



*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.

**THE PHILLIP'S FAST IS ONGOING THROUGH DEC 24**

All those between the ages of 15 and 60, in good health, not pregnant or lactating are expected to observe this fast. Fasting includes abstaining from animal products on Wednesdays and Fridays. Everyone can abstain from something like television, social media, video gaming and spend that time in prayer, service and alms giving.

**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.

**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 Farmers' 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.**

**Between now and Christmas we have increased demand for pierogi and baked goods at the Carmel's Winter Market, Market Wagon, Online Sales and Hall Sales**

Sellers are needed for the Saturday Carmel market to free up those who are baking all week (Tues through Sat). Volunteers are also needed to package and mail out online and call-in orders.

- **Cookies that sell well at this time of year need to be made.**
- **Biodegradable birdhouses were donated, and "kits" need to be put together to sell out of the hall and on market wagon.**

**Pumpkins need to be processed into puree for seasonal pumpkin roll demand.**

**God bless our Most Reverend Bishop Robert Pipta,  
sixth Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma**

**May God grant him many happy and healthy blessed years. Axios!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **CHRISTMAS ON THE PRAIRIE DEC 9, 2023**

St Athanasius families are invited to come and share our Eastern Catholic traditions around the venerable St. Nicholas during this Advent Season. Christmas on the Prairie, Saturday, Dec 9th, 2023 is happening at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen, Illinois. This free winter event has quickly become a family favorite in the Southwest Suburbs of Chicago and all in attendance have the opportunity to learn about the real man behind the legend we now know as Santa Claus.

Participants will be able to enjoy live music and choirs from Chesterton Academy as well as Riverside Studio. Also, a true relic of St. Nicholas, on loan from the All Saints Shrine in Livonia, MI, will be available for veneration in the church during the event. Start time is 2 PM and at 4:30 PM the children gather awaiting the arrival of St. Nicholas. After he departs at 6 PM, all will gather for Vespers in the church. The flyer and a letter to parents with additional information is posted in Dormition Hall here at St. Athanasius as well as at <https://byzantinecatholic.com/events/christmas-on-the-prairie/>

### **Eleventh Annual Women's Retreat February 16-18, 2024**

The Beatitudes: The Way of Life

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, OH

Retreat Master: Fr. Lukas Mitro

Further info contact Susan A. Gallagher 419-626-0375 or e-mail

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### **EXTRA COLLECTIONS**

In addition to our regular collections we are asking for donations for:

- (1) furnaces (the two in the church have 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!

**Please note that the November Knights of Columbus is today after the potluck luncheon.**

<b>Services for the Week of November 26 – December 3, 2023</b>				
	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 26</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy KofC meeting	Eph 5:9-19 Lk 13:10-17
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 27</b> <b>James the Persian</b> <b>Martyr</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy with Youth	1 Tim 5:1-10 Lk 19:37-44
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 28</b> <b>Stephen</b> <b>Venerable Martyr</b>			1 Tim 5:11-21 Lk 19:45-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 29</b> <b>Paramon and</b> <b>Philemon - Martyrs</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Tim 5:22-6:11 Lk 20:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 30</b> <b>Andrew - Apostle</b>		No Services	1 Cor 4:9-16 Jn 1:35-51
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 1</b> <b>Nahum - Prophet</b>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	2 Tim 1:1-2 & 8-18 Lk 20:19-26
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 2</b> <b>Habakkuk-</b> <b>Prophet</b>	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	Gal 5:22-6:2 Lk 12:32-40
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 3</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday After</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Eph 6:10-17 Lk 18:18-27

### EPHESIANS 5

9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 providing what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." 15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

### WHATEVER MAKES MANIFEST IS LIGHT

He had said, 'you are light.' Now the light reproves by exposing the things which take place in the darkness. So that if you, he says, are virtuous, and conspicuous, the wicked will be unable to lie hidden. For just as when a candle is set, all are brought to light, and the thief cannot enter, so if your light shines, the wicked being discovered will be caught. So, then it is our duty to expose them.

How then does our Lord say, 'Judge not, that you be not judged?' (Matt. 7: 1, 3). Paul did not say 'judge,' he said 'reprove,' that is, correct. And the words, 'Judge not, that you be not judged,' He spoke with reference to very small errors... But what Paul is saying is of this sort. As a wound, so long as it is imbedded and concealed outwardly, and runs beneath the surface, receives no attention, so also sin, as long as it is concealed, being as it were in darkness, is daringly committed in full security; but as soon as 'it is made manifest,' it becomes 'light' – not indeed the sin itself (for how could that be?) but the sinner. For when he has been brought out into the light, when he has been admonished, when he has repented, when he has obtained pardon, have you not cleared away all darkness? Have you not then healed his wound? Have you not called his unfruitfulness into fruit? Either this is his meaning, or else what I said above, that your life 'being manifest, is light.' For no one hides an irreproachable life; whereas things which are hidden, are hidden by darkness covering them.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XVIII on Ephesians V.* B#56, P. 133.

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore, come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath lose his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? 16 "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" 17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

### OUGHT NOT THIS WOMAN...WHOM SATAN HAS BOUND...FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS, BE LOOSED FROM THIS BOND ON THE SABBATH?

Mark, I pray, how variously and suitably in each case, He introduces His pleas for the breaking of the Sabbath. So first in the case of the blind man, He does not so much as defend Himself to them when He made the clay: and yet then also they were blaming Him. But the manner of the creation was enough to indicate the Lord and Owner of the law. Next, in the case of the paralytic, when he carried his bed, and they were finding fault, He defends Himself, now as God, and now as man, as man, when He says, 'If a man on the Sabbath day receives circumcision, that the law should not be broken' ... 'are you angry at Me, because I have made a man completely well on the Sabbath day?' (John 7:23). As God again, when He says, 'My Father works hitherto, and I work' (John 5:17). But when blamed for His disciples, He said, 'Have you not read what David did' (Cf. Matt. 12:3,4)...He also brings forward the priests.

And the other evangelist (Mark) says that He also looked about on them 'when asking these questions, so by His very eye He might win them over; but not even so did they become better ... None of these things made them meek, rather while the man was healed, they became worse by his health. For His desire was indeed to cure them before him, and He tried innumerable ways of healing, both by the things He did in their presence, and by His words, but since their malady was incurable after all, He proceeded to the work ... They had received no injury, yet they went about to slay Him. So great an evil is envy. For it is ever warring, not only against strangers, but even against our own. And Mark says, they took this counsel with the Herodians.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XL on Matthew XII,* 1, 2. B#54, pp. 259-260.



**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

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

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