



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great
Byzantine Catholic Church
"Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!"
"Glory to Him Forever! Slava Naviki Bohu!"*

We welcome all to the Divine Services at our parish. Our restrooms are in the Dormition Hall behind the Rectory next door. On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy, our potluck luncheon is open to everyone, especially our guests. Come join us for fellowship.

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 will resume in September

Announcements:

The Courage to be Myrrh Bearers Women's Renewal

A weekend of empowerment, spiritual reflection, and community fellowship, **November 10-12, 2023**, at the Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, OH. Keynote Speaker is Lynne Wardach, ByziMom of <https://www.byzimomcom>. Rev. Dennis Hrubik is the spiritual director. Registration fee is **\$200 by September 1, 2023**. Online registration form available @ <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

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>

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY: November 2 – 5, 2023. Theme: Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past. For more details visit: <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org>

Vacation Bible School is coming soon!

Save the date: July 20, 21, 22, 23.

All kids are welcome! This was very popular last year. Let's make it even better this year.

Contact persons: Rev. Mykhaylo Shkyndya, Suzanne and Brian Goshorn

Fill the Pantry

The needs of the homeless in our area bring people to our church each week. The food supply is getting low. In your generosity, please bring any these items: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, juice, water, canned or dried fruit, cereal, soup, canned meat, tuna, vegetables, protein bars; whatever the Holy Spirit guides you. Your prayers for the homeless are also very important. We request that a couple people each week fill bags with food from the pantry, so they are ready to be handed out.

Gardeners are Needed – Make it a Family Project

Last year some improvements were made to our church campus grounds. We need to continue to beautify them. Some ways include:

- Plant the perennial plants that were donated for use in the church and no longer have blooms. For example, lilies.
- Maintain the existing flower beds with regular watering and weeding
- Donate and plant seeds, new flowers and ferns that can be picked and arranged to enhance our worship space
- Keep the lawn mowed
- Maintain the church garden with regular watering/weeding; around July 4th, harvest the garlic for sale at the markets; grow fresh vegetables for the food pantry and Sunday social

Update: Thanks to Danny Vaughn for cutting the grass & transplanting the Hydrangeas, the Goshorn children for harvesting garlic scapes and Jackson for transplanting the Azaleas. In the garden now: tomatoes, peppers, garlic, onions, horseradish, strawberries, asparagus, potatoes, cauliflower, melons. Yes, there's more plants to transplant in the ample space in the church garden and along the edges of our buildings. Please bring flower seeds to help beautify our grounds.

Services for the Week of June 11–June 18, 2023

	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	June 11 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	Rom 2:10-16 Mt 4:18-23
Saturday	June 17	5:00 PM	Vespers without priest	
Sunday	June 18 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day	9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Matins without priest Divine Liturgy	Rom 5:1-10 Mt 6:22-34

Welcome to Father František Fedorišín. God grant to Father František many blessed and happy years.

We are currently keeping **The Fast of the Holy Apostles** (*the Monday after All Saints Sunday until June 29*) which is for all those 15 to 60 years who are healthy and not pregnant or lactating.

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: <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect>

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ROMANS 2

10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God. 12 For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law 13 for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; 14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things contained in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them; 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

BUT THE DOERS OF THE LAW WILL BE JUSTIFIED

He makes inquisition, not into the quality of persons, but into the difference of actions. By so saying, he shows that it was not in actions, but in persons only, that the Jew differed from the Gentile ... For it is not because one is a Jew and the other a Gentile, that one is honored and the other disgraced, but it is from the works that either treatment comes ... He shows not only the equality of the Jew and the Gentile, but that the Jew was even much burdened by the gift of the Law. For the Gentile is judged without law. But this 'without law' here expresses not the worse plight, but the easier, that is, he does not have the Law to accuse him; ... he is condemned solely from the reasoning of nature, but the Jew ... the greater the attention he enjoyed, the greater the punishment he will suffer ... For in that they said they did not need grace, being justified by the Law, he shows that they need it more than the Gentiles, considering they are liable to be punished more.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily V on Romans I*. B#55, p. 364.

MATTHEW 4

18 Now Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him. 21 And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. 23 Now Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

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Yet John says that they were called in another manner. Therefore, it is evident that this was a second call. One may perceive this from many things. For there it is said that they came to Him when 'John was not yet cast into prison,' but here, after he was in confinement. And there Andrew calls Peter, but here Jesus calls both. And John says, Jesus seeing Simon coming; says, 'You are Simon, the Son of Jona, you shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone' (John 1:42). But Matthew says that he was already called by that name ... And from the place whence they were called, and from many other things, one may perceive this: such as their ready obedience and abandonment of all. For now, they were well instructed beforehand ... But mark both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work ... 'They forsook all and followed.' Such is the obedience which Christ seeks of us ... We can see this, too, when some other had come to Him and was asking leave to bury his own father: He permitted not even this (Matt. 8:21,22). St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XIV on Matthew IV*, 3. B#54, pp. 87- 88.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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