



*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.

Happy Father’s Day to all Fathers!

**Congratulations to Antonio Pagano and Ryan James Harty
on this day of their Chrismation**

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 - Volunteers are needed to bring products to the market by 7 a.m. and sell them from 8 until 11:30 am. This is sorely needed to free up those who spend their days preparing the products Tuesday through Friday.
- Pierogi pinchers and bakers are always needed (Tuesday through Friday). **Insight:** pierogi and kolachy make up 60% of our sales.
- 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, tomatoes, prep soil for planting.
- Preparation for hosting before, during and after the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on July 19 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 throughout the year. To maximize this opportunity for fund-raising, help is needed NOW from many volunteers to generate an inventory of products. A menu of ethnic food and needed volunteer activities were included in last 4 weeks' bulletins. Your input is welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for you to commit your time, talents and treasure.**

There is a meeting after the luncheon today to update on the volunteer activities (what is accomplished and partly completed) and what is still needed for hosting guests on July 19. Please attend and give a report on your activity and listen for what is still needed and volunteer. We will continue to have weekly meetings on Sundays after the luncheon until the event on July 19.

"Don't miss out on the chance to join **Our Family & Cantor Camp!** Registration will be closing on June 21. The camp of the Byzantine Catholic families from across the Eparchy of Parma will take place on August 11 - 16 in Cedar Lakes, IN. The camp facility offers a wealth of outdoor activities, including a private beach, playground, campfire sites, as well as multiple fields and courts for sports. Under the guidance of Fr. Andrew Summerson and his team, participants will experience the enriching cantoring and liturgical talks, with the experience of the rich prayer life. The married couples have the opportunity to strengthen their partnership through the marriage-accompanying program led by Fr. Tom Loya. Fr. Bruce Riebe will be overseeing the outdoor activities, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Services for the Week of June 16 - June 23, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	June 16 4th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy & Chrismations Luncheon Hosting mtg. for July 19	Rom 6:18-23 Mt 8:5-13
Monday	June 17 Manuel, Sabel & Ishmael - Martyrs		No Services	Rom 12:4-5, 15- 21 Mt 12:9-13
Tuesday	June 18 Leontius - Martyr		No Services	Rom 14:9-18 Mt 12:14-16 & 22-30
Wednesday	June 19 Jude - Apostle	6:00 PM	Vespers	Jude 1-10 Jn 14:21-24
Thursday	June 20 Methodius Bishop - Martyr		No Services	Rom 15:17-21 Mt 12:46-13:3
Friday	June 21 Julian - Martyr	6:00 PM	Moleben for sick people	Rom 16:1-16 Mt 13:4-9
Saturday	June 22 Eusebius Bishop - Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 8:14-21 Mt 9:9-13
Sunday	June 23 5th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Hosting mtg. for July 19	Rom 6:18-23 Mt 8:5-13

Financial Report 6/9/2024

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
6/9	\$1,916.54		\$60.05		\$545.14	\$2,520.73

"Holy Apostles Fast" continues through June 28. It is *highly recommended* for all those 15 to 60 years who are healthy and not pregnant or lactating.

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Rom 6:18-23

Brethren: and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mt 8:5-13

At that time as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him with this request: "Sir, my serving boy is at home in bed paralyzed, suffering painfully." Jesus said to the centurion, "I will come and cure him." "Sir," the centurion said in reply, "I am not worthy to have you under my roof. Just give an order and my boy will get better. I am a man under authority myself and I have troops assigned to me. If I give one man the order, 'Dismissed,' off he goes. If I say to another, 'Come here,' he comes. If I tell my slave, 'Do this,' he does it." Jesus showed amazement on hearing this and remarked to his followers, "I assure you I have never found this much faith in Israel. Mark what I say! Many will come from the east and the west and will find a place at the banquet in the kingdom of God with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, while the natural heirs of the kingdom will be driven out into the dark. Wailing will be heard there, and the grinding of teeth." To the centurion Jesus said, "Go home. It shall be done because you trusted." That very moment the boy got better.

Homily on Understanding and Facing Sin

".....Sin for us as Orthodox is understood as 'missing the mark,' that is, failing to live up to our God-given calling and purpose in life—to live to His glory, indeed, to be glorified as His adopted children, co-heirs with Christ. We're not created as objects of wrath, but as objects of love—invited into a relationship, a participation, communion in the life God Himself is as Holy Trinity.

Sin is likewise described in the Orthodox faith as sickness for the reason St. Paul states in today's Epistle: "sin leads to death." In order to have the capacity to love, of returning and giving love, we must be free to choose or reject that love, to experience that love, which is life with God. Rejection of that life, of Him who alone is "the Life of the world," of that calling for which we were created to live in Him, is what we call, *sin*,

but it is also to choose death, separation from life. Our choice to sin leads us away from relationship, communion with Christ God. An earthly life lived apart from communion with God is in actuality a living death.....

.....Existing as an autonomous individual, even a 'good' one, doesn't save us from corruption and death. But taking refuge in the Church, acting out our repentance through prayer and confession, communing with God, step by step sets us free from sin's hold on us. For this reason, we confess our sins regularly, not to purge ourselves of guilt or be justified, but to be set free of their debilitating effect, to be healed of their spreading sickness, to learn to avoid sin in the future, to be reunited to Christ God and capable of upward growth in communion and love with Him. To this end, I strongly recommend using a "Self-Examination" before confession from time to time. By asking ourselves deep questions about our sins, we can come to better understand the root causes of them, we can lay them at the feet of Christ and find healing from them. Looking at ourselves in the mirror is difficult, humbling, but in confronting the reality of our sin-sickness, we can do battle with them. When diagnosed with a curable disease, it does us no good to bury our heads in the sand. Rather, we follow the prescribed treatment to find the healing that's been passed down to us for 2,000 years now.

Because confession is humbling, it's also an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work in us, to help us take a step of faith in becoming more of who God created us to be—holy men and women. We see such humility exemplified in all the Saints. We think of St. John the Baptist and Forerunner, who says, "He (Christ) must increase and I must decrease" (John 3). And we see this humility in today's centurion from the Gospel in Matthew 8, a great leader in the eyes of the State, who says to the Lord, "I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

When we repent, we're humbling ourselves before God, we're being freed from the weight of sin, healed of its hold on us, oriented again to the new life we're given being baptized into Christ; we're enabled and equipped to live more fervently, more abundantly for God. This is His desire and mercy for each of us. So, we take refuge in the Church where we're given meaning and purpose for our lives, an identity not grounded on this passing, transient world, but an identity, a purpose, grounded in God who alone is eternal. St. John Chrysostom asks in this regard, "Have you sinned? Come to the church and have them cleansed. However often you fall on your journey, as many times as that may be, you pick yourself up; in the same way, as many times as you sin, repent just as often. Do not lose hope or be lazy, that you may not lose your hope in the heavenly good things prepared for us... Here is the hospital; not a tribunal. Forgiveness is conveyed here... Come and see: repentance will save you." Fr. Robert Miclean



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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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