunday of the Man Born Blind Mother's Day	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Moleben to the Theotokos ECF Class	Acts 16:16-34 Jn 9:1-38

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 SAMARITAN WOMAN

Today we heard the Holy Gospel telling us of the conversation between Christ the Savior and the Samaritan woman, Photini, at an ancient well that had been dug in the desert back in the time of the Forefather Jacob. Mentally looking into the depths of what happened at Jacob's Well, we see with awe that this source of life has continued to function up to this very day, as well as in our own time.

How many travelers passed through the desert and, with parched lips, approached this well in order to continue on to the next well? How many times a day did the Samaritans return to this well in order to satisfy their needs and those of their neighbors with this water? The Forefather Jacob himself drank from it, his children and cattle drank from it, ladling up from the well to support his life, as did his descendants, and the descendants of his descendants. But he (both then and now) could not satisfy the constant thirst that came to him, for Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again, according to the Savior's words (Jn 4:13).

This single meeting between Christ and the Samaritan woman turns into a meeting with the living God for both the sinful woman and for the entire world, inasmuch as here, at the well of temporal water, the hitherto unknown source of Eternal Life was first secured.

Here Christ for the first time reveals Himself to be the new, inexhaustible well of living water, flowing into Life Eternal. This source cannot run dry or grow scarce, for it was not dug through human efforts, and nothing human can cloud its crystal clarity or poison its life-giving properties.

This source on earth is God's Holy Church, and its living water is the power of God's grace, which forgives, enlightens, and sanctifies every person who comes to it.

We will speak primarily of this today. Indeed, it was at this meeting that for the first time, at the beginning of His public ministry, Christ openly confessed Himself to be the Messiah, the Savior of the world—the "I am," the Savior of the world, Christ.

Christ—God and Man—came into the world to seek out and save the perishing. He plants the first seed of the Evangelic word among a people that belonged in its faith neither to the Jews—although they also awaited the coming the Messiah—nor to the pagans. He did not reveal Himself as the Christ to the spiteful Jews, but to a woman who did not know the truth, but who was not spiteful.

The Samaritans did not know the True God, but their faith was living, albeit clumsy and unconscious. The question of where and how to worship God lived even in the heart of a simple Samaritan woman. The Jews and the Samaritans, living in close proximity, did not communicate with one another. But for Christ the Savior, for His teaching, given to the earth, there is neither Hellene nor Jew, neither slave nor free; there is the person, to whose heart His love is addressed. The love of Christ is so obvious that age-old tribal hatred is subjugated to it.

Woman, believe Me, the hour cometh... and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth—she receives this reply from Christ (Jn 4:21, 23). From now on, not in Jerusalem, where the Jews worshipped, nor on Mount Garizin, where the Samaritans gathered to plan, nor in Athens, where an altar to the Unknown God stood, but everywhere where there is a living human heart tormented by spiritual thirst, thirsting for truth, thirsting for God, will the heart meet God and worship Him in spirit and truth. No single earthly source can satisfy this thirst of the spirit, but only the living water of the preaching of Christ's teaching and faith in Him as the Redeemer of the world.

The woman believed, and immediately became the source of living water for others. Leaving behind all her life's cares, forgetting her water pot and her need for water, she brought a living witness to the miracle that had been revealed to her to the city, and its inhabitants came to the Source of living water, to Christ. They, too, met the Living God and believed. They said to the woman: Now we believe, not because of thy saying, for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world (Jn 4:42).

The Samaritan woman's witness to God grew in her to sanctity. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, He says of Himself in Holy Scripture [Jn 14:6]. The power of God inevitably appears along with God in our life in the Church's Mysteries, becoming in us a source of living water, flowing into Life Eternal. Truth—is also the word of God, living, always active, leading the thirsting traveler along the path of life.

Saturate yourselves with the water of life. Approach Christ, its Source, and approach in "spirit and truth." And sources of living water will flow through you to those who have not yet found the living Source and are suffering from thirst in the desert of life.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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