

*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.

“Then in anger the master handed him over to the torturers until he paid back all that he owed. My heavenly Father will treat you in exactly the same way unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

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 is in full swing 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: weeding, harvesting, transplanting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“Seeker of the Lost” 90th Annual Pilgrimage

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.

[Images of Mt Macrina](#)

Blessing of First Fruits

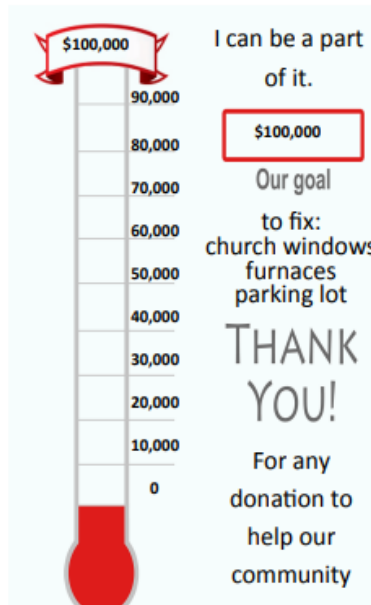
The feast of the Holy Transfiguration is celebrated late in summer, at the time of the first fruits, which remind us of God’s great goodness and His infinite bounty. To express our recognition and gratitude to God for His generosity we bring some of these first fruits to the church for blessing. “You must bring the best of the first-fruits of your soil to the house of the Lord, your God.” (Ex. 23:19) About 220 A.D. St. Hippolytus mentions the following fruits usually blessed: grapes, figs, pomegranates, pears, mulberries, peaches, and almonds. Vegetables from your garden are blessed too.

Thermometer Update for Fundraising

Tracking our progress:

So far, building fund donations since July 19 are in the amount of \$254.26.

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 4 - August 11, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	August 4 11 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian DL	1 Cor 9 2-12 Mt 18:23-35
Monday	August 5 Eusignius - Martyr	6:00 PM	Vespers	2 Cor 5:10-15 Mk 1:9-15
Tuesday	August 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy <i>Blessing of 1st fruits</i>	2 Pet 1:10-19 Mt 17:1-9
Wednesday	August 7 Dometius Venerable Martyr		No Services	2 Cor 6:11-16 Mk 1:23-28
Thursday	August 8 Emilian Bishop - Confessor		No Services	2 Cor 7:1-10 Mk 1:29-35
Friday	August 9 Matthias Apostle	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	Acts 1:12-17. 21- 26 Lk 9:1-6
Saturday	August 10 Lawrence Archdeacon - Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 1:26-29 Mt 20:29-34
Sunday	August 11 12 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	1 Cor 15:1-11 Mt 19:16-26

Financial Report 7/28/2024

Date	Bakery Sales	Event Items	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
7/28	\$1,790.70	\$20.00	\$48.51	\$65.00		\$975.20	\$2,899.41

11th Sunday After Pentecost 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Brethren: If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brethren of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more?

IF WE HAVE SOWN SPIRITUAL THINGS FOR YOU, IS IT A GREAT THING IF WE REAP YOUR MATERIAL THINGS?

Are you not my work in the Lord?' For this is the great thing, and others avail nothing apart from this. Even Judas himself was 'an Apostle,' and 'free' and 'saw Christ,' but because he did not have 'the work of an Apostle,' all those things did not profit him. You see then why he adds this also, and calls them to be witnesses of it... Upon this it follows that if from no other quarter, yet from you I have a right to receive. Nevertheless, from whom I had most right to receive, from you whose teacher I was, from those I did not receive... The whole world had him for its Apostle... 'For I both exhibited miracles and taught by word, and underwent dangers, and showed forth a blameless life'... And not only this does he establish by his illustrations, but he shows also what kind of man a priest ought to be. For he ought to possess both the courage of a soldier and the diligence of a husbandman and the carefulness of a shepherd, and after all these to seek and nothing more than necessities... For he did not say, What soldier serves and is not enriched?... To prevent high thoughts in those who contribute to their teachers, he signified that they receive more than they give.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XXI on Corinthians IX, 2, 3, 4, 6. B#56, PP. 119-121..

Matthew 18: 23-35

The Lord said: "The reign of God may be said to be like a king who decided to settle accounts with his officials. When he began his auditing, one was brought in who owed him a huge amount. As he had no way of paying it, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that the official prostrated himself in homage and said, 'My lord, be patient with me and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with pity, the master let the official go and wrote off the debt. But when that same official went out he met a fellow servant who owed him a mere fraction of what he himself owed. He seized him and throttled him. 'Pay back what you owe,' he demanded. His fellow servant dropped to his knees and began to plead with him, 'Just give me time and I will pay you back in full.' But he would hear none of it. Instead, he had him put in jail until he paid back what he owed. When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were badly shaken, and went to their master to report the whole incident. His master sent for him and said, 'You worthless wretch! I canceled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt mercifully with your fellow servant, as I dealt with you?' Then in anger the master handed him over to the torturers until he paid back all that he owed. My heavenly Father will treat you in exactly the same way unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED SERVANT

It is His purpose to alarm him by this threat, so He might bring him to supplication, not that he should be sold... Why then did He not do this, nor forgive the debt before the account? He did it desiring it to teach him from how many obligations He is delivering him, that in this way at least he might become more mild towards his fellow – servant... He gave more than he asked, remission and forgiveness of the entire debt... But even so, He willed that the other also seem to contribute something, that he might not be exceedingly covered with shame, and that he, being schooled in his own calamities, might be indulgent to his fellow servant... Let us, the covetous, listen well, for even to us is the word spoken. Let us hearken also, the merciless, and the cruel, for not to others are we cruel, but two ourselves. When you are minded to be revengeful, consider that against yourself are you revengeful, not against another, that you are binding up your own sins, not your neighbor's... Now the sentence is of much indignation, and vengeance and punishment... Two things therefore He requires here, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others... and from the heart.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily LXI on Matthew XVIII, 3,4,5. B#54 PP. 378 -380.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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