

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.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor 12:9

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 86% 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 and ends at the end of Sept. This year's Winter Market (Oct 19 March 29) will require at least one able bodied volunteer every Saturday morning at 6 AM at the church hall to load the van with products, drive the van to the market, unload the van, reload the van with unsold products at market close (noon), drive the van back to the hall, unload the van, take product inventory and store products appropriately in the hall. Additional volunteers, at least 2, are needed to sell products (9:00-noon) at the market. Someone is needed to manage this. If a system is not in place before Sept 28, then we will not be attending the Winter Carmel market this year.
- 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, fall planting
- Plastic grocery bags are needed to bag market sales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

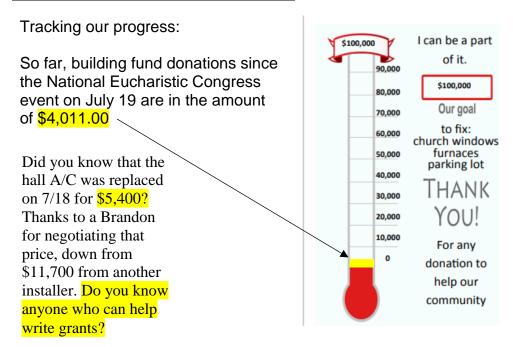
Save the Date - October 5, 2024

The Knights of Columbus are having a clean-up day on Saturday, October 5 from 9 am until 4 pm. A dumpster will be brought in so most of the items in the storage building can be discarded and, a second priority, to clean out the rectory basement. All parishioners are encouraged to help. Some blessed items (e.g. old iconostasis) will have to be burned.

Upcoming Chrismation

The Mystery of Holy Chrismation will be held on Sunday, November 3 for Renata Xavier Nadia Xavier.

Thermometer Update for Fundraising



ECF (Eastern Christian Formation)

Classes for children classes will commence on Sunday, October 6.

The Knights of Columbus are meeting today after the Luncheon.

Services for the Week of September 29 - October 6, 2024								
Day		Time	Service	Readings				
Sunday	September 29 19 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon K of C mtg.	2 Cor 11:31-12:9 Lk 6: 31-36				
Monday	September 30 Gregory Illuminator Bishop - Martyr	5:30 PM	Vespers Divine Liturgy	Phil 2:12-16 Lk 6:24-30				
Tuesday <mark>Solemn</mark> Holy Day	October 1 Protection of the Theotokos		No Services	Lk 9:1-7 Heb 10:38-42 & 11:27-28				
Wednesday	October 2 Cyprian Bishop - Martyr		No Services	Phil 2:24-30 Lk 6:46-7:1				
Thursday	October 3 Denis the Areopagite Bishop - Martyr		No Services	Phil 3:1:8 Lk 7:17-30				
Friday	October 4 Hierotheus Bishop - Martyr	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	Phil 3:8-19 Lk 7:31-35				
Saturday	October 5 Charitina Martyr	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	2 Cor 1:8-11 Lk 5:27-32				
Sunday	October 6 20 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian DL	Gal 1:11-19 Lk 7:11-16				

Financial Report 9/22/2024

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
9/22	\$1143.73		\$155.00		\$757.09	\$2,055.82

19th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise-whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man, I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

PAUL'S VISIONS AND REVELATIONS OF THE LORD

This revelation was great indeed...Why is it then that he neither spoke plainly nor kept silence? To show by this also that he resorts to the thing unwillingly...to show that he who had refrained for so long a time would not now have spoken out unless the necessity for doing so had been great. But he would still have kept silence, had he not seen the brothers perishing...Was it the mind that was caught up and the soul, while the body remained dead, or was the body caught up? It is impossible to tell. For if Paul, who was caught up and whom things unspeakable - so many and so great - had befallen, was in ignorance, much more are we. For indeed, that he was in Paradise he knew, and that he was in third heaven he was not ignorant, but the manner he did not clearly know...For this reason he also goes on to say, 'Of such a one I will glory,' not meaning that he who was caught up was some other person, but he so frames his language in the best manner he possibly could, so as to mention the fact, and at the same time to avoid speaking of himself openly...But why was he caught up? In my thinking, so he might not seem to be inferior to the rest of the Apostles. For since they had accompanied Christ, but Paul had it not: He therefore caught him up unto glory - 'into Paradise'... He also added, 'For I will speak the truth, but I forbear lest any man should

account me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.' Here you have the acknowledged reason; for they even deemed them to the gods, on account of the greatness of their miracles...By 'the messenger of Satan,' he means Alexander the coppersmith, the party of Hymenaeus and Philetus, all the adversaries of the Word, those who contended with and fought against him, those who cast him into a prison, those who beat him, and who led him away to death, for they did Satan's business.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XXVI on II Corinthians XII, 1,2. B#56,pp. 398-400.

Luke 6: 31-36

The Lord said, "Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, how can you claim any credit? Sinners do as much. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what merit is there in it for you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. "Love your enemy and do good; lend without expecting repayment. Then will your recompense be great. You will rightly be called sons of the Most High, since he himself is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be compassion-ate, as your Father is compassionate."

AS YOU WANT MEN TO DO TO YOU, YOU ALSO DO TO THEM LIKEWISE ••• LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD, AND LEND, HOPING FOR NOTHING IN RETURN

What then can we deserve, who are commanded to emulate God, and are perhaps in a manner of life hardly even equal to publicans? For if 'to love those who love us' is the part of publicans, sinners, and heathens: when we do not even do this (and we do not do it, as long as we envy our brothers who are in honor), what penalty will we not incur, commanded as we are to surpass the scribes, and taking our place below the heathens? How then will we behold the kingdom, pray tell? How will we set foot on that holy threshold, who do not surpass even the publicans? ... Bearing in mind all the things that have been said, let us then show forth great love even towards our enemies; and let us cast away that ridiculous custom, to which many of the more thoughtless give way: waiting for those who meet them to address them first.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily XVIII on Matthew V, 9, 10. B#54, pp. 128-129.



Weekend Divine Services

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

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