



*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, (317) 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.**
- **Eco-friendly birdfeeders 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

THIRD ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT March 15, 2024-March 17, 2024

From Fallen Passions to Apatheia: Pursuing the Virtuous Life
 Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio
 Retreat Master: Father Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA.
 Contact Karl Busam for further information 419-626-6811 or e-mail
karl.busam.77@gmail.com

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS			
Friday	December 22	9:00 AM	Royal Hours
Saturday	December 23	5:00 PM	Vespers & Matins
Sunday	December 24 Christmas Eve	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
		3:00 PM	Vespers
		4:30 PM	Holy Supper
		6:00 PM	Great Compline & Matins
Monday	December 25 Christmas	8:00 AM	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy
		10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Christmas Show
SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR			
Sunday	December 31	8:15 AM	Matins
		10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Luncheon
		1:00 PM	Moleben of Thanksgiving
Monday	January 1	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy

Thank you to all who attended and participated on the December 6th feast of St. Nicholas of Myra. We had a joyful meeting with St. Nicholas. Thank you to Jack Mansfield for reading the story of this great saint's life.

Services for the Week of December 10 – December 17, 2023				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	December 10 28 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	Col 1:12-18 Lk 17:12-19
Monday	December 11 Daniel the Stylite Venerable		Divine Liturgy and Youth meeting	Heb 3:5-11 & 17-19 Mk 8:11-21
Tuesday	December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe		No Services	Heb 9:1-7 Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	December 13 Eustratius and Others - Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 13:17-21 Lk 6:17-23
Thursday	December 14 Thrysus and Others Martyrs		No Services	Heb 7:1-6 Mk 9:10-16
Friday	December 15 Eleutherius Bishop Martyr	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 7:18-25 Mk 9:33-41
Saturday	December 16 Haggai Prophet	5:00 PM	Vespers Confession	Eph 2:11-13 Lk 14:1-11
Sunday	December 17 Sunday of the Forefathers	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy	Col 3:4-11 Lk 14:16-24

Financial Report 12-3-2023

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
12/3	\$1,300.90	\$250.00	\$284.00	\$33.00	\$917.78	\$2,785.68

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

COLOSSIANS 1

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 underfoot 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 17

12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 Now one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

THAT THE ABUNDANT GRACE MIGHT THROUGH THE THANKSGIVING OF MANY REBOUND TO THE GLORY OF GOD

(Cf. II of 4: 15)

Having met the Savior, therefore, the lepers earnestly besought Him to free them from their misery, and called Him Master, that is, Teacher. No one pitied them when suffering this malady; but He Who had appeared on earth for this very reason, had become man that He might show pity to all, He was moved with compassion for them, and had mercy on them. And why did He not rather say, I will, be you cleansed; as He did in the case of another leper, but commanded them rather to show themselves to the priests? It was because the law gave directions to this effect to those who were delivered from leprosy (Lev. 14: 2); for it commanded them to show themselves to the priests, and to offer a sacrifice for their cleansing. He commanded them to go, therefore, as being already healed, and, that they might, so to speak, bear witness to the priests, as rulers all the Jews, and ever envious of His glory, that wonderfully, and beyond their hope, they had been delivered from their misfortune by Christ's willing that they should be healed... (Cf. Luke 5:12)... The nine then, as being Jews, falling into a thankless forgetfulness, did not return to give glory to God; by which He shows that Israel was hard of heart, and utterly unthankful: but the stranger – for as being a Samaritan he was of a foreign race, having been brought there from Assyria, for the phrase 'in the middle of Samaria and Galilee' is not without meaning – returned with a loud voice to glorify God. It shows, therefore, that the Samaritans were grateful, but that the Jews, even when it befitted, were ungrateful.

St. Cyril of Alexandria. *Commentary on the Gospel of Saint Luke,* Homilies 113-116. B# 42, PP. 465-466



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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