



*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:**

***Bishop Kurt Burnette has issued a decree that all temporary safeguards for the SRS Covid 2 virus are no longer mandatory. The decree is available in the back of the church. A service for Reconsecration of the Churches will be celebrated next Sunday.***

**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 Hrubiak 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

**June 24 - July 2, 2023 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal / Peter's Pence**

**Catholic Home Missions:** The Eparchy of Parma benefits from this USCCB Collection through the financial support of our Chancery, and Eparchial Offices' support for our parishes, missions, Shrine, and religious education programs.

**Peter's Pence:** This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

**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:

- 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 4<sup>th</sup>, harvest the garlic for sale at the markets; grow fresh vegetables for the food pantry and Sunday social

<b>Services for the Week of July 2 - July 9, 2023</b>				
	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 2</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Ukranian Divine Liturgy	Rom 10:1-10 Mt 8:28-9:1
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 3</b> <b>Hyacinth-Martyr</b>		No Services	Rom 16:17-24 Mt 13:10-23
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 4</b> <b>Andrew of Jerusalem Archbishop</b>	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	1Cor 1:1-9 Mt 13:24-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 5</b> <b>Athanasius of Mount Athos-Venerable</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Gal 5:22-6:2 Lk 6:17-23
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 6</b> <b>Sisoies the Great Venerable</b>		No Services	1Cor 3:18-23 Mt 13:36-43
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 7</b> <b>Thomas &amp; Acacius Venerable</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1Cor 4:5-8 Mt 13:44-54
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 8</b> <b>Procopius Great Martyr</b>	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	Rom 9:1-5 Mt 9:18-26
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 9</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy followed by Service for Reconsecration of the Churches	Rom 12:6-14 Mt 9:1-8

**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>

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### ROMANS 10

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. 5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." 6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

### SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THEY HAVE NOT SUBMITTED TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Observe how adroitly he favors them in the word, and yet shows their unseasonable obstinacy ... These things he says to show that it was from a petulancy and love of power that they erred, rather than from ignorance ... For if Christ be 'the end of the Law,' he who does not have Christ, even if he seems to have righteousness, does not have it. But he who has Christ, even though he may not have properly fulfilled the Law, has received the whole. For the end of the physician's art is health ... He who does not know how to heal, though he may seem to be a follower of the art, comes short of everything: so is it in the case of the Law and of faith ... For what was the object of the Law? To make man righteous. But it did not have the power, for no one fulfilled it ... But to this end Christ gave a fuller accomplishment through faith. Be not then afraid, he says, as if you are transgressing the Law by having come over to the faith. For only then do you transgress it, when for the sake of the Law you do not believe in Christ.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XVII on Romans X*. B#55, pp. 472- 473.

### MATTHEW 8

28 When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. 29 And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" 30 Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." 32 And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water; 33 Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. 34 And behold; the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.

### MATTHEW 9

1 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

### THERE MET HIM TWO DEMON-POSSESSED MEN, COMING OUT OF THE TOMBS

But what can be the reason that they love to dwell in the tombs? This would easily suggest to the multitude a pernicious opinion, as though the souls of the dead become demons, which God forbid we should ever admit into our conception ... It does not stand to reason that the injured soul should cooperate with the wrongdoer, or that a man should be able to change to an incorporeal power away from the body, to wander here some more. For 'the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God' (Wisdom 3:1) ... and the souls of sinners too are immediately led away from here. This is evident from Lazarus and the rich man, and elsewhere too Christ says, 'This day they require your soul of you' ... How should the soul, being rent away from the body, and having gone out from all her accustomed region, know where to walk without one to show her the way? ... Why did Christ fulfill the devil's request? ... One, to teach those who are delivered from the wicked tyrants how great is the malice ... another, that all might learn how not even against swine are they bold, unless He should so allow them.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXVIII on Matthew VIII*, 3, 4. B#54, pp. 191-192.



**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

**Sunday:** 8:15 AM Matins  
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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