



***Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great  
Byzantine Catholic Church***

***"Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!"  
"Glory to Him Forever! Slava Navliki Bofau!"***

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](mailto: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.*

## Announcements:

### PROTECT THEM BOTH

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution for a vote on the November 2023 ballot, expands and enshrines abortion. Everyone 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>

### 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 [chancery@parma.org](mailto:chancery@parma.org) (mail to [chancery@parma.org](mailto:chancery@parma.org)) 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).

### 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!

Services for the Week of November 5 – November 12, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	November 5 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Eph 2:4-10 Lk 8:41-56
Monday	November 6 Paul the Confessor Archbishop	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy & Youth Meeting	1 Thess 2:20- 3:8 Lk 12:13-15 -& 22-31
Tuesday	November 7 33 Martyrs of Melitene	6:00 PM	Vespers & Divine Liturgy	1 Thess 3:9-13 Lk 12:42-48
Wednesday	November 8 Archangel Michael and All Angels		No Services	Heb 2:2-10 Lk 10:16-21
Thursday	November 9 Onesiphorus and Pophrylus - Martyrs		No Services	1 Thess 5:1-3 Lk 13:1-9
Friday	November 10 Erastus and Others Apostles	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Thess 5:9-13 & 24-28 Lk 13:31-35
Saturday	November 11 Menas, Victor and Vincent - Martyrs	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	2 Cor 11:1-6 Lk 9:37-43
Sunday	November 12 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	Eph 2:14-22 Lk 10:25-37

## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

**EPHESIANS 2** 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN TRESPASSES... GOD MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST... FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED**

Again, Christ is introduced, and it is a matter well worthy of our belief, because if the first fruits live, so do we also. He has quickened both Him and us. Do you see that all this is said of Christ incarnate?... Those who were dead, those who were children of wrath, those He has quickened. Do you behold "the hope of his calling"?... Do you behold the glory of His inheritance?... As yet not one is actually raised, excepting that inasmuch as the Head has risen, we are also raised... Truly there is need of the Spirit and of revelation, in order to understand the depth of these mysteries. And then so you may have no distrust about the matter, observe what he adds further... Was faith then, you will say, enough to save us? No, but God, he says, has required this, lest He should save us, barren and without work at all. His expression is that faith saves, but it is because God so wills it that faith saves... "We are His workmanship." He here alludes to the regeneration which is in reality a second creation. We have been brought from nonexistence into being. As to what we were before, that he is, the old man, we all are dead.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily IV on Ephesians II.* B#57, PP. 66-68.

**LUKE 8** 41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, 42 for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. 43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 and Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng You and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" 46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." 49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble that Teacher." 50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying,

"Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." 51 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. 52 Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." 53 And they laughed Him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. 54 But He put them all out, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." 55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. 56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

### **JESUS HEALING THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS AND THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD**

**MATTHEW 9** 18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." 19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. 20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind touch the hem of His garment; 21 for she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." 22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter, your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, 24 He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they laughed Him to scorn. 25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this went out into all that land.

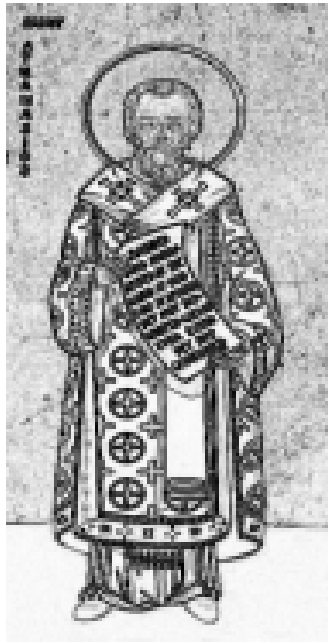
#### **THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD**

But you see his [Jairus'] dullness: how he requires two things of Christ: His actual presence, and the laying on of His hand... Why did [the woman] not approach him boldly? She was ashamed on account of her affliction, accounting herself to be unclean... since in fact that complaint was under the law considered a great uncleanness. And this is the first woman who came to Him in public, having heard, of course, that He heals women also, and that He is on His way to the little daughter who was dead... He does not suffer her to be hidden, but brings her into their midst; and He makes her manifest for many purposes... Do you see the superiority of the woman to the ruler of the synagogue? She did not detain Him; she took no hold of Him, but only touched Him, and even though she came later, she was the first to go away healed...

#### **RAISING THE RULER'S DAUGHTER: DEATH WAS, FROM THAT TIME FORWARD, A SLEEP**

Before her resurrection, He raises her in His words, saying, "The maid is not dead, but sleeping." And with... respect to Lazarus also, He says, "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping." (Jn. 11:11)... He is teaching us not to fear death: for that it is not death, but has henceforth become a sleep... Let no man therefore torture himself any further, nor wait, nor disparage Christ's achievement. For indeed He overcame death. Why then do you wail for nothing? Henceforth it is now a sleep.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXX on Matthew IX,* 1, 2, 3, 4. B# 54, PP. 206-207.



**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

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

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