



*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**

The Eparchy of Parma and The Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church are proud to sponsor a women’s renewal.

The weekend will take place **November 10-12, 2023**, at The Lial Retreat Center in Whitehouse, OH. Our Keynote Speaker is Lynne Wardach, ByziMom of <https://www.byzimom.com>. Rev. Dennis Hrubciak is the spiritual director.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED! THE EVENT IS SOLD OUT!**

Thank you all for your interest. If you wish to join the wait list, Contact Kim @ kimkocuba@ameritech.net or 216-337-2673.

### **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!

### 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.

Services for the Week of October 15 – October 22, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 15</b> <b>Sunday of the</b> <b>Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ecumenical Council</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Gal 1:11-19</b> <b>Lk 8:5-15 or</b> <b>Heb 13:7-16</b> <b>Jn 17:1-13</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 16</b> <b>Longinus - Martyr</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Phil 4:10-23</b> <b>Lk 9:18-22</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 17</b> <b>Hosea - Prophet</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Col 1:1-2 &amp;</b> <b>7-11</b> <b>Lk 9:23-27</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 18</b> <b>Luke</b> <b>Apostle - Evangelist</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Youth meeting</b>	<b>Col 4:5-9,</b> <b>14,18</b> <b>Lk 10:16-21</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 19</b> <b>Joel - Prophet</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Col 1:24-29</b> <b>Lk 9:49-56</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 20</b> <b>Artemius</b> <b>Great Martyr</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Col 2:1-7</b> <b>Lk 10:1-15</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 21</b> <b>Hilary the Great</b> <b>Venerable</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b> <b>Confession</b>	<b>2 Cor 3:12-</b> <b>18</b> <b>Lk 7:1-10</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 22</b> <b>21<sup>st</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>Gal 2:16-20</b> <b>Lk 16:19-31</b>

## Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council at Nicea

### Hebrews 13:7-16

Brethren: remember your prelates who have spoken the word of God to you; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation, Jesus Christ, yesterday, and today; and the same forever. Be not led away with various and strange doctrines. For it is best that the heart be established with grace, not with meats which have not profited those that walk in them. We have an altar, whereof they have no power to eat who serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the holies by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore to Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. For we have not here a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come. By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise always to God, that is to say, the fruit of lips confessing to His name. And do not forget to do good, and to impart; for by such sacrifices God's favour is obtained.

### John 17:1-13

At that time: Jesus, lifting up His eyes to heaven, said: Father, the hour is come, glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son may glorify Thee. As Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He may give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. Now this is eternal life: That they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent. I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do. And now glorify Thou Me, O Father, with Thyself, with the glory which I had, before the world was, with Thee. I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou hast given Me out of the world. Thine they were, and to Me Thou gavest them; and they have kept Thy word. Now they have known, that all things which Thou hast given Me, are from Thee: because the words which Thou gavest Me, I have given to them; and they have received them, and have known in very deed that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them whom Thou hast given Me: because they are Thine: and all My things are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am not in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name whom Thou hast given Me; that they may be one, as We also are. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy name. Those whom Thou gavest Me have I kept; and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition, that the scripture may be fulfilled. And now I come to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy filled in themselves.

Today our Holy Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasios. The Council of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos. This Council decreed that the veneration of Icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint but passes to the prototype the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (Jn 1:18). Since this Council, the use of Icons has been an important aspect of our prayer lives till this very day. In our Eastern Church we have inherited the practice of having an Icon corner in our Domestic Churches-our households. The Icon corner should be part of every Eastern Christian home in order to enhance daily prayer. It is customary to have an Icon corner located in a special place. It is a graphic proclamation that the family is committed to the Christian life and the life in the heavenly kingdom. This is the place where the family Icon is enshrined and where the family gathers for prayer. This is a reminder that the home is a Domestic Church. Usually, the Icon corner faces east so that when we pray facing the Icons, we are facing east, the direction of the rising sun – the direction of Christ's Light. Prominent are the Icons of Christ and the Theotokos. These are sometimes surrounded by Icons of the patron Saints of the parents and of the children. Since Icons are sacred images revealing the special presence of the holy ones depicted in them, a votive lamp, traditionally suspended from the ceiling, or a candle placed on a shelf before the Icon is usually burning before the Icon, especially during prayer. The face of a true Icon is written in such a way as to reflect the light of the candle or lamp and remind us of the way the person depicted reflected the grace of the Holy Spirit within them.

**There should be images in the churches of the faithful, especially the images of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Holy Mother of God, of every kind of material, both gold and silver and of every color, so that his incarnation may be set forth for all. Let there also be painted the lives of the Saints and Prophets and Martyrs, so their struggles and agonies may be set forth for the stirring up and teaching of the people, especially of the unlearned. St. Theodosius to the Second Council of Nicea**

***The hymn that is chanted on this day:***

***Troparion of the Fathers, Tone 8:***

***Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our fathers as luminaries on earth, and thereby hast guided us all to the true faith. O Most Merciful One, glory to Thee***



**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

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

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