

Welcome to St. Athanasíus the Great Byzantíne Catholíc Church "Glory to Jesus Chríst! Slava Isusu Chrístu!" "Glory to Hím Forever! Slava Navíkí 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 <u>https://www.byzimomcom</u>. Rev. Dennis Hrubiak 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). You are needed NOW, before and during the holiday demand, even if it is for a couple of hours. *Please contact John Danovich to schedule a workable day and time* (Tuesday through Saturday) for you and/or your family.

# On Saturdays, Nov 11 and 18, are the annual craft fairs at the same time as the Carmel market.

Sellers are needed for both the craft fairs and the market on those days and volunteers are needed to prepare double quantities of pierogi and bakery items on (Tues through Sat) beginning now and up until the events.

- cookies that sell well at the fairs also need to be made.
- biodegradable birdhouses were donated, and "kits" need to be put together to sell at the craft fairs and on market wagon.
- Pumpkins need to be processed into puree for seasonal pumpkin roll demand.

### 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: <u>https://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect</u>

#### Announcements:

## Vespers and Profession of Faith of Bishop-elect Robert Pipta

All parishioners are kindly invited to attend the Vespers and Profession of Faith of Bishop-elect Robert Pipta on November 7, 2023, at 7pm at Holy Resurrection Parish, 532 Lloyd Road, Euclid, Ohio 44132 (to be followed by an 8:30 pm social in the parish hall where desserts and beverages will be served). All are also invited to attend the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on November 9, 2023, at 10am at Holy Spirit Church, 5500 W. 54th Street, Parma, Ohio 44129. If you wish to attend one or both of these liturgical celebrations, please contact the Chancery at <u>chancery@parma.org</u> (mail to <u>chancery@parma.org</u>) or 216-741-8773 x 1221 so that we can make sure we have ample seating and food (for the social following Vespers on November 7).

### 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!

### 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 those who've already donated. May God bless you!

	Day	october 29 – November Time Service		Readings	
Sunday	October 29 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	Gal 6:11-18 Lk 8:26-39	
Monday	October 30 Anastasia Venerable Martyr		No Services	1 Thess 1:1-5 Lk 11:29-33	
Tuesday	October 31 Blessed Theodore Romîa - Martyr	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Thess 1:6-1 Lk 11:34-41	
Wednesday	November 1 Cosmas & Damian Unmercenaries		No Services	1 Thess 2:1-8 Lk 11:42-46	
Thursday	November 2 Akindynos & Others Martyrs		No Services	1 Thess 2:9-1 Lk 11:47-12:1	
Friday	November 3 Acepsimas & Others Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Thess 2:14-1 Lk 12:2-12	
Saturday	November 4 Joannicius Venerable	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	2 Cor 8:1-5 Lk 9:1-6	
Sunday	November 5 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Ukranian Divine Liturgy	Eph 2:4-10 Lk 8:41-56	

### Financial Report 10-22-2023

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
10/22	\$624.23	0	\$130.00		\$646.15	\$1,418.38

# **Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

### . GALATIANS 6

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! 12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these try to compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. 13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. 16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon Israel of God. 17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. 18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

### I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU WITH MY OWN HAND!

He has written a whole letter himself, which was proof of great sincerity. In his other Epistles, he himself only dictated, another wrote, as is plain from the Epistle to the Romans, for at its close it is said, 'I Tertius, who write the Epistle, salute you' (Rom.16:22)... And this he did by necessity, not merely from affectation, but in order to remove injurious suspicion... What is the meaning of 'to make a fair show in the flesh?' It means to be esteemed by men. As they are reviled by the Jews for deserting the customs of their fathers, they desire, he says, to injure you, so that they may not have this charged against them, but vindicate themselves by means of your flesh. His object here is to show that they did not act this way from respect to God.

St. John Chrysostom. Chapter VI Commentary on Galatians. B# 57, PP. 45-46.

### LUKE 8

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" 29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had

often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. 30 Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. 32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. And they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. 33 Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. 34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 That they also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon possessed was healed. 37 Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. 38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

#### THERE MET HIM TWO DEMON-POSSESSED MEN, COMING OUT OF THE TOMBS

But what can be the reason that they love to dwell in the tombs? This would easily suggest to the multitude a pernicious opinion, as though the souls of the dead become demons, which God forbid we should ever admit into our conception ... It does not stand to reason that the injured soul should cooperate with the wrongdoer, or that a man should be able to change to an incorporeal power away from the body, to wander here some more. For 'the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God' (Wisdom 3:1) ... and the souls of sinners too are immediately led away from here. This is evident from Lazarus and the rich man, and elsewhere too Christ says, 'This day they require your soul of you' ... How should the soul, being rent away from the body, and having gone out from all her accustomed region, know where to walk without one to show her the way? ... Why did Christ fulfill the devil's request? ... One, to teach those who are delivered from the wicked tyrants how great is the malice ... another, that all might learn how not even against swine are they bold, unless He should so allow them.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXVIII on Matthew VIII*, 3, 4. B#54, pp. 191-192.



Weekend Divine Services Saturday: 5 PM Vespers Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins 10 AM Divine Liturgy

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