



*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.

*“they brought to Him a paralyzed man lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, ‘Take courage, my son; your sins are forgiven’”  
(Matt. 9:2)*

*Let Jesus see your faith in your daily lives by your service to others. And above all, let it be ‘cheerful’ service lest we cause sorrow in our good deeds!*

### **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 (***we’re in need of a driver for Saturday July 6***) 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 with pierogi making typically on Wednesday).
- 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: transplanting, weed and water
- Preparation for hosting after the liturgy during the upcoming Eucharist Congress.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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 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.**

**The Knights of Columbus are meeting today after the hosting meeting for July 19.**

Thank you to all who welcomed the Cultural Forces soldiers from Ukraine that performed lovely music and singing after last week's Divine Liturgy. And thanks to those who provided all the delicious food for the pitch-in luncheon.

Services for the Week of June 30 - July 7, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	June 30 6h Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Hosting mtg for July 19; <b>KofC mtg</b>	Rom 12:6-14 Mt 9:1-8
Monday	July 1 Cosmos and Damian Unmercenaries		No Services	1 Cor 5:9-6:11 Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday	July 2 Deposition of the Robes of the Theotokos		No Services	Heb 9:1-7 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Wednesday	July 3 Hyacinth - Martyr	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Cor 7:12-24 Mt 14:35-15:11
Thursday	July 4 Independence Day Andrew of Jerusalem Archbishop		No Services	1 Cor 7:24-35 Mt 15:12-21
Friday	July 5 Athanasius of Mount Athos - Venerable	6:00 PM	Moleben for sick people	Gal 5:22-6:2 Lk 6:17-23
Saturday	July 6 Sisoies the Great Venerable	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 12:1-3 Mt 10:37-11:1
Sunday	July 7 7th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM  1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Hosting mtg for July 19 Ukrainian DL	Rom 15:1-7 Mt 9:27-35

**Financial Report 6/23/2024**

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
6/23	\$1,676.97		\$50.00	\$5.00	\$507.92	\$2,239.89

## 6th Sunday After Pentecost

### Rom 12:6-14

Brethren: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

#### **HAVING GIFTS THAT DIFFER ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO US, LET US USE THEM**

He wants to make them vie with each other, and to labor more earnestly by showing that it is they themselves who give the grounds for their receiving more or less. For he says indeed that it is given by God... But he also says that the beginnings lie with themselves in order to rouse the listless. This he does in the Epistle to the Corinthians as well, to produce these emotions. For when he says, 'covet the gifts earnestly,' (I Cor. 12:31), he shows that they themselves that cause of the differences in what was given ellipses... For though it is a grace, yet it is not poured forth at random, but framing its measure of according to the recipients, it lets as much flow as it may find the vessel of faith that is brought to be capable of holding...

#### **CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEEDS OF SAINTS, PRACTICE HOSPITALITY**

Even the Apostleship is called a ministry, and every spiritual work is a ministry... It is not enough to give, but we must also do it with munificence, for this always answers to the name of simplicity... It is not enough to show mercy, but it behooves us to do it with largess and an ungrudging spirit... even with a cheerful and rejoicing one... He said, 'He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully' (II Cor. 9:6)... In this way the widow outweighed many talents by the two mites, for her spirit was large.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXI on Romans XII*. B#55, PP. 501, 502.

### Mt 9:1-8

At that time Jesus reentered the boat, made the crossing, and came back to his own town. There, the people at once brought to him a paralyzed man lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven." At that some of the scribes said to themselves, "The man blasphemes." Jesus was aware of what they were thinking and said: "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is less trouble to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Stand up and walk'? To help you realize that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he then said to the paralyzed man - "Stand up! Roll up your mat and go home" The man stood up and went toward his home. At the sight, a feeling of awe came over the crowd, and they praised God for giving such authority to men.

#### **JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC**

Though in the beginning He Himself went about and did not require so much faith of those who came to Him, in this case they approached Him, and faith was also required on their part. For the words 'Seeing their faith,' refer to the faith of those who had let the man down. He does not on all occasions require faith on the part of the sick - as for instance when they are insane or in any other way, through their disease, are out of their own control. Rather, in this case the sick man also had a part in the faith, for he would not have suffered himself to be let down, unless he had believed. Forasmuch then as they had evinced such great faith, He also evinces His own power with all authority absolving his sins, and signifying in all ways that He is equal in honor with Him who begat Him... Here again in another and greater way He constrains His very enemies to confess His equality in honor, and by their own mouth He makes it manifest... In this case in fact He also discloses another sign - and that no small one - of His own Godhead, and of His equality in honor with the Father. For when they said, 'To unbind sins pertains to God alone,' He not only unbinds sins, but prior to this He makes another kind of display of a thing which pertained only to God: publishing the secrets of the heart. For they had not uttered what they were thinking.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXIX on Matthew IX*, 1,2. B#54, PP. 195-196.



**Weekend Divine Services**

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

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