



*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.

“ But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

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 started in May & is 70% complete continuing 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. **Another set of 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, cereal, carton milk)
- Bags for the food pantry need to be assembled every week.
- In the garden: weeding, harvesting, transplanting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“Seeker of the Lost” 90th Annual Pilgrimage in Uniontown PA

Hosted by The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province will be held Labor Day Weekend (Aug 30 – Sept 2) at Mount Macrina 500 West Main Street; Uniontown, PA 15401. We have a few from the parish going. [Pilgrimage Program](#)
[Images of Mt Macrina](#)

Thermometer Update for Fundraising

Tracking our progress:

So far, building fund donations since July 19 are in the amount of **\$1,804.26**. No change from last week.

Did you know that the hall A/C was replaced on 7/18 for **\$5,400?** Thanks to a Brandon for negotiating that price, down from \$11,700 from another installer. **Do you know anyone who can help replenish our building fund balance?**



Services for the Week of August 25 – September 1, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	August 25 14 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon K of C meeting	2 Cor 1:21-2:4 Mt 22:1-14	
Monday	August 26 Adrian & Natalie Martyrs	No Services	Gal 2:11-16 Mk 5:24-34	
Tuesday	August 27 Pimen Venerable	No Services	Gal 2:21-3:7 Mk 6:1-7	
Wednesday	August 28 Moses the Ethiopian Venerable	6:00 PM Vespers	Gal 3:15-22 Mk 6:7-13	
Thursday	August 29 Beheading of John the Baptist – simple holyday	No Services	Acts 3:25-33 Mk 6:14-30	
Friday	August 30 Alexander, John & Paul Patriarchs	6:00 PM Moleben for the sick	Gal 4:18-21 Mk 6:45-53	
Saturday	August 31 Deposition of the Sash of the Theotokos	5:00 PM Vespers Confessions	Heb 9:1-7 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28	
Sunday	September 1 15 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	2 Cor 4:6-15 Mt 22: 35-46	

There is a Knights of Columbus meeting today after the luncheon

IMPD SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COMMUNITY DAY COLLABORATION

Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 pm at 551 N. King Avenue/ Haughville Park. This is an opportunity for our parish to reach out to our neighbors to invite them to attend our services and inform them about us. Flyers and business cards can be handed out. Can you help? Over 1,000 people attended last year. John Danovich has further information.

Financial Report 8/18/2024

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
8/18	\$1,336.72		\$20.00	\$61.00	\$313.96	\$1,731.68

14th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Brethren: But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

WHO ALSO HAS SEALED US AND GIVEN US THE SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS AS A DEPOSIT

Again, from the past He establishes the future. For it is He Who establishes us in Christ (that is, who does not suffer us to be shaken from the faith which is in Christ) and He Who anointed us and gave the Spirit in our hearts. How will He not give us the future things? For He gave the principles and the foundations, and the root and the fount (to wit the true knowledge of Him, the partaking of the Spirit) how will He not give the things that come of these? ... And what is 'anointed,' and 'sealed?' Gave the Spirit, by Whom He did both these things, making at the same time prophets and priests and kings, for in old times these three ranks were anointed... For we are both to enjoy a kingdom and to be made priests by altering our bodies for a sacrifice (for he says 'present your members a living sacrifice to God') and moreover we are constituted prophets too: for 'the things eye has not seen, nor ear heard,' (I Corinthians 2:9) these have been revealed to us. And in another way, too, we become kings: if we have the mind to get dominion over our unruly thoughts, for such a one is a king and more than one who wears a diadem.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily III on II Corinthians I*, 4,5. B#56, pp. 289-to 90.

Matthew 22: 2-14

The Lord told this parable to the chief priests and the Pharisees: "The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the wedding, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying: 'Tell those who were invited, See, I have my dinner prepared! My bullocks and corn-fed cattle are killed; everything is ready. Come to the feast.' Some ignored the invitation and went their way, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants insulted them and killed them. At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city. Then he said to his servants: 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.' The servants then went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good. This filled the wedding hall with banqueters. "When the king came in to meet the guests, however, he caught sight of a man not properly dressed for a wedding feast. 'My friend,' he said, 'how is it you came in here not properly dressed?' The man had nothing to say. The king then said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the night to wail and grind his teeth.' The invited are many, the elect are few."

THE PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE FEAST

There is a great difference, dearly beloved brethren, between corporal and spiritual delights in that the former, when we are without them, enkindle in the soul a strong desire to possess them, but once they are attained, they quickly satiate us. Spiritual pleasures, on the contrary, when the unattained, produce a certain aversion; but once we taste them, the taste awakens desire, and our hunger for them increases the more we taste them... So we see that, if we do not taste these delights, we cannot designer them, because their flavor is unknown to us... So the psalmist says, 'Taste and see that the Lord is sweet' (Ps. 33:9). We do not know what we should a desire, and our repugnance is increased the further our souls stray from that true nourishment...

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

This parable...proclaims beforehand both the casting out of the Jews, and the calling of the Gentiles, and it indicates together with this also the strictness of the life required, and how great the punishment appointed for the careless... And when were they bidden? By all the prophets; by John [the Baptist] again; for he would pass all on to Christ, saying 'He must increase, I must decrease' (John 3: 30); by the Son Himself again, 'Come to Me, and all you who labor and all are heavy laden, and I will refresh you' (Matt. 11:28) and again, 'if any man thirsts, let him come onto Me and drink' (John 7: 37). But not by words only, but by actions also He bade them, after his ascension by Peter, and those with him. 'For He who wrought effectually in Peter,' it is said, 'to the apostleship of the circumcision, was mighty also in me towards the Gentiles,' (Gal. 2: 8)... And yet the calling was of grace. Why then does He take such a strict account? The cause although to be called and to be cleansed was of grace, yet, when called and clothed in clean garments, to continue keeping them so, this is of the diligence of those who are called.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily LXIX on Matthew XXII*, 1, 2. B# 54, pp. 421, 423.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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