



*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. Please NOTE: Some key people will not be in town for making product and selling on the last day of the summer market. 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.** There are pumpkins in the hall that need pureed for pumpkin rolls. 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. Hope to see YOU there!

Work Day

Clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church and the hall. 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 and **(3) a working control box** for our video security system. We don't have a "rainy day" fund and no extra money to pay our debts.

Services for the Week of September 24 – October 1, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	September 24 17 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	2 Cor 6:16-7:1 Lk 5:1-11
Monday	September 25 Euphrosyna Venerable		No Services	Eph 4:25-32 Lk 4:37-44
Tuesday	September 26 The Passing of John Apostle Evangelist		No Services	1 Jn 4:12-19 Jn 19:25-27 & 21:24-25
Wednesday	September 27 Callistratus and Others - Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Youth meeting	Eph 5:25-32 Lk 5:33-39
Thursday	September 28 Chariton Venerable- Confessor		No Services	2 Cor 4:6-15 Lk 6:17-23
Friday	September 29 Cyriacus Venerable	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Eph 6:18-24 Lk 6:17-23
Saturday	September 30 Gregory Illuminator Bishop - Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers with Litia Confession	Genesis 28: 10-17; Ezekiel 43: 27-44: 4; Proverbs 9:1-11
Sunday	October 1 18 th Sunday After Pentecost Protection of the Theotokos	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy & mirovanije Ukrainian Liturgy & mirovanije	2 Cor 9:6-11 & Heb 9:1-7 Lk 6:31-36 & Lk 11:27-28

17th Sunday After Pentecost

II CORINTHIANS 6

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

II CORINTHIANS 7

1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVNG GOD

He uses opposites which themselves cannot admit of their opposites: 'light and darkness' ... Do you bear God within you and run to them, God, Who has nothing in common with them? And in what way can this deserve forgiveness? Bear in mind Who walks and Who dwells in you ... But what is filthiness of the flesh? Adultery, fornication, lasciviousness of every kind. And what of the soul? Unclean thoughts, as gazing with unchaste eyes, malice, deceits, and whatsoever such things there are ... Do you realize the greatness of the prize? It is both to be delivered from what is evil, and to be made one with God ... What promises? That we should be temples of God, sons and daughters, have Him indwelling, and walking in us, be His people, having Him for our God and Father...

PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD

Yet he is not content with this, but adds, 'Perfecting holiness in the fear of God.' For not to touch unclean things does not thereby make you clean, but something else is needed for becoming holy: earnestness, heedfulness, piety. And he well said, 'In the fear of God.' For it is possible to perfect chasteness, not in the fear of God but for vainglory ... For even if lust makes imperious demands, still if you occupy its territory with the fear of God, you have stayed its frenzy ... Now by holiness here he means not chastity alone, but the freedom from every kind of sin, for he is holy who is pure. Now one will become pure, not if he is free from fornication only, but also from grace and love towards men of our Lord Jesus Christ, with Whom, to the Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory, might, and honor, now and ever and world without end. Amen. St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XIII on II Corinthians Iv*, 1,4. B#56, p. 344-346.

LUKE 5

1 Now so it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. 3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. 4 Now when He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for all I am a sinful man, O Lord!" 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." 11 So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

JESUS SAID TO SIMON... 'FROM NOW ON YOU WILL CATCH MEN'

Also see Matt. 4:18, Mark 1:16, John 1:40, and Second Sunday after Pentecost. (Page 174-175) (commentary follows below):

MATTHEW 4

18 Now Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him. 21 And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. 23 Now Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

HE SAID TO PETER AND ANDREW, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

Yet John says that they were called in another manner. Therefore it is evident that this was a second call. One may perceive this from many things. For there it is said that they came to Him when 'John was not yet cast into prison,' but here, after he was in confinement. And there Andrew calls Peter, but here Jesus calls both. And John says, Jesus seeing Simon coming; says, 'You are Simon, the Son of Jona, you shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone' (John 1:42). But Matthew says that he was already called by that name ... And from the place whence they were called, and from many other things, one may perceive this: such as their ready obedience and abandonment of all. For now they were well instructed beforehand ... But mark both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work ... 'They forsook all and followed.' Such is the obedience which Christ seeks of us ... We can see this, too, when some other had come to Him and was asking leave to bury his own father: He permitted not even this (Matt. 8:21,22). St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XIV on Matthew Iv*, 3. B#54, pp. 87- 88



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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