



*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.

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.byzimom.com>. 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
 - Maintain the existing flower beds with regular watering/weeding
 - Donate and plant seeds, new flowers/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

This week’s update: Thanks to Danny Vaughn for cutting the grass & planting the lilies and Athanasius Goshorn for harvesting garlic scapes. In the garden now: tomatoes, peppers, garlic, onions, horseradish, strawberries, asparagus, potatoes, cauliflower, and melons. We have ample space in the church garden and along the sides of our buildings for more plants and herbs. Please bring flower seeds to beautify our grounds.

We are currently keeping **The Fast of the Holy Apostles** (*the Monday after All Saints Sunday through June 28*) which is for all those 15 to 60 years who are healthy and not pregnant or lactating.

Services for the Week of June 18–June 25, 2023				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	June 18 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Father’s Day	9:30 AM	Matins without priest	Rom 5:1-10 Mt 6:22-34
		11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy	
Friday	June 23	5:00 PM	Vespers	
Saturday	June 24 Birth of John the Baptist	5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy then Vespers	Rom 13:11-14:4 Luk 1:5-25, 57-68,76,80
Sunday	June 25 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM	Matins	Rom 5:1-10 Mt 6:22-34
		10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	
		12:30	Knights of Columbus meeting	

Welcome to Father František Fedorišin, our celebrant today. God grant to Father Fedorišin many more blessed and happy years.

Happy Father’s Day today to all Fathers

PROTECT THEM BOTH

A proposed amendment to Ohio’s Constitution for a vote on the November, 2023 ballot expands and enshrines abortion at the 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>

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3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ROMANS 5

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

THROUGH WHOM ALSO WE HAVE ACCESS BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE

And let me beg you to consider how he everywhere sets down these two points, His part, and our part. His part, however, is varied and numerous and diverse. For He died for us and reconciled us; He brought us to Himself, and gave us grace unspeakable. But we brought only faith as our contribution. And so he says, 'by faith, into this grace.' What grace is this? Tell me. It is being counted worthy of the knowledge of God; being forced from error; coming to a knowledge of the truth; obtaining all the blessings that come through baptism. For the purpose of His bringing us close was that we might receive these gifts. It was not only that we might have simple remission of sins and that we should be reconciled, but that we might also receive countless benefits ... He unveils the whole of things to come ... For this is the nature of God's grace. It has no end; it knows no bounds, but is on the advance at all times to greater things ... Take an instance of what I mean. A person has acquired rulership and glory and authority, yet he does not stay in that status continuously, but is speedily cast out of it. If man does not take it from him, death comes, and is sure to seize it. But God's gifts are not of this kind: for neither man, nor occasion, nor crisis of affairs, nor even the Devil, nor death, can come and cast us out of them. But when we are dead, we then more strictly speaking have possession of them, and continue enjoying them more and more.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily IX on Romans IV*. B#55, p. 396.

MATTHEW 6

22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. 25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

THE LAMP OF THE BODY IS THE EYE

If you do not know, He says, what a thing it is to be injured in mind, learn it from the things of the body. For just what the eye is to the body, the same is the mind to the soul ... Just as when the eyes are blinded, most of the energy of the other members is gone - their light being quenched - so also when the mind is depraved, your life will be filled with countless evils ... For God, He says, gave us understanding, so we might chase away all ignorance, and have the right judgment of things; and that using this as a kind of weapon and light against all that is grievous or hurtful, we might remain in safety. But we betray the gift for the sake of things superfluous and useless ... Do you see how by degrees He withdraws us from the things that now are, and at greater length introduces what He has to say regarding voluntary poverty, and casts down the dominion of covetousness? ... Do not tell me of those who are rich, but of those who serve riches, since Job also was rich, but he did not serve mammon ... He so possessed all those things, as if he had been a steward of another man's goods.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily xx, 3, and XXI, 1, 2 on Matthew VI*. B#54, pp. 143, 146, 147.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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