



*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.

*"Because of your faith it shall be done to you";
and they recovered their sight.*

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.

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 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. We will continue to have weekly meetings on Sundays after the luncheon until the event on July 19.*

Services for the Week of July 7 - July 14, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
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
Monday	July 8 Procopius Great-Martyr		No Services	1 Cor 9:13-18 Mt 16:1-6
Tuesday	July 9 Pancratius Bishop-Martyr		No Services	1 Cor 10:5-12 Mt 16:6-12
Wednesday	July 10 Anthony of the Caves Venerable	6:00 PM	Vespers	Gal 5:22-6:2 Lk 6:17-23
Thursday	July 11 Euphemia - Martyr		No Services	1 Cor 10:28-11:7 Mt 16:24-28
Friday	July 12 Procius & Hilary Martyrs	6:00 PM	Moleben for sick people	1 Cor 11:8-22 Mt 17:10-18
Saturday	July 13 Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 13:1-10 Mt 12:30-37
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 Heb 13:7-16 Jn 17:1-13

Financial Report 6/30/2024

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
6/30	*\$3,922.99		\$86.84	\$10.00	\$610.93	\$4,630.76

* \$3,000 from Greek Catholic Union

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Rom 15:1-7

Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

WE WHO ARE STRONG OUGHT TO BEAR THE FAILINGS OF THE WEAK

In another place he also says, 'You who are spiritual restore such a one' (Gal.6:1). Have you become powerful? Render a return to God for making you so. You will duly render it if you set the weakness of the sickly right. For we too are weak, but by grace we have become powerful. And this we are to do not only in this case, but also in the case of those who are weak in other respects. For instance, if one is passionate, or insolent, or has any failing of this kind, bear with him. And how is this to be? Listen to what comes next... What he says is this. Are you powerful? Let the weak have trial of your power. Let him come to know your strength; please him... And so if you are rich or in power, do not please yourself but the poor and the needy, because in this way you will lead once have true glory to enjoy, and be doing much service. For glory from the things of the world soon flies away, but backed from the things of the Spirit is abiding, if you do it too edification.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXVII on Romans X*. B#55, P. 535.

Mt 9:27-35

At that time as Jesus moved on from there, two blind men came after him crying out, "Son of David, have pity on us!" When he got to the house, the blind men caught up with him. Jesus said to them, "Are you confident I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they told him. At that he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith it shall be done to you"; and they recovered their sight. Then Jesus warned them sternly, "See to it that no one knows of this." But they went off and spread word of him through the whole area. As they were leaving, suddenly some people brought him a mute who was possessed by a demon. Once the demon was expelled the mute began to speak, to the great surprise of the crowds. Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel! they exclaimed. But the Pharisees were saying, He casts out demons through the prince of demons." Jesus continued his tour of all the towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues, he proclaimed the good news of God's reign, and he cured every sickness and disease.

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And having brought them into the house, He puts a further question to them. For in many cases He made a point of healing bond entreaty lest any should suppose Him to be rushing upon these miracles through vainglory. And He healed not only on this account, but also to indicate that they deserved healing and that no one could say, 'If it was out of mere mercy that He saved, all men ought to be saved.' For even His love towards man has a kind of proportion, depending on the faith of those who are healed... Foreasmuch as they called Him 'Son of David,' He, in order to lead them up to what is higher and to teach them... says, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?'... He, for He is part, lays His hand upon them, saying 'Let it be done according to your faith.' This He does to confirm their faith, and to show that they are participators in the good work... He delivered them first from their want of faith... The affliction of the dumb man was not natural, but the device of the evil spirit, so he also needed others to bring him... He does not even require faith of the man, but straightaway heals the disease.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XXXII on Matthew IX*, 1,2. B#54, P. 211.



Weekend Divine Services

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

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