



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

This year’s Eparchial Pilgrimage will take place August 19-20 at the Shrine of Our Lady Mariapoch in Burton, Ohio. No registration is required. Visit: <https://www.parma.org/pilgrimage>

The Dormition Fast continues to the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15. Those who are between the ages of 15 and 60 years are expected to observe the fast. Those who are pregnant, lactating or have compromised health are excluded from fasting from food but can observe the fast in other ways.

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>

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.

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:

Life Conference: Life: The Political, Medical, Moral and Philosophical

Saturday, Sept 30, 2023 at the St Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Hall, Marblehead, Ohio, 9 AM-5 PM; registration at 8 AM, continental breakfast and lunch included. Tickets \$60 (adult), \$30 (student), scholarships available. Speakers: Dr. George Delfado, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mr. Peter Range, Prof. Janet Smith. Deadline to register: Wed, Sept 27. Call 419-626-0375 or email: lifeconference2023@yahoo.com for info or tickets. Additional info: www.stmarymarblehead.com or www.facebook.com/stmarybyzantine
Any questions or concerns, call 419-357-3758 (cell) or 419-626-0375 (landline).

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. Some of our homeless do not have access to a can opener, heat or refrigeration. Therefore, cans with pop tops are helpful for these folks. 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. This is a great activity for families.**

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

Opportunities to Help with Fundraising....we are called into service

At this time, our parish is unable to exist without fundraising initiatives. Our most successful venture over the years has proved to be the traditional pierogi and European baked goods made in our commercial bakery kitchen and then sold at the various local Farmer's Market venues. **Volunteers are always needed to help with the baking and selling.** Cleaning the work areas and equipment are also welcomed opportunities to serve. Please contact John Danovich and schedule a workable day and time (Tuesday through Saturday).

Services for the Week of August 13 – August 20, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	August 13 11th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Moleben	1 Cor 9:2-12 Mt 18:23-35
Monday	August 14 Translation of the Relics of Theodosius of the Cave-Venerable	6:00 PM	Vespers Matins with burial of the Holy Theotokos	Heb 13:7-16 Mt 11:27-30
Tuesday	August 15 Dormition of the Theotokos	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy, Moleben & Blessing of Flowers	Phil 2:5-11 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Wednesday	August 16 Translation of the Icon of Our Lord	6:00 PM	No Services	Col 1:12-18 Lk 9:51-56 & 10:22-24
Thursday	August 17 Myron - Martyr		No Services	2 Cor 7:1-10 Mk 1:29-35
Friday	August 18 Florus and Laurus - Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy, Moleben	2 Cor 7:10-16 Mk 2:18-22
Saturday	August 19 Andrew and Others - Martyrs	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	1 Cor 1:26-29 Mt 22:15-22
Sunday	August 20 12th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy, Moleben	1 Cor 15:1-11 Mt 19:16-26

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I CORINTHIANS 9

2 1 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 3 My defense to those who examine me is this: 4 Do we have no right to eat and drink? 5 Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or is it only Barnabas and I will have no right to refrain from working? 7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? 8 Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. 12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

IF WE HAVE SOWN SPIRITUAL THINGS FOR YOU, IS IT A GREAT THING IF WE REAP YOUR MATERIAL THINGS?

'Are you not my work in the Lord?' For this is the great thing, and others avail nothing apart from this. Even Judas himself was 'an Apostle,' and 'free' and 'saw Christ,' but because he did not have 'the work of a an Apostle,' all those things did not profit him. You see then why he adds this also, and calls them to be witnesses of it... Upon this it follows that if from no other quarter, yet from you I have a right to receive. Nevertheless, from whom I had most right to receive, from you whose teacher I was, from those I did not receive... The whole world had him for its Apostle... 'For I both exhibited miracles and taught by word, and underwent dangers, and showed forth a blameless life'... And not only this does he establish by his illustrations, but he shows also what kind of man a priest ought to be. For he ought to possess both the courage of a soldier and the diligence of a husbandman and the carefulness of a shepherd, and after all these to seek and nothing more than necessities... For he did not say, What soldier serves and is not enriched?... To prevent high thoughts in those who contribute to their teachers, he signified that they receive more than they give.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXI on Corinthians IX*, 2, 3, 4, 6. B#56, PP. 119-121.

MATTHEW 18

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 "And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children, and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 "The servant therefore, fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 7 "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 "So this fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 "And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 "So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 "And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED SERVANT

It is His purpose to alarm him by this threat, so He might bring him to supplication, not that he should be sold... Why then did He not do this, nor forgive the debt before the account? He did it desiring it to teach him from how many obligations He is delivering him, that in this way at least he might become more mild towards his fellow – servant... He gave more than he asked, remission and forgiveness of the entire debt... But even so, He willed that the other also seem to contribute something, that he might not be exceedingly covered with shame, and that he, being schooled in his own calamities, might be indulgent to his fellow servant... Let us, the covetous, listen well, for even to us is the word spoken. Let us hearken also, the merciless, and the cruel, for not to others are we cruel, but two ourselves. When you are minded to be revengeful, consider that against yourself are you revengeful, not against another, that you are binding up your own sins, not your neighbor's... Now the sentence is of much indignation, and vengeance and punishment... Two things therefore He requires here, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others... and from the heart.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily LXI on Matthew XVIII*, 3,4,5. B#54 PP. 378 - 380.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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