



*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.

**The theme of this Sunday is hearing and responding to the call of God.**

### **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 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.

**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.

**10<sup>th</sup> 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. A proposed menu and needed volunteer activities were included in last 2 weeks’ bulletins as a starting point to get the ball rolling. Nothing is set in stone and your input is welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for you to commit your time, talents and treasure.**

**Save the Date**

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

**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.

Services for the Week of June 2-June 9, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b>	<b>8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF Ukrainian DL</b>	<b>Rom 2:10-16 Mt 4:18-23</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 3 Lucillian &amp; Others Martyrs</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Rom 7:1-3 Mt 9:36-10:8</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 4 Metrophone Patriarch</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Rom 7:14-8:2 Mt 10:9-15</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 5 Dorotheus Bishop-Martyr</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>Rom 8:2-13 Mt 10:16-22</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 6 Bessarion &amp; Hillary Venerables</b>		<b>No Services</b>	<b>Rom 8:22-27 Mt 10:23-31</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 7 Theodotus Bishop-Martyr</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Moleben for sick people</b>	<b>Rom 9:6-19 Mt10:32-36 &amp; 11:1</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 8 Translation of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Vespers Confessions</b>	<b>Rom 3:28-4:3 Mt 7:24-8:4</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 9 3rd Sunday After Pentecost</b>	<b>8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF</b>	<b>Rom 5:1-10 Mt :22-34</b>

**Financial Report 5/26/2024**

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
5/26	\$1,887.52		\$75.00		\$1,265.84	\$3,228.36

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Rom 2:10-16

Brethren: But glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

### Mt 4:18-23

At that time as Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee he watched two brothers, Simon now known as Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea. They were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately abandoned their nets and became his followers. He walked along farther and caught sight of two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They too were in their boat, getting their nets in order with their father, Zebedee. He called them, and immediately they abandoned their boat and father to follow him. Jesus toured all of Galilee. He taught in their synagogues, proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, and cured the people of every disease and illness.

This section of Matthew's Gospel focuses on men who are on a mission for the King. It is a reminder to 21st century disciples that He continues to call us to be people on a mission for God. The story is told of a famous artist who was commissioned to paint a picture of a dying church. It was expected that he would paint a small, poor, humble congregation in a dilapidated building with few people in the pews. Instead, he painted a large impressive stately edifice with a huge pulpit and magnificent stained-glass windows and rich carpeting. Near the entrance door was an offering box, marked "Missions," with the contribution slot blocked by cobwebs. (Charles Swindoll, [The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart](#), p. 378). Unfortunately,

it is not just a contribution box that has cobwebs, but for many the idea of being missionaries for Christ has been covered with cobwebs. Many feel it is the role of the paid staff to do the work of Christ and carry out the mission of the church. God has called all of us to carry the good news to the world...to be God's messengers to a lost and dying world!

**Encouraging the Messengers** Jesus was a realist. In sending out His disciples, He told them what to expect and what He expected from them. Speak boldly: England's Prime Minister Winston Churchill wrote, "If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use the pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time; a tremendous whack." (Karon, [Patches of Godlight](#)). Be prudently wise: A wise person learns from his/her failures and builds on them rather than allowing those failures to keep them on the ground! Be sincere servants: These servants had no hypocrisy or pretense in their bones! They were true and honest to the Lord

**Freedom for the Messengers** The real secret to freedom is the courage we have as His messengers of the truth. That includes: Freedom from the fear of men: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (v. 28). Freedom to reverence God: The call to reverence God is not a style of preparation, but preparation for a meeting of extreme importance. Freedom in the care of God: I can rest assured God cares about all that is happening in my life. First Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." September 1965, Hurricane Betsy stormed out of the South Atlantic. Evangelist Paul Martin lived 20 miles from Key Largo, Florida. After the hurricane passed, he and his wife went to view the aftermath. As they were walking, they heard a noise coming from a garbage can. When they looked inside, there were three wet and windblown sparrows, but there was one outstanding characteristic—they were all safe! They had lived through hurricane winds. There is certainly no place or point in complaining about the place God has provided. The best place in the world is just where God wants you. God can see around the corner; we cannot. God knows the steepness of the hills, the depths of the valleys and the speed of the prevailing winds; we do not. That is why He draws us to His particular place. Anywhere with Jesus is a good place, for it is where He knows you will be safe in His care

**Priority for the Messengers** God is the center of life: Someone said our walks with Jesus are not simply Sunday strolls with Jesus, but a daily commitment to follow the Holy Spirit, a daily surrender to please Christ and not one's self. God is the Source of help in life: You and I need help. To call for help is not cowardly. It is our scream of desperation to be released from self-struggle and open our arms to Christ's strength. Our God's arm is not short. God is the Relevance of life: What I believe about Jesus Christ is not that He lived and died a good Man with a good intention, but that He has the power to transform my life. He is the living Lord. Paul said God has not given His disciples a spirit of fear, but of power, love and minds to reason. As a messenger of God, I must possess these gifts daily. Rev. Derl Keefer <https://www.preaching.com/common-lectionary/second-sunday-after-pentecost-gods-messengers/>



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**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

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

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