



*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.

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

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.**

The Summer Carmel Market has begun and continues every Saturday through the end of September. Bakery activities continue Tuesday through Friday.

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

- The Summer Farmer's Market in Carmel runs on Saturday mornings beginning in May and lasts through September. Volunteers are needed to bring products to the market and sell them to free up those who spend their days preparing the products Tuesday through Friday.
- Pierogi pinchers and bakers are always needed (Tuesday through Friday).
- 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. Please clean up chairs as well as tables in the hall.
- Items for the food pantry are always needed; (food, cans with pop tops, toiletries), Toothbrushes also are almost out.
- Bags for the food pantry need to be assembled every week.
- In the garden: weed around garlic, prep soil for planting.
- Preparation for hosting after the liturgy during the upcoming Eucharist Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Fourth Annual Young Adult Retreat

at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Marblehead, Ohio, **July 27-30, 2024**. Led by Fr Tom Loya, the retreat aims to explore the various roles that young adults can play in everyday life while remaining faithful followers of Christ. Check out the [ByzantineYoungAdults website](#) for more information and to RSVP. Call (419) 967-7398 for any specific inquiries about the retreat.

10th NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS JULY 17–21, 2024

For the first time in a generation, the Church in the United States will gather for a National Eucharistic Congress. The Congress will be held in Indianapolis and those interested in attending need to register <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>
St Athanasius will host a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Friday (July 19) at 4:00 PM for registered Congress participants interested in experiencing worship in the Byzantine Rite. 100-200 people are expected. **We will have, available for purchase, the products we sell at the Farmers' Market venues throughout the year. To maximize this opportunity for fundraising, help is needed NOW from many volunteers to generate an inventory of products.**

There is also opportunity, after the liturgy on July 19, to sell ethnic food (ala carte) to be eaten on site or taken away. If we offer this, we will need many people involved in the preparation before and delivery during the event. A planning meeting, relatively soon, is needed to discuss the details. Anyone interested, willing and able to take the leadership in managing this opportunity to not only provide hospitality to our guests (e.g. Bishops, clergy, laity) but also maximize fundraising, please contact John Danovich as soon as possible.

Save the Date

On June 16th Ryan James Harty and Antonio Pagano will be receiving the Holy Mystery of Chrismation. Please come and help them celebrate this very special event.

| Services for the Week of May 19 – May 26, 2024 | | | | |
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| Day | | Time | Service | Readings |
| Sunday Pentecost Week | May 19 Pentecost Sunday | 8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM | Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Vespers with kneeling prayers | Acts 2:1-11 Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12 |
| Monday | May 20 Pentecost Monday | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy | Eph 5:8b-19 Mt 18:10-20 |
| Tuesday | May 21 Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles | | No Services | Gal 1:11-19 Jn 10:1-9 |
| Wednesday | May 22 Basiliscus Martyr | 6:00 PM | Vespers | Rom 1:18-27 Mt 5:20-26 |
| Thursday | May 23 Michael of Synnada Bishop - Confessor | | No Services | Rom 2:14-29 Mt 5:33-41 |
| Friday | May 24 Simeon - Venerable | 6:00 PM | Moleben for sick people | Acts 27:1-44 Jn 17:18-26 |
| Saturday | May 25 3rd Finding of the Head of John the Baptist | 5:00 PM | Vespers Confessions | 2 Cor 4:6-15 Mt 11:2-15 |
| Sunday | May 26 Sunday of All Saints | 8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM | Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF | Heb 11:32-12:2a Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30 |

Financial Report 5/12/2024

| Date | Bakery Sales | Building Fund | Candles | Holy Day | Sunday Tithes | Weekly Total |
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| 5/12 | \$2,108.45 | | \$20.00 | \$6.00 | \$870.14 | \$3,004.59 |

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

In those days: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

John 7:37-52 & 8:12

On the last and greatest day of the feast of Booths, Jesus stood up and cried out: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me; let him drink who believes in me. Scripture has it: From within him rivers of living water shall flow." Here he was referring to the Spirit, whom those that came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit as yet, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some in the crowd who heard these words began to say, "This must be the Prophet." Others were claiming, "He is the Messiah. But an objection was raised: "Surely the Messiah is not to come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah, being of David's family, is to come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" In this fashion the crowd was sharply divided over Jesus. Some of them even wanted to apprehend him. However, no one laid hands on him. When the temple guards came back, the chief priests and Pharisees asked them, "Why did you not bring him in?" The guards replied, "No man ever spoke like that before." The Pharisees retorted, "Do not tell us you too have been taken in! You do not see any of the Sanhedrin believing in him, do you? Or the Pharisees? Only this lot, that knows nothing about the law - and they are lost anyway!" One of their own number, Nicodemus (the man who had come to Jesus [by night]), spoke up to say, "Since when does our law condemn any man without first hearing him and knowing the facts?" They taunted him: "Do not tell us you are a Galilean too! Look it up. You will not find the Prophet coming from Galilee." Jesus spoke to the people once again: "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life."

Pentecost, also known as **Whitsunday**, is a significant feast in the Christian liturgical calendar. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the New Testament book of Acts (Acts 2:1-4). Here are some key points about Pentecost in the Byzantine tradition:

1. Fulfillment of Promise and Hope:

- The Byzantine liturgy celebrates Pentecost as the fulfillment of God's promise. Jesus Christ assured His Apostles that He would send them the "promise of the Father" (Luke 24:49).
- The descent of the Holy Spirit brought to completion the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity, which St. Gregory the Theologian called the "great and exalted mystery."
- Pentecost marks the achievement of hope and the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation.

2. St. Gregory the Theologian's Homily:

- St. Gregory the Theologian delivered a famous homily titled "On the Holy Spirit" in Constantinople on the day of Pentecost in 381 A.D.
- According to St. Gregory, the descent of the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of God's promise, surpassing even the Apostles' expectations.
- This homily emphasizes the mystery of the Holy Trinity and the role of the Holy Spirit in completing the work of Christ.

3. Theophany and Renewal:

- Pentecost is considered a theophany—a revelation of God. It is comparable to other significant theophanies, such as Moses on Mt. Sinai or the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor.
- On this day, believers experience personal renewal, akin to their own baptism into Christ and sealing by the Holy Spirit.
- [It is a time for spiritual progress, thirsting after God, and advancing in God's Kingdom through the work of the Holy Spirit.](#)

In summary, Pentecost is a joyous celebration in the Byzantine tradition, emphasizing the fulfillment of God's promise, the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

If you'd like to explore more sermons related to Pentecost, you can find them at the following links:

- [St. Nicholas Orthodox Church \(McKinney\)](#)
- [St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church of Cambridge, MA](#)
- [Orthodox Church of Annapolis²³⁴⁵](#).

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Weekend Divine Services

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

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