



*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.

### **Eastern Christian Formation classes**

ECF classes for children are in the church after the potluck luncheon. All children are welcome.

### **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. Online registration form available @ <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

### **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 kitchen and 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 (can be an evening after work). Yes, we need you, even if it is for a couple hours.** Please contact John Danovich to schedule a workable day and time (Tuesday through Saturday).

### **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:

### Evening of Hope

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Foundation will host the Evening of Hope at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South Independence. Bishop Nil Lushchak, Apostolic Administrator for the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Ukraine will be the keynote speaker. We need your support to help our Eparchy accomplish its goals. Please consider one of the sponsorship levels for the 2023 event. All sponsors and attendees will receive parking, dinner, cocktails, fund-a-need, and more. Sponsorship and event registration may be found at the parma.org website. Contact Judith Matsko at 216-741-8773 x1225 with questions.

### 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](mailto:byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com). Hope to see YOU there!

### Work Day

The Clean-up day is scheduled for this Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Each parishioner is encouraged to search their soul about their commitment to *their* parish. All parishioners are expected to fulfill the phrase “donate your time, talent and treasure.”

### Extra Collections

In addition to our regular collections we are asking for donations for **(1) furnaces** (the two in the church have already exceeded their useful life), **(2) sign** for the front of the church. We don't have a “rainy day” fund and no extra money to pay our debts. Thank you to the donors who gave this past Sunday towards the furnace and security system. May God grant them many blessed years!

Services for the Week of October 1 – October 8, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 1</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b>&amp; mirovanije</b> <b>Ukrainian</b> <b>Liturgy &amp;</b> <b>mirovanije</b>	<b>2 Cor 9:6-11</b> <b>&amp; Heb 9:1-7</b> <b>Lk 6:31-38 &amp;</b> <b>Lk 11:27-28</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 2</b> <b>Cyprian Bishop -</b> <b>Martyr</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Phil 1:1-7</b> <b>Lk 6:24-30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 3</b> <b>Denis the Areopagite</b> <b>Bishop - Martyr</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Phil 1:8-14</b> <b>Lk 6:37-45</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 4</b> <b>Hierotheus, Bishop –</b> <b>Martyr</b> <b>Francis of Assisi</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Youth meeting</b>	<b>Phil 1:12-20</b> <b>Lk 6:46 – 7:1</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 5</b> <b>Charitina - Martyr</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Phil 1:20-27</b> <b>Lk 7:17-30</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 6</b> <b>Thomas Apostle</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>1 Cor 4:9-16</b> <b>Jn 23:19-31</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 7</b> <b>Sergius &amp; Bacchus</b> <b>Martyrs</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Confession</b>	<b>1 Cor 15:58</b> <b>– 16:3</b> <b>Lk 5:27-32</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 8</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>2 Cor 11:31</b> <b>– 12:9</b> <b>Lk 7:11-16</b>

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### II CORINTHIANS 9

6 But this I also say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work. 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness remains forever." 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you all are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

#### **HE WHO SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND HE WHO SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY.**

He called the thing sowing, so you might at once looked into the recompense, and having in mind the harvest, you might feel that you receive more than you give. For this reason, he did not say, 'he who gives,' but 'he who sows'... A man when left to himself, does a thing more readily than when compelled. Therefore, he dwells on this... Or if it is a work of virtue and yet all that is done is of necessity, it is shorn of its reward. So he labors at this point with reason. And he does not merely advise, he also adds a prayer... By this prayer he waylays a thought which lay in wait against this liberality and which is now also a hindrance to many. For many persons are afraid to give alms, saying 'Lest perchance I become poor'... To do away with this fear then, he adds this prayer, saying, May 'He make all grace abound towards you.' Not merely fulfill, but 'make it abound.' 'Fill you,' he means, 'with such great things, that you may be able to abound in this liberality'... He does not pray for riches, nor for abundance, but for all sufficiency... For in carnal things he asks for a sufficiency for them, but in spiritual things for abundance, not only in almsgiving, but in all other things as well, 'unto every good work.'

Then he brings the prophet for word as a counsellor for them, having sought out a testimony inviting them bountifulness... Let us not therefore nicely calculate, but sow with a profuse hand. Do you see how much others

give to players and harlots? Give at any rate the half to Christ, of what they give to dancers... For they clothe the persons of wantons with untold gold but you do not cover even with a threadbare garment the flash of Christ, and that though beholding it naked.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XIX on II Corinthians IX, 2, 3. B#56, PP. 369 – 370.

### LUKE 6

31 "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. 32 "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 "And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35 "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Highest. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful"

#### **AS YOU WANT MEN TO DO TO YOU, YOU ALSO DO TO THEM LIKEWISE ... LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD, AND LEND, HOPING FOR NOTHING IN RETURN**

What then can we deserve, who are commanded to emulate God, and are perhaps in a manner of life hardly even equal to publicans? For if 'to love those who love us' is the part of publicans, sinners, and heathens: when we do not even do this (and we do not do it, as long as we envy our brothers who are in honor), what penalty will we not incur, commanded as we are to surpass the scribes, and taking our place below the heathens? How then will we behold the kingdom, pray tell? How will we set foot on that holy threshold, who do not surpass even the publicans? ... Bearing in mind all the things that have been said, let us then show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us cast away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way: waiting for those who meet them to address them first.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XVIII on Matthew V, 9, 10. B#54, pp. 128-129.



**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

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

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