



*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.

Welcome to the new members of Parish Council and Financial Committee. May the merciful Lord bless their work and give them wisdom. God grand them many blessed and happy years!

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.

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>

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>

Announcements:

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; grow fresh vegetables for the food pantry and Sunday social

Thanks to all those who were involved in the 2nd annual Vacation Bible School. It was a great success due to those who taught, brought students, brought food and the children who learned so much. The prosphora used in today's Divine Liturgy was made by the children. God grant them many years!

Services for the Week of July 23 - July 30, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	July 23 8th Sunday After Pentecost <i>Note: Vacation Bible School concludes</i>	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	1 Cor 1:10-18 Mt 14:14-22
Monday	July 24 Boris and Gleb- Martyrs		No Services	Rom 8:28-39 Jn 15:17-16:2
Tuesday	July 25 Dormition of Anna		No Services	Gal 4:22-31 Lk 8:16-21
Wednesday	July 26 Hermolaus and Others Priest-Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1Cor 13:4-14:5 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	July 27 Panteleimon Great Martyr		No Services	1Cor 14:6-19 Mt 20:17-28
Friday	July 28 Prochorus and Others Apostles	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1Cor 14:26-40 Mt 21;12-14 & 17-20
Saturday	July 29 Callinicus Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	Rom 14:6-9 Mt 15:32-39
Sunday	July 30 9th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	1 Cor 3:9-17 Mt 14:22-34

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 CORINTHIANS 1

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. 16 Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. 17 for Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but two us who are being saved it is the power of God.

IS CHRIST DIVIDED?

The emphatic force of the word 'schism,' I mean the name itself, was a sufficient accusation. For it was not that they had become many parts, each entire within itself, but rather it be One Body... had perished... 'That each one of you says,' for the corruption did not pervade a part, but the whole of the Church... By a kind of divine art he does away with their swelling pride on this point, not with the efficacy of baptism, but with the folly of those who were puffed up at having been baptized yours: first, by showing that the Gift is not theirs, and secondly by thanking God and for it. For Baptism truly is a great thing, but its greatness is not the work of the person baptizing, but of Him who is invoked in Baptism... Great indeed it is Baptism, and without baptism it is impossible to obtain the kingdom... But prove to me that Peter and Paul were eloquent. You cannot: for they were 'unlearned and ignorant man!'

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily III on I Corinthians I*, 1, 3, 6, 8. B#56, PP. 10-14.

MATTHEW 14

14 And when Jesus went out, He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 And they said to Him, "We had here only five loaves and two fish." 18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. 22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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And why did none of the multitude come near and speak for them? They revered Him exceedingly and did not even feel their hunger the cause of their longing to stay with Him. Neither indeed do His disciples, when they had come to Him say, 'Feed them,' for as yet, they were rather in an imperfect state... But note, I pray you, the Teacher's skill: how distinctly He summons them on towards believing. For He did not say right away, 'I will feed them.' This would not have been easily received... He also did not say, 'I will give them,' but, 'You give to them,' for as yet their view of Him was as a man... For this reason, Mark also says, 'They did not understand the saying, for their heart was hardened'... Then at last He brings in His own part... For although the place was a desert, He who feeds the world is here, and although all the time was now passed, yet He who is not subject to time is discoursing to which you... Why did He look up to heaven, and bless? It was to be believed of Him, that He is of the Father, and that He is equal to Him. But the proofs of these things seemed too oppose one another... Why does He not make it of things that are not?... He makes it out of the materials which they had specifically, so He might lead them to faith... And another thing, too, we learn, the self-restraint of the disciples which they practiced in necessary things, and how little they accounted of food. For being twelve, they had only five loaves and two fishes... And not even so little did they hold fast, but gave up even that when asked. St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XLIX on Matthew XIV*, 1,2. B#54, PP. 304, 305.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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