



*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.

“..... if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.”

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. A proposed menu and needed volunteer activities were included in 4 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.

There is a meeting after the luncheon today to update on the volunteer activities 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.

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 23 - June 30, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	June 23 5th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Hosting mtg for July 19 Vespers	Rom 6:18-23 Mt 8:5-13
		10:00 AM		
		1:00 PM		
Monday	June 24			Rom 13:11-14:4
Solemn	Birth of John the			Lk 1:5-25, 57-68
Holy Day	Baptist	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	& 76-80
Tuesday	June 25		No Services	1 Cor 1:1-9
	Fabronia			Mt 13:24-30
	Venerable Martyr			
Wednesday	June 26			
	David of Thessalonica	6:00 PM	Moleben for sick people	1 Cor 2:9-3:8
	Venerable			Mt 13:31-36
Thursday	June 27		No Services	1 Cor 3:18-23
	Sampson, Venerable			Mt 13:36-43
	Bl. Nicholas Charnetsky & Others - Martyrs			
Friday	June 28			
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	Relics of Cyrus and	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Cor 4:5-8
	John Unmercenaries			Mt 16:13-19
Saturday	June 29			
Holy Day of	Peter and Paul	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	2 Cor 11:21-
Obligation	Preeminent Apostles	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	12:9
				Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	June 30			
	6h Sunday	8:15 AM	Matins	Rom 12:6-14
	After Pentecost	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Luncheon Hosting mtg for July 19; KofC mtg	Mt 9:1-8

Financial Report 6/16/2024

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
6/16	\$1,997.00		\$55.00		\$718.52*	\$2,770.52

* includes \$33.81 from an online donation of a non-parishioner

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Rom 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Mt 8:28-34

At that time as Jesus approached the * Gad-arene boundary, he encountered two men coming out of the tombs. They were possessed by demons and were so savage that no one could travel along that road. With a sudden shriek they cried: "Why meddle with us, Son of God? Have you come to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a large herd of swine was feeding. The demons kept appealing to him, "If you expel us, send us into the herd of swine." Jesus answered, "Out with you!" At that they came forth and entered the swine. The whole herd went rushing down the bluff into the sea and were drowned. The swineherds took to their heels, and upon their arrival in the town related everything that had happened, including the story about the two possessed men. The upshot was that the entire town came out to meet Jesus. When they caught sight of him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

SEEKING TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THEY HAVE NOT SUBMITTED TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Observe how adroitly he favors them in the word, and yet shows their unseasonable obstinacy ... These things he says to show that it was from a petulance and love of power that they erred, rather than from ignorance ... For if Christ be 'the end of the Law,' he who does not have Christ, even if he seems to have righteousness, does not have it. But he who has Christ, even though he may not have properly fulfilled the Law, has received the whole. For the end of the physician's art is health ... He who does not know how to heal, though he may seem to be a follower of the art, comes short of everything: so is it in the case of the Law and of faith ... For what was the object of the Law? To make man righteous. But it did not have the power, for no one fulfilled it ... But to this end Christ gave a fuller accomplishment through faith. Be not then afraid, he says, as if you are transgressing the Law by having come over to the faith. For only then do you transgress it, when for the sake of the Law you do not believe in Christ.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XVII on Romans X*. B#55, pp. 472- 473

THERE MET HIM TWO DEMON-POSSESSED MEN, COMING OUT OF THE TOMBS

But what can be the reason that they love to dwell in the tombs? This would easily suggest to the multitude a pernicious opinion, as though the souls of the dead become demons, which God forbid we should ever admit into our conception ... It does not stand to reason that the injured soul should cooperate with the wrongdoer, or that a man should be able to change to an incorporeal power away from the body, to wander here some more. For 'the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God' (Wisdom 3:1) ... and the souls of sinners too are immediately led away from here. This is evident from Lazarus and the rich man, and elsewhere too Christ says, 'This day they require your soul of you' ... How should the soul, being rent away from the body, and having gone out from all her accustomed region, know where to walk without one to show her the way? ... Why did Christ fulfill the devil's request? ... One, to teach those who are delivered from the wicked tyrants how great is the malice ... another, that all might learn how not even against swine are they bold, unless He should so allow them.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXVIII on Matthew VIII*, 3, 4. B#54, pp. 191-192.



Weekend Divine Services

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

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