



*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.

*The decree that all temporary safeguards for the SRS Covid 2 virus are no longer mandatory is in the back of the church. A service for Reconsecration of the Churches will be celebrated on Sunday, July 9 after the Divine Liturgy.*

**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 Hrubciak 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

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

### **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>

<b>Services for the Week of July 9 - July 16, 2023</b>				
	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 9</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 10</b> <b>Anthony of the</b> <b>Caves-Venerable</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Gal 5:22-6:2 Lk 6:17-23
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 11</b> <b>Euphemia-Martyr</b>		No Services	1Cor 6:20- 7:12 Mt 14:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 12</b> <b>Procius and Hilary-</b> <b>Martyrs</b>		No Services	1Cor 7:12-24 Mt 14:35- 15:11
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 13</b> <b>Synaxis of</b> <b>Archangel Gabriel</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1Cor 7:25-35 Mt 15:12-21
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 14</b> <b>Aquila-Apostle</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1Cor 7:35-8:7 Mt 15:29-31
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 15</b> <b>Vladimir the Great-</b> <b>Equal to the Apostles</b>	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	Gal 1:11-19 Jn 10:1-9
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 16</b> <b>Fathers of the Six</b> <b>Ecumenical Councils</b>	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	Rom 15:1-7 Mt 9:27-35

## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

### ROMANS 15

1 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. 3 For even in Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we threw the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may be God Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

### WE WHO ARE STRONG OUGHT TO BEAR THE FAILINGS OF THE WEAK

In another place he also says, 'You who are spiritual restore such a one' (Gal.6:1). Have you become powerful? Render a return to God for making you so. You will duly render it if you set the weakness of the sickly right. For we too are weak, but by grace we have become powerful. And this we are to do not only in this case, but also in the case of those who are weak in other respects. For instance, if one is passionate, or insolent, or has any failing of this kind, bear with him. And how is this to be? Listen to what comes next... What he says is this. Are you powerful? Let the weak have trial of your power. Let him come to know your strength; please him... And so, if you are rich or in power, do not please yourself but the poor and the needy, because in this way you will lead once have true glory to enjoy, and be doing much service. For glory from the things of the world soon flies away, but backed from the things of the Spirit is abiding, if you do it too edification.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXVII on Romans X*. B#55, P. 535.

### MATTHEW 9

27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" 28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, Yes Lord." 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be done to you." 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them saying, "See that no one knows it." 31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him into all that country. 32 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. 33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" 34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." 35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

### TWO BLIND MEN AND A MUTE DEMONIAK

And having brought them into the house, He puts a further question to them. For in many cases He made a point of healing bond entreaty lest any should suppose Him to be rushing upon these miracles through vainglory. And He healed not only on this account, but also to indicate that they deserved healing and that no one could say, 'If it was out of mere mercy that He saved, all men ought to be saved.' For even His love towards man has a kind of proportion, depending on the faith of those who are healed... Foreasmuch as they called Him 'Son of David,' He, in order to lead them up to what is higher and to teach them... says, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?'... He, for He is part, lays His hand upon them, saying 'Let it be done according to your faith.' This He does to confirm their faith, and to show that they are participators in the good work... He delivered them first from their want of faith... The affliction of the dumb man was not natural, but the device of the evil spirit, so he also needed others to bring him... He does not even require faith of the man, but straightaway heals the disease.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXXII on Matthew IX*, 1,2. B#54, P. 211.



**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

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

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