



*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.

“Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first his kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides. Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own.”

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 last 3 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 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.

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 9-June 16, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	June 9 3rd Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Rom 5:1-10 Mt 6:22-34
Monday	June 10 Timothy Bishop-Martyr		No Services	Rom 9:18-23 Mt 11:12-15
Tuesday	June 11 Bartholomew and Barnabas - Apostles		No Services	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30 Lk 10:16-21
Wednesday	June 12 Onuphry and Peter Venerables	6:00 PM	Vespers	Rom 11:2-12 Mt 11:20-26
Thursday	June 13 Aquilina - Martyr		No Services	Rom 11:13-24 Mt 11:27-30
Friday	June 14 Elisha - Prophet	6:00 PM	Moleben for sick people	Rom 11:25-36 Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	June 15 Amos - Prophet	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 6:11-17 Mt 8:14-23
Sunday	June 16 4th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy & Chrismations Luncheon follows	Rom 6:18-23 Mt 8:5-13

Financial Report 6/2/2024

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
6/2	\$1,994.81		\$68.00	\$15.00	*\$2,020.89	\$4,098.70

* includes \$739.04 from online donations of non-parishioners

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Rom 5:1-10

Brethren: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Mt 6:22-34

The Lord said: "The eye is the body's lamp. If your eyes are good, your body will be filled with light; if your eyes are bad, your body will be in darkness. And if your light is darkness, how deep will the darkness be! No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money. I warn you then: do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body more valuable than clothes? "Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life-span? As for clothes, why be concerned? Learn a lesson from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work; they do not spin. Yet I assure you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grass of the field, which blooms today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, will he not provide much more for you, O weak in faith! Stop worrying, then, over questions like, 'What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear?' The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first his kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides. Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own."

"...Christ reminds us today: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." When it comes to God's Kingdom, double-mindedness will not get us into heaven. Just as Christ does today, St. Paul also warns that conformity to the culture, the world, and its priorities and ideas through the pursuit of our own comfort and false sense of 'security' is, in reality, enslavement to 'mammon.' The alternative is our transformation through a life lived for and in Christ, which, by necessity means being open to continued growth in faith, entrusting ourselves more and more to His mercy, and not relying on ourselves or our worldly success. The world, the culture, will pull us in its own direction, may try to convince us we don't need God or that in our striving after mammon, in holding onto our own will, our own desires, our passions, and all our material provisions, we are somehow 'safe' or 'prudent'. This is the lie fed to us by a materialist and secular culture, by the devil himself. Christ reminds us, that "after all these things the Gentiles seek. At the same time, He assures us, admonishing us, today: "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." As followers of Christ, we cannot be absorbed in, be slaves to, our desire for the things of this world and false security.

... Instead, we're challenged to open ourselves up to a greater generosity of spirit, of service, of giving to Christ, His Church, to those around us, knowing that He'll give us Himself in return, that He'll minister Himself to us through the Sacramental life of His Church and grow us in our communion with Him.

...When we choose to interject faith in Christ into our struggles, our fears, our desire for financial security or personal control, then they and we can become a means for our further growth in faith and God can return to us His spiritual blessings, which are beyond anything this world can give. In the midst of our trials and tribulations, our struggles to live this life for God and not for mammon, God fills us with His promise and hope, which St. Paul assures, does not disappoint.

So, choose God, put your faith into practice: serve pray, repent, entrust yourself to His loving kindness, open your hand to give back to God from what He's entrusted and freely given you in His mercy. Step forward in faith and put your trust in Him. If we do so, He will free you from dependence on this world, from enslavement to mammon and the world, from the despondency of trusting in yourself, from all that's temporal and passing away, and He will grow you in the eternal life that He alone is—the well-spring of great joy, love, and peace."

Fr. Robert Miclean, Holy Archangels Orthodox Church

<https://www.orthodoxannapolis.org/3rd-sunday-after-pentecost-orthodox-homily-on-the-justification-of-faith/>



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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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