



*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.

*“ .... And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes....”*

### **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 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 Vespers with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Friday (July 19) at 4:00 PM.** Everyone is very welcome to learn and worship in the Byzantine Rite. The celebrant is His Grace, The Most Rev. Robert M. Pipta, Bishop, Eparchy of Parma.

**After the Liturgy**

Traditionally on the Feast of the Prophet Elijah vehicles are blessed. Bishop Robert will bless the vehicle that leads the Congress Eucharistic Procession as well as other vehicles nearby in the church parking lot. Vehicles will also be blessed on Saturday, July 20 which is the Feast Day.

Ethnic food and bakery items will be available for purchase in our social hall to eat onsite or take away. The menu is set and an information page about the event will be linked through a QR code. An information flyer will be distributed at the Congress venue to interested attendees.

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 still needed from many volunteers to generate an inventory of products.

There is still room on the 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.**

Services for the Week of July 14 - July 21, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	July 14 Sunday Of The Fathers Of The Six Ecumenical Councils	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Hosting mtg for July 19	1 Cor 1:10-18 Mt 14:14-22
Monday	July 15 Vladimir the Great Equal to the Apostles		No Services	Gal 1:11-19 Jn 10:1-9
Tuesday	July 16 Athanogenes Bishop-Martyr		No Services	1 Cor 12:12-26 Mt 18:18-22 & 19:1-2, 13-15
Wednesday	July 17 Marina - Great Martyr	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Cor 13:4-14:5 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	July 18 Hyacinth & Emilian Martyrs		No Services	1 Cor 14:6-19 Mt 20:17-28
Friday	July 19 Macrina - Venerable	4:00 PM	Vespers & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Blessing Cars Food Social Hall	1 Cor 14:26-40 Mt 21:12-14 & 17-20
Saturday Simple Holy Day	July 20 Elijah Great Prophet	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions Blessing Cars	James 5:10-20 Lk 4:22-30
Sunday	July 21 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Blessing Cars Luncheon	1 Cor 3:9-17 Mt 14:22-34

**Financial Report 7/7/2024**

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
7/7	\$1,806.84		\$270.00		\$1,240.35	\$3,317.19

## Sunday of The Fathers Of The Six Ecumenical Councils

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

#### IS CHRIST DIVIDED?

The emphatic force of the word 'schism,' I mean the name itself, was a sufficient accusation. For it was not that they had become many parts, each entire within itself, but rather it be One Body... had perished... 'That each one of you says,' for the corruption did not pervade a part, but the whole of the Church... By a kind of divine art he does away with their swelling pride on this point, not with the efficacy of baptism, but with the folly of those who were puffed up at having been baptized yours: first, by showing that the Gift is not theirs, and secondly by thanking God and for it. For Baptism truly is a great thing, but its greatness is not the work of the person baptizing, but of Him who is invoked in Baptism... Great indeed it is Baptism, and without baptism it is impossible to obtain the kingdom... But prove to me that Peter and Paul were eloquent. You cannot: for they were 'unlearned and ignorant men!'

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily III on I Corinthians I*, 1, 3, 6, 8. B#56, PP. 10-14.

### Mathew 14:14-22

At that time when Jesus saw the vast throng, his heart was moved with pity, and he cured their sick. As evening drew on, his disciples came to him with the suggestion: "This is a deserted place and it is already late. Dismiss the crowds so that they may go to the villages and buy some food for themselves." Jesus said to them: "There is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat your-selves." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and a couple of fish." "Bring them here," Jesus said. Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them and gave the loaves to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the people. All those present ate their fill. The fragments remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve baskets. Those who ate were about five thousand, not counting women and children. Immediately afterward, while dismissing the crowds, Jesus insisted that his disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side of the lake.

#### THEY SAID TO HIM WE HAVE HERE ONLY FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH

And why did none of the multitude come near and speak for them? They revered Him exceedingly and did not even feel their hunger the cause of their longing to stay with Him. Neither indeed do His disciples, when they had come to Him say, 'Feed them,' for as yet, they were rather in an imperfect state... But note, I pray you, the Teacher's skill: how distinctly He summons them on towards believing. For He did not say right away, 'I will feed them.' This would not have been easily received... He also did not say, 'I will give them,' but, 'You give to them,' for as yet their view of Him was as a man... For this reason, Mark also says, 'They did not understand the saying, for their heart was hardened'... Then at last He brings in His own part... For although the place was a desert, He who feeds the world is here, and although all the time was now passed, yet He who is not subject to time is discoursing to which you... Why did He look up to heaven, and bless? It was to be believed of Him, that He is of the Father, and that He is equal to Him. But the proofs of these things seemed too oppose one another... Why does He not make it of things that are not?... He makes it out of the materials which they had specifically, so He might lead them to faith... And another thing, too, we learn, the self-restraint of the disciples which they practiced in necessary things, and how little they accounted of food. For being twelve, they had only five loaves and two fishes... And not even so little did they hold fast, but gave up even that when asked. St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XLIX on Matthew XIV*, 1,2. B#54, PP. 304, 305.



**Weekend Divine Services**

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

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