



*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.

“Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!”

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 Friday) 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:

SAVE THE DATE

February 4 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in our church

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
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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.

HOUSE BLESSING

Please sign up to have your house blessed; sign-up sheet is at the rear of the church.

"To everything there is a season. and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1.2)

How truly the writer of Ecclesiastes writes about the life of all of us. It is a series of interconnected events that God has known from all eternity. When we realize this, then whatever happens is all right because we recognize that it was all part of the Divine Plan of God. May we always be in sync with God.

Services for the Week of January 7 - January 14, 2024				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	January 7 Sunday After Theophany	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF Ukrainian DV	Eph 4:7-13 Mt 4:12-17
Monday	January 8 George, Dominican & Emilian, Venerables		No Services	James 2:14-26 Mk 10:48-52
Tuesday	January 9 Polyeuct - Martyr		No Services	James 3:1-10 Mk 11:11-23
Wednesday	January 10 Gregory of Nyssa Bishop	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	James 3:11-4:8 Mk 11:23-26
Thursday	January 11 Theodosius Venerable		No Services	2 Cor 4:6-15 Mt 11:27-30
Friday	January 12 Tatiana - Martyr	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Pet 1:1-2, 10-12; 2:6-10 Mk 12:1-12
Saturday	January 13 Saturday After Theophany	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Eph 6:10-17 Mt 4:1-11
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

Financial Report 12/24/23 – 12/31/23

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candle	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
12/24	\$2,530.71			\$50.00	\$1,304.57	\$3,885.28
12/31	\$539.69		\$20.00	\$2,365.00	\$904.14	\$3,828.83

Sunday After Theophany

Ephesians

7...to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." 9(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;....

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED" (Matt 3:17)

"Each of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given...He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:7,12).

Matthew

12Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, 5 By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: † 16The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." 17From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

"Jesus ... departed into Galilee" (Matt 4:12) "Why does He depart? Again, He instructs us not to go to meet temptation but to give place and withdraw ourselves. He retires to Capernaum; at once fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah (Is 9:1,2) ... by plotting against His forerunner and casting him into prison, they thrust Christ into Galilee of the Gentiles...Then He implies that they themselves did not seek and find, but that God showed Himself to them from above, He says to them, 'Light has dawned,' that is the light of itself sprang up and shone forth: it was not that they first ran to the light ... " St. John Chrysostom on Matthew 4

"...Let us discourse a little about the Feast...and since the chief point of the Feast is the remembrance of God, let us call God to mind...that is, the Godhead...The Father is the Father...the Son is Son...The Holy Ghost is truly Spirit...(So) there ought to be worshippers on earth, that all things may be filled with...glory of God...Christ is illumined, Let us shine forth with Him Christ is baptized, let us descend with Him that we may also ascend with Him...What are we to learn and to be taught by all this? To purify ourselves first; to be lowly minded...Jesus is purified and do you despise purification?...Moses baptized but this was in water...John also baptized...not only in water but also 'unto repentance'. Still, it was not wholly spiritual, for he does not add 'and in the Spirit'. Jesus also baptized, but in the Spirit. This is the perfect baptism...I know also a fourth Baptism - that by martyrdom and blood, which also Christ Himself underwent; - and this one is far more august than all the others, inasmuch as it cannot be defiled by after-stains. Yes, and I know of a fifth also, which is that of tears, and is much more laborious." St Gregory of Nazianzus "Oration on the Holy Lights" Epiphany - 381 A.D

Epiphany; divine life breaks forth into human life, in the person of a tiny Child. God is a God of surprises, wrapping the most special gifts in His unusual packages, as the late Cardinal Terence Cooke reminds us: "The gift of life, God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age. At these times, human life gains extra splendor as it requires our special care, concern and reverence. It is in and through the weakness of human vessels that the Lord continues to reveal the power of His love."



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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