



*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.

Start of the Eastern Christian Formation classes

Next Sunday the students and teachers of ECF will receive a blessing at the end of Divine Liturgy. Please bring all the children for this blessing.

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>

Fill the Pantry

The needs of the homeless in our area bring people to our church each week – 4 on Thursday. **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 and church garden 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 and trimmed; remove weeds from cracks in sidewalks

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](https://www.facebook.com/stmarybyzantine). Any questions or concerns, call 419-357-3758 (cell) or 419-626-0375 (landline).

Historic Gathering of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America

You are invited to Participate!

Metropolitan Archbishop William, Bishop Kurt, and the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Church invite YOU to attend the "Metropolitan Assembly" at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey, on Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5, 2023! The theme of the Assembly is to "learn about our past and to prepare for our future!" Guest speakers include Dr. Paul Magosci, noted Author and Historian; Bishop Nil Lushchak of the Eparchy of Mukachevo; Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York; as well as other clergy and lay leaders. The Assembly includes lectures, discussions, fellowship, and a gala dinner with folk music and dancing. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between 18 and 35. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org/> and the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com. Hope to see YOU there!

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 27 – September 3, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	August 27 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Moleben	1 Cor 16:13-24 Mt 21:33-42
Monday	August 28 Moses the Ethiopian - Venerable	6:00 PM	Vespers	2 Cor 12:10-19 Mk 4:10-23
Tuesday	August 29 Beheading of John the Baptist	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy & Mirovanija	Acts 13:25-33 Mk 6:14-30
Wednesday	August 30 Alexander, John and Paul - Patriarchs		No Services	2 Cor 13:3-13 Mk 4:35-41
Thursday	August 31 Deposition of the Sash of the Theotokos		No Services	Heb 9:1-7 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Friday	September 1 Beginning of the Church Year Simeon - Venerable	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Tim 2:1-7 Lk 4:16-22
Saturday	September 2 Mammas - Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	September 3 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy - Bless ECF students	2 Cor 1:21-2:4 Mt 22:1-14

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I CORINTHIANS 16

13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done with love. 15 I urge you, brethren - - you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints - - 16 that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. 17 I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours; therefore, acknowledged such men. 19 the churches of Asia read you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. 20 All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. 21 The salutation with my own hand - - Paul. 22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! 23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE

'Let all be done in love:' since in fact all the things which have been mentioned arose from neglect of it. For if this had not been neglected, they would not have been puffed up; they would not have said, 'I am of Paul, and I of Apollos'... In the beginning, too, he mentions this man, saying, 'I also baptized the house of Stephanas, and now he speaks of him in an as 'the first - fruits not only of Corinth, but also of all Greece... He implies that together with their faith, they also showed forth a most excellent life, in every way proving themselves worthy... And not only from this, but from another topic he likewise indicates their piety: i.e., from their having filled their whole house with godliness... And he did not say merely, 'by fellow-helpers,' but added, 'whatsoever direction they give, obey'... If there is anyone like them, let him also have the same advantage.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XLIV on I Corinthians XVI, 2,3. B# 56, P. 264.

MATTHEW 21

33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 "Now when vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35 "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36 "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. 37 "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' 39 "And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the

vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" 41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

PARABLE OF THE HOUSEHOLDER WHO PLANTED THE VINEYARD

He intimates many things by this parable: God's providence, which had been exercised towards them from the first; their murderous disposition from the beginning; that nothing had been omitted of whatever pertained to a need for care of them; that even when the prophets had been slain, He had not turned away from them, but had sent His very Son; that the God both of the New and the Old Testament was one in the same; that His death would affect great blessings; that they were to endure extreme punishment for the crucifixion and their crime; the calling of the Gentiles; the casting out of the Jews... And observe also His great care and the excessive idleness of these men. For the things that pertained to the husbandmen, He did Himself... He left little for them to do: to take care of what was there, and to preserve what was given to them. For nothing was left undone, but all accomplished... And He sent His servants, that is the prophets 'to receive the fruit,' that is, their obedience, but proof of it by their works... And where do they take council to kill Him? 'Out of the vineyard.' Do you see how He prophesies even the place where He was to be slain, 'And they cast Him out, and slew Him.'

St. John Chrysostom. Homily LXVIII on Matthew, 1,2. B#54, pp. 414-415.
Taken from Thursday, 28th week after Pentecost:

THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD

'But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth which I heard from God' (Jn. 8:80)... And He says, 'Before Abraham came into being, I am,' but to Moses He says, 'I am that I am (Exo. 3:14). He certainly announced the eternity of His divine nature with marvelous grandeur of language, for nothing can be spoken so worthily of God, as, that He should ever *be*... Know then that even then it was Christ in God who led the people out of Egypt (Cf. Jude 5), and it was Christ in God who saved all the righteous man by His lavish grace: for through the oneness of the mystery (of the Incarnation) the terms up God and Christ so pass into each other, that whatever God did, that we may say that Christ did; and whatever afterward Christ bore, we may say that God bore... These things then belong to men, two men, I say, not to God - - that as far as human weakness can, they should humble themselves to God, be subject to God, make themselves dwellings for God, and by their faith and piety win this, to have God as their guest and indweller.

St. John Cassian. *The Seven Books of John Cassian on the Incarnation of the Lord, Against Nestorius*, Book V, Chapters VIII, IX, IV, B# 60, PP. 586, 587, 582.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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