



*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, 6th Bishop of Eparchy of Parma, will be celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius next Sunday on Feb 4, 2024. God grant him many happy and blessed years!

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.
- Our worship space needs to be kept maintained; plants watered, candles filled, carpet vacuumed.
- Our social space needs to be kept clean and organized, including bathrooms.
- Items for the food pantry are always needed; (food, toiletries, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, hand warmers) .

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 15-17, 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

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.

2024 ByzanTEEN Rally

The Rally will take place in San Diego on **June 27-30, 2024**. Registration for the event will be open on Jan 20th, and we are thrilled to invite all teens in your parish ages 13-17. The price for the event weekend is \$380.

Financial Report 1/21/24

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candle	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
1/21	\$579.27		\$20.00		\$1061.45	\$1660.72

Services for the Week of January 28 – February 4, 2024				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	January 28 Sunday of the Prodigal Son	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF & KofC	1 Cor 6:12-20 Lk 15:11- 32
Monday	January 29 Translation of the Relics of Ignatius - Martyr	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Jn 2:18-3:10 Mk 11:1-11
Tuesday	January 30 Three Holy Hierarchs <i>Simple Holy Day</i>	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 13:7-16 Mt 5:14-19
Wednesday	January 31 Cyrus and John Unmercenaries		No Services	1 Jn 3:21-4:6 Mk 14:43-15:1
Thursday	February 1 Tryphon - Martyr	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Jn :20-5:21 Mk 15:1-15
Friday	February 2 Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 7:7-17 Lk 2:22-40
Saturday	February 3 1 st All Souls Saturday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy & Panachida Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 10:23-28 Lk 21:8-9,25-27,33-36
Sunday	February 4 Sunday of Meat-Fare	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Luncheon	1 Cor 8:9-9:2 Mt 25:31-46

Thanks to all who serve the parish. Everyone is encouraged to help. Check out how Max organized the Food Pantry and the result of yesterday’s clean-up. Thank you to all who helped on 1/27/24.

The Knights of Columbus are meeting today after the Luncheon

Sunday Of The Prodigal Son

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”¹⁷ ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.¹⁸ ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him

and kissed him.²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’
²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.
²⁵ “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’
²⁸ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’
³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

“All of life is an ebb and flow. A leaving and a returning. A descent and an ascent. A coming and going. In ways past counting we have left the father's house. But we are always welcome to return. We cannot go so far as to not be able to return. In fact, we cannot go "far away" at all! God is everywhere. Where can we possibly go where he is not? But to us the road seems long because sometimes it takes years for us to realize the consequences of our crazy choices and, once we do, it seems to take much longer than we would like to get ourselves out of them. But really, God is only a change of mind away. Nothing more. He has more patience than Job. It is we who get antsy. The Holy Fathers knew well what it takes to heal and transform a soul. They knew from personal experience, all of them, to the last man and woman, what it takes to become a new creation. They all experienced the power of repentance and the unconditional compassion of God.... The road to the Father's house is only a change of mind away.”

Taken from the sermon preached by Fr. Antony Hughes
<https://www.stmaryorthodoxchurch.org/orthodoxy/sermons/2012/prodigalson>



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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