



*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.

***During the Great Lent, Christians prepare themselves through fasting, confession, prayer, almsgiving, frequent services, and all spiritual struggles, to be resurrected from their passions and sins.
Food served at the Sunday luncheons during Lent will be meatless.***

May this day inspire us to embrace the path of self-denial and draw closer to the Cross, which leads us to the ultimate victory of Christ's Resurrection.

https://orthodoxwiki.org/Sunday_of_the_Holy_Cross

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 help 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, cans with pop tops, toiletries, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, hand warmers).
- Bags for the food pantry need to be assembled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE GREAT FAST BEGAN MONDAY FEB12 AND CONTINUES TO PASCHA.

These directives are from <https://parma.org/news/directives-for-lent>
 Canon 880: 2. **Strict abstinence** is to be observed on **the first day of the Great Fast and on Great Friday. Simple abstinence** is to be observed on **Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.**

Strict abstinence forbids the use of meat and dairy products, including eggs.

Simple abstinence forbids the use of meat and meat products. The laws of strict and simple abstinence bind all the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma.

Expectant and nursing mothers, infants, those with serious health conditions, and those under physician's orders are exempt from the laws of strict abstinence.

Read more: THE GREAT LENT A TRADITIONAL CUSTOM OF THE BYZANTINE RITE <https://archpitt.org/the-great-lent-a-traditional-custom-of-the-byzantine-rite/>

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.

*Thank you to those who recently donated to the food pantry: cereal, carton milk, peanut butter and crackers, soup, tuna, spaghetti, etc.
 May God grant you many blessings for your charity.*

| Services for the Week of March 3 – March 10, 2024 | | | | |
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| Day | | Time | Service | Readings |
| Sunday | March 3 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast Veneration of the Cross | 8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM 1:00 PM | Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Vespers Ukrainian Divine Liturgy | Heb 4:14-5:6 Mk 8:34-9:1 |
| Monday | March 4 4th Week of the Great Fast Gerasimus Venerable | 6:00 PM | Psalter: Kathisma 8&9, Psalms 55-69 | Gen 8:21-9:7 Prov 11:19-12:6 |
| Tuesday | March 5 Conon - Martyr | 6:00 PM | Psalter: Kathisma 10 & 11, Psalms 70-84 & Jesus Prayer | Gen 9:8-17 Prov 12:8-22 |
| Wednesday | March 6 42 Martyrs of Ammorium | 6:00 PM | Presanctified Liturgy | Gen 9:18-10:1 Prov 12:23-13:9 |
| Thursday | March 7 Basil and Others Bishop-Martyrs of Cherson | 6:00 PM | Great Compline | Gen 10:32-11:9 Prov 13:19-14:6 |
| Friday | March 8 Theophylact Bishop-Confessor | 6:00 PM | Presanctified Liturgy | Gen 12:1-7 Prov 14:15-26 |
| Saturday | March 9 40 Martyrs of Sebaste | 5:00 PM | Vespers Confessions | Heb 12:1-10 Mk 20:1-16 |
| Sunday | March 10 4th Sunday of the Great Fast | 8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM | Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Vespers | Heb 6:13-20 Mk 9:17-31 |

Financial Report 2/25/24

| Date | Bakery Sales | Building Fund | Candle | Holy Day | Sunday Tithes | Weekly Total |
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| 2/25 | \$952.73 | | \$64.00 | | \$863.91 | \$1,880.64 |



3rd Sunday of the Great Fast Veneration of the Cross

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into

heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. **5** Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.” ⁶ And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

Mark 8:34-9:1

The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

9 And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

The Third Sunday of Lent is called “The Veneration of the Cross.” At the Vigil of that day, after the Great Doxology, the Cross is brought in a solemn procession to the center of the church and remains there for the entire week—with a special rite of veneration following each service. It is noteworthy that the theme of the Cross which dominates the hymnology of that Sunday is developed in terms not of suffering but of victory and joy. More than that, the theme-songs (hirmoi) of the Sunday Canon are taken from the Paschal Service - “The Day of the Resurrection”—and the Canon is a paraphrase of the Easter Canon.

The meaning of all this is clear. We are in Mid-Lent. On the one hand, the physical and spiritual effort, if it is serious and consistent, begins to be felt, its burden becomes more burdensome, our fatigue more evident. We need help and encouragement. On the other hand, having endured this fatigue, having climbed the mountain up to this point, we begin to see the end of our pilgrimage, and the rays of Easter grow in their intensity. Lent is our self- crucifixion, our experience, limited as it is, of Christ’s commandment heard in the Gospel lesson of that Sunday: “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34). But we cannot take up our cross and follow Christ unless we have His Cross which He took up in order to save us.

It is His Cross, not ours, that saves us. It is His Cross that gives not only meaning but also power to others. This is explained to us in the synaxarion of the Sunday of the Cross: On this Sunday, the third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the veneration of the honorable and Life- Giving Cross, and for this reason: inasmuch as in the forty days of fasting we in a way crucify ourselves ... and become bitter and despondent and failing, the Life-Giving Cross is presented to us for refreshment and assurance, for remembrance of our Lord’s Passion, and for comfort. We are like those following a long and cruel path, who become tired, see a beautiful tree with many leaves, sit in its shadow and rest for a while and then, as if rejuvenated, continue their journey; likewise today, in the time of fasting and difficult journey and effort, the Life-Giving Cross was planted in our midst by the holy fathers to give us rest and refreshment, to make us light and courageous for the remaining task Or, to give another example: when a king is coming, at first his banner and symbols appear, then he himself comes glad and rejoicing about his victory and filling with joy those under him; likewise, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is about to show us His victory over death, and appear to us in the glory of the Resurrection Day, is sending to us in advance His scepter, the royal symbol—the Life-Giving Cross—and it fills us with joy and makes us ready to meet, inasmuch as it is possible for us, the King himself, and to render glory to His victory All this, in the midst of Lent which is like a bitter source because of its tears, because also of its efforts and despondency ... but Christ comforts us who are as it were in a desert until He shall lead us up to the spiritual Jerusalem by His Resurrection for the Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is the tree that was planted in Paradise, and for this reason our fathers have planted it in the midst of Holy Lent, remembering both Adam’s bliss and how he was deprived of it, remembering also that partaking of this Tree we no longer die but are kept alive

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

<https://saintignatiuschurch.org/2019/third-sunday-of-great-lent-veneration-of-the-holy-cross%ef%bb%bf/#:~:text=This%20is%20explained%20to%20us%20in%20the%20synaxarion,remembrance%20of%20our%20Lord%E2%80%99s%20Passion%2C%20and%20for%20comfort.>



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Weekend Divine Services

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

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