

***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.**

*Please contact John Danovich, (313) 538-7444, to schedule a workable day and time (Tuesday through Saturday) for you and/or your family.*

#### **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 PRARIE 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 [www.womenretreat2024@yahoo.com](mailto:www.womenretreat2024@yahoo.com)

**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!

Services for the Week of December 3 – December 10, 2023				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	December 3 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	Eph 6:10-17 Lk 18:18-27
Monday	December 4 Barbara Great Martyr John Damascene		No Services	2 Tim 2:20-26 Lk 20:27-44
Tuesday	December 5 Sabbas Venerable	6:00 PM	Vespers with Litija	Gal 5:22 - 6:2 Mt 11:27-30
Wednesday	December 6 Nicholas of Myra - <i>Solemn Feast Day</i>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy/ meeting with St. Nicholas	Heb 13:17-21 Lk 6:17-23
Thursday	December 7 Ambrose Archbishop	6:00 PM	Vespers	Titus 1:5 - 2:1 Lk 21:28-33
Friday	December 8 Maternity of the Holy Anna - <i>Solemn Feast Day</i>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Gal 4:22-31 Lk 8:16-21
Saturday	December 9 Patapius Venerable	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	Eph 1:16-23 Lk 14:1-11
Sunday	December 10 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	Col 1:12-18 Lk 17:12-19

### EPHESIANS 6

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand the in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take a helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

#### PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE WILES OF THE DEVIL

He does not speak against the fighting, nor against the hostilities, but against the 'wiles.' For this enemy is at war with us, not simply, nor openly, but by 'wiles.' To use 'wiles' is to deceive and to take by artifice or contrivance... and stratagems in the case of those who seduce us. The Devil never proposes to us sins in their proper colors...Our conflict is with one skilled in the arts of war... 'For you were once darkness' (Eph. 5:8); so naming that wickedness which is in this present life; for beyond it, it will have no place, not in Heaven, nor in the world to come...By 'evil day' he means the present life, and also calls it 'this present evil world' (Gal. 1:4)...How then, you may say, are we to wrestle with the darkness? By becoming light. How with the spiritual hosts of wickedness? By becoming good...No, if we have a mind, neither will we wrestle at all, for it is because we choose it, that there is a struggle, since so great is the power of Him who dwells in us, as He said, 'Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy' (Luke 10: 9). All power He has given us, both of wrestling and of not wrestling. It is because we are slothful, that we have to wrestle with them... Then let us trample under foot the power of the devil; let us trample under foot our sins, I mean everything that pertains to this life: wrath, lust, vainglory, every passion.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homely XXII on Ephesians V.* B#57, PP. 159 -162.

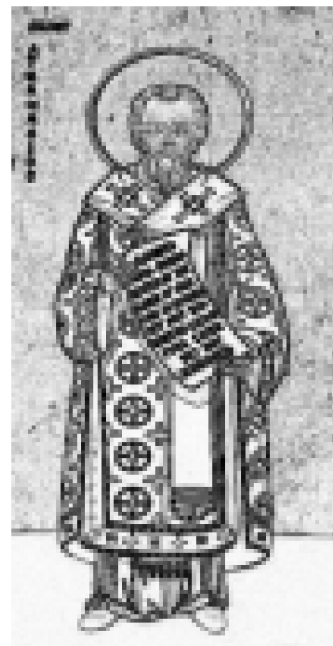
### LUKE 18

18 A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. 20 You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.' 21 'All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said. 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 23 When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. 24 Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! 25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

#### THE RICH AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

.....Notice what is stated with regards to having treasure in Heaven. It is in the giving to the poor that we receive our treasure in heaven. Our brothers and our sisters are those treasures which we hold on dearly in Heaven. It is not merely a removal of worldly wealth that gives us treasure in Heaven, for we often think that the two are mutually exclusive. St. Basil the Great writes that, "He [Christ], therefore, does not bid us to cast them [our wealth] away as if they were bad, but to distribute them; nor is anyone condemned for possessing them, but for abusing them." What it means to abuse our wealth is when we store up our earthly treasures for the sake of satisfying our passions and desires. It is when we begin to believe that the wealth that we have is something that we made, rather than something which God entrusted to us. For we are called to be cheerful givers and people who give from their hearts. Again, it is not that being wealthy is necessarily a bad thing, but rather what we do with that wealth. For St. John Chrysostom writes that "The rich exist for the sake of the poor. The poor exist for the salvation of the rich." Therefore, being stewards of the riches which God has given to you, multiply the wealth that you have. And I don't mean this with regards to making more money. What I mean is building up our treasure in Heaven, which is every person on this earth who will listen to the Good News of the Gospel. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, reach out and touch the lives of those around you, and this is not limited to just Orthodox Christians, but for all people. With your love for one another, bring all those around you with you into the Kingdom and become wealthy with the greatest treasure in that Kingdom, love.

Brother Pradeep Chacko <https://stlukemission.org/sermons/our-wealth-in-heaven>



**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

**Sunday:** 8:15 AM Matins

10 AM Divine Liturgy

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