



*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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

***Bishop Robert Pipta will be celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at  
St. Athanasius on Feb 4, 2024.***

**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 always needed, 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.***

**Opportunities For Service At St. Athanasius**

- Sellers are needed for the Saturday Carmel market to free up those who are baking all week.
- Pierogi pinchers and bakers are always needed (Tues through Friday).
- 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 while they are still fresh.
- Bags for the food pantry need to be assembled.
- Our worship space needs to be kept maintained; plants watered, candles filled, carpet vacuumed.
- Our social space needs to be kept clean and organized.

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

**THIRD ANNUAL MEN’S RETREAT March 15-17, 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  
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**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year’s Appeal that reflects the importance of the Church in your life and in the lives of those close to you. The Eparchy needs your support. Your gift will make a positive difference, such as: Development of Parishes, Vocations and Seminarian Education, The Works of the Apostolate and Retired Priests of the Eparchy.

**Financial Report 1/7/24**

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candle	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
1/7	\$1,140.29	\$100.00	\$370.00	\$60.00	\$1,539.56	\$3,209.85

Services for the Week of January 14 - January 21, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	January 14 Sunday of Zacchaeus	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	1 Tim 4:9-15 Lk 19:1-10
Monday	January 15 Paul & John, Venerables	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Pet 2:21-3:9 Mk 12:13-17
Tuesday	January 16 Veneration of the Chains of Peter		No Services	1 Pet 3:10-22 Mk 12:18-27
Wednesday	January 17 Anthony the Great, Venerable	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 13:17-21 Lk 6:17-23
Thursday	January 18 Athanasius & Cyril Archbishops		No Services	1 Pet 4:12-5:5 Mk 12:38-44
Friday	January 19 Marcarius Venerable	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy with ECF students and teachers	2 Pet 1:1-10 Mk 13:1-8
Saturday	January 20 Euthymius the Great Venerable	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Heb 13:17-21 Lk 6:17-23
Sunday	January 21 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	2 Tim 3:10-15 Lk 18:10-14

## Sunday Of Zacchaeus

### I TIMOTHY 4

9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For this to end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11 These command and teach. 12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in that you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

### **GIVE YOURSELF ENTIRELY TO THEM, THAT YOUR PROGRESS MAY BE EVIDENT TO ALL**

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Who... made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men... He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death (Phil. 2:5-8).*

*For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake... We both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and or buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place... being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it (I Cor. 4:9-12).*

*But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the Gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ (Phil. 1:12-13).*

For in truth, He was in servitude to flesh and to birth and to the conditions of our life with a view to our liberation, and to that of all those whom He has saved, who were in bondage under sin. What greater destiny can befall man's humility than that he should be intermingled with God, and by this intermingling should be deified.

Saint Gregory Nazianzus. *The Fourth Theological Oration: On the Son*, 3. B# 7, P 178.

### LUKE 19

1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

### **ON THE GOOD FORTUNE OF ZACCHAEUS**

Thus, spoke He whose words are life and joy, and the renewal of the righteous. As the mountains are ever more verdant with the breath of spring, so each man, however withered and darkened with sin, becomes refreshed and rejuvenated by the nearness of Christ. For Christ's presence is like that of some life-giving, scented balsam which restores health, enriches life and gives savor to the soul, the thoughts, the words of a man. In brief, distance from Christ means corruption and death, and closeness to Him means salvation and life.

'Today salvation has come to this house', says the Lord as He enters the home of Zacchaeus the sinner. Christ is the salvation that comes, and Zacchaeus is the house to which He comes. Each of us, my brethren, is a house in which sin dwells while Christ is a far off, and to which salvation comes as Christ draws near.

Whether Christ is able or not to draw near to my house and yours depends on us. You see that He did not force an entry into Zacchaeus's house but came as a warmly invited guest. Little Zacchaeus had climbed up into a tree, to see the Lord Jesus with his own eyes. He had sought Him, desired Him. And we must seek Him in order to find Him, and desire that He draw near to us, and climb up high in spirit to meet His glance. Then He will visit our house as He visited the house of Zacchaeus and bring salvation with Him.

Draw near to us, O Lord, draw near, and bring us Your eternal salvation. Bishop Nikolai Velimirović, Prolog, 4 February. B#80, pp. 90-91.



**Weekend Divine Services**

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

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