



*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.

***Welcome to Bishop Robert Pipta, 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Eparchy of Parma,  
who is celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius  
today. 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). **Pascha bread baking has started.**
- **The packaging and mailing of off-site orders for Pascha bread and other baked goods, particularly between now and Pascha, needs to be managed. Without this help we will not be able to accommodate orders and will lose that income. Please check out the specifics on what is needed and make time in your schedule to fill this need.**
- 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](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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, and we are thrilled to invite all teens in your parish ages 13-17. The price for the event weekend is \$380.

**Financial Report 1/28/24**

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candle	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
1/28	\$723.46		\$100.00	\$20.00	\$2,158.30	\$3,001.76

Services for the Week of February 4 – February 11, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	February 4 Sunday of Meat-Fare	8:15 AM	Matins Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Luncheon	1 Cor 8:9-9:2 Mt 25:31-46
		10:00 AM		
		11:30 AM		
Monday Week of Cheese-Fare	February 5 Agatha-Martyr		No Services	3 Jn 1-15 Lk 19:29-40 & 22:7-39
Tuesday	February 6 Bucolus - Bishop		No Services	Jude 1-10 Lk 22:39-42 & 45-23:1
Wednesday	February 7 Parthenius - Bishop	6:00 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> Hour	Joel 2:12-26 Joel 4:12-21
Thursday	February 8 Theodore Great-Martyr		No Services	Jude 11-25 Lk 23:1-34 & 44-56
Friday	February 9 Nicephor-Martyr	6:00 PM	9 <sup>th</sup> Hour	Zech 8:7-17 Zech 8:19-23
Saturday	February 10 All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 14:19-23 & 18:25-27 Mt 6:1-13
Sunday	February 11 Sunday of Cheese-Fare	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Forgiveness Vespers	Rom 13:11- 14:4 Mt 6:14-21

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

*The Sunday of the Last Judgment is the third Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. During this time, the services of the Church have begun to include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. On this day, focus is placed on the future judgment of all persons who will stand before the throne of God when Christ returns in His glory.*

## Sunday Of The Last Judgement or Meat-Fare 1 Corinthians 8:9-9:2

<sup>9</sup> Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. <sup>12</sup> When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall. **Paul's Rights as an Apostle** <sup>9</sup> Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? <sup>2</sup> Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### Matthew 25:31-46

**The Sheep and the Goats** <sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' <sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' <sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not

do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' <sup>46</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

On the past two Sundays of this pre-Lenten period, the focus was placed on God's patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to Him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complementary truth: no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of love is also a God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our Judge. Such is the message of Lent to each of us: turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes. This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: the Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Savior, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come, a theme that is also the focus of the first three days of Holy Week. But the judgment is not only in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts toward others and in failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

Another theme of this Sunday is that of love. When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The parable of the Last Judgment answers: love—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous "poor," but concrete and personal love for the human person—the specific persons that we encounter each day in our lives. Christian love is the "possible impossibility" to see Christ in another person, whoever he or she is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a "good deed" or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. The parable of the Last Judgment is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for "humanity," yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all persons ultimately need this personal love—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that people are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged.

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**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

**Sunday:** 8:15 AM Matins  
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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