



*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

This Sunday the students and teachers of ECF will receive a blessing at the end of Divine Liturgy. Please bring your children forward for this blessing. ECF classes will begin next Sunday in the church, September 10 after the potluck luncheon.

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>

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).

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>

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.

Announcements:

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed the **Very Rev. Robert Mark Pipta as the sixth Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma** of the Ruthenians. Bishop-elect Robert is a priest of Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, and currently serves as rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Please keep Bishop-elect Robert in your prayers as he prepares for his episcopal consecration and becomes the 6th Bishop of our Eparchy!

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!

Services for the Week of September 3 – September 10, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	September 3 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	2 Cor 1:21-2:4 Mt 22:1-14
Monday	September 4 Babylas – Bishop - Martyr		No Services	Gal 2:11-16 Mk 5:24-34
Tuesday	September 5 Zachary – Prophet and Elizabeth		No Services	Gal 2:21-3:7 Mk 6:1-7
Wednesday	September 6 Miracle of the Archangel Michael		No Services	Gal 3:15-22 Mk 6:7-13
Thursday	September 7 Sozon - Martyr	6:00 PM	Vespers	Gal 3:23-4:5 Mk 6:30-45
Friday	September 8 Birth of the Theotokos – Solemn Holy Day	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy & mirovanije	Phil 2:5-11 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Saturday	September 9 Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Cross – Synaxis of Joachim and Anna	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	1 Cor 2:6-9 Mt 10:37-11:1
Sunday	September 10 Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Ukrainian Liturgy	Gal 6:11-18 Jn 3:13-17

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

II CORINTHIANS 1

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a deposit. 23 Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. 24 Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

II CORINTHIANS 2

1 But I determined this switch in myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. 2 For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? 3 And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

WHO ALSO HAS SEALED US AND GIVEN US THE SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS AS A DEPOSIT

Again, from the past He establishes the future. For it is He Who establishes us in Christ (that is, who does not suffer us to be shaken from the faith which is in Christ) and He Who anointed us and gave the Spirit in our hearts. How will He not give us the future things? For He gave the principles and the foundations, and the root and the fount (to wit the true knowledge of Him, the partaking of the Spirit) how will He not give the things that come of these?... And what is 'anointed,' and 'sealed?' Gave the Spirit, by Whom He did both these things, making at the same time prophets and priests and kings, for in old times these three ranks were anointed... For we are both to enjoy a kingdom and to be made priests by altering our bodies for a sacrifice (for he says 'present your members a living sacrifice to God') and moreover we are constituted prophets too: for 'the things eye has not seen, nor ear heard,' (I Corinthians 2:9) these have been revealed to us. And in another way, too, we become kings: if we have the mind to get dominion over our unruly thoughts, for such a one is a king and more than one who wears a diadem.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily III on II Corinthians I*, 4,5. B#56, pp. 289-to 90.

MATTHEW 22

1 And Jesus as answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 "and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4 "Again, he sent out other servants, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all

things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" 5 "But they made light of it and when their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 "And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and kill them. 7 "But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 'Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 "So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 "So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' and he was speechless. 13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

THE PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE FEAST

There is a great difference, dearly beloved brethren, between corporal and spiritual delights in that the former, when we are without them, enkindle in the soul a strong desire to possess them, but once they are attained, they quickly satiate us. Spiritual pleasures, on the contrary, when the unattained, produce a certain aversion; but once we taste them, the taste awakens desire, and our hunger for them increases the more we taste them... So we see that, if we do not taste these delights, we cannot designer them, because their flavor is unknown to us... So the psalmist says, 'Taste and see that the Lord is sweet' (Ps. 33:9). We do not know what we should a desire, and our repugnance is increased the further our souls stray from that true nourishment...

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

This parable...proclaims beforehand both the casting out of the Jews, and the calling of the Gentiles, and it indicates together with this also the strictness of the life required, and how great the punishment appointed for the careless... And when were they bidden? By all the prophets; by John [the Baptist] again; for he would pass all on to Christ, saying 'He must increase, I must decrease' (John 3: 30); by the Son Himself again, 'Come to Me, and all you who labor and all are heavy laden, and I will refresh you' (Matt. 11:28) and again, 'if any man thirsts, let him come onto Me and drink' (John 7: 37). But not by words only, but by actions also He bade them, after his ascension by Peter, and those with him. 'For He who wrought effectually in Peter,' it is said, 'to the apostleship of the circumcision, was mighty also in me towards the Gentiles,' (Gal. 2: 8)... And yet the calling was of grace. Why then does He take such a strict account? The cause although to be called and to be cleansed was of grace, yet, when called and clothed in clean garments, to continue keeping them so, this is of the diligence of those who are called.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily LXIX on Matthew XXII*, 1, 2. B# 54, pp. 421, 423.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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