

*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.

*“The cross is the door to mysteries. Through this door, the intellect makes entrance into the knowledge of heavenly mysteries. The knowledge of the cross is concealed in the sufferings of the cross. And the more our participation in its sufferings, the greater the perception we gain through the cross.” St. Isaac the Syrian*

### **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 is 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, fall planting
- **Plastic grocery bags are needed to bag market sales.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**“New Horizons”**

On Saturday, September 28, 2024, the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Foundation will host the “New Horizons” at 11:00 AM at the Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, IL. The Most Reverend Robert M. Pipta will be the Keynote speaker. We need your support to help our Eparchy accomplish its goals. Please consider one of the sponsorship levels for the 2024 “New Horizons.” All sponsors and attendees will receive parking, lunch, fund-a-need and more.

A detailed sponsorship and event registration form may be found on the Eparchy of Parma website at <https://parma.org/new-horizons>. Contact Judith Matsko at 216.741.8773 x1225 or [jmatsko@parma.org](mailto:jmatsko@parma.org) with any questions.

**Save the Date – October 5, 2024**

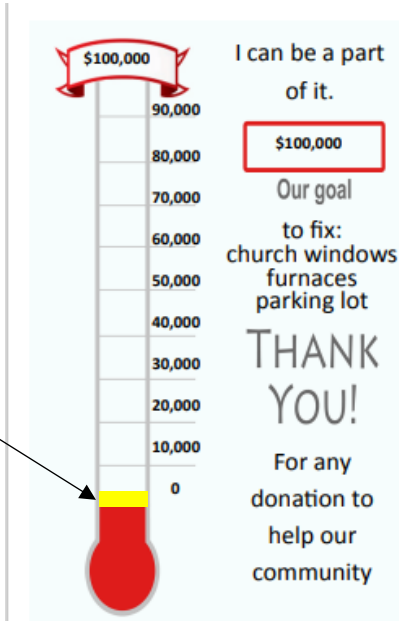
The Knights of Columbus are having a clean-up day on Saturday, October 5 from 9 am until 4 pm. A dumpster will be brought in so most of the items in the storage building can be discarded and, a second priority, to clean out the rectory basement. All parishioners are encouraged to help. Some blessed items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

**Thermometer Update for Fundraising**

Tracking our progress:

So far, building fund donations since the National Eucharistic Congress event on July 19 are in the amount of **\$3,681.40**. 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 write grants?**



Services for the Week of September 8- September 15, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	September 8 Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Gal 6:11-18 & Phil 2:5-11 Jn 3:13-17 & Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Monday	September 9 Synaxis of Joachim & Anna		No Services	Eph 1:22-2:3 Mk 10:46-52
Tuesday	September 10 Menodora and Others Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Eph 2:19-3:7 Mk 11:11-23
Wednesday	September 11 Theodora Venerable	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	Eph 3:8-21 Mk 11:23-26
Thursday	September 12 Autonomus Bishop-Martyr	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Eph 4:14-19 Mk 11:27-33
Friday	September 13 Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection	6:00 PM	Vespers	Heb 3:1-4 Mt 16:13-18
Saturday	September 14 Exaltation of the Cross	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 1:18-24 Jn 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-26, 30-36
Sunday	September 15 Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Gal 2:16-20 Mk 8:34-9:1

**Financial Report 9/1/2024**

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
9/1	\$1,095.41		\$270.00 *	\$25.00	\$1,862.63 *	\$3,523.04

\* includes \$744.53 from non-parishioners

## Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

### Galatians 6:11-18

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! <sup>12</sup> Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which<sup>[a]</sup> the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. <sup>16</sup> Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to<sup>[b]</sup> the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup> From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. <sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

### Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### John 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” <sup>41</sup> “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one.<sup>[a]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

### Luke 11:27-28

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.” <sup>28</sup> He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”



In the Old Testament we have prefigurations of the Holy Cross. In the Book of Genesis, the Tree of Life prefigures the Holy Cross (Gen. 2:9). As the Tree of Life had the power to grant eternal life to Adam, if he ever touched it (Gen. 3:22); likewise, the Holy Cross being the new Tree of Life offers eternal life to those who believe in Christ. Another prototype of the Holy Cross is found in the Book of Numbers (Num. 21:8-9). Moses, in order to save his people from the deadly bites of poisonous snakes received instructions from God to lift up a bronze serpent, and “it shall come to pass that whenever a serpent shall bite a man, everyone so bitten that looks upon it shall live” (Num. 21:8).

Christ himself uses this prefiguration as an example of Him being lifted on the Cross. As all those Israelites who looked upon the bronze serpent were saved from the deadly bites of the viper snakes; likewise, whoever turns to Christ with faith as his own Savior and beholds His Crucifixion will be saved from the deadly bites of Satan. The bite of sin and death is cured through the wounds of Christ, as this was foretold by the Prophet Isaiah saying, “He was a man in suffering, and acquainted with the bearing of sickness, for His face is turned from us: He was dishonored, and not esteemed. He bears our sins and is pained for us: yet we accounted Him to be in trouble, and in suffering, and in affliction. But he was wounded on account of our sins and was bruised because of our iniquities” (Is. 53:3-5). “And He, because of His affliction, opens not His mouth: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is dumb, so He opens not His mouth. In His humiliation His judgment was taken away: who shall declare His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth: because of the iniquities of my people. He was led to death ... He was numbered among the transgressors; and He bore the sins of many and was delivered because of their iniquities” (Is. 53:7-8, 12). .....

The Holy Cross is the power of God for overcoming sin (1 Corinth. 1:18), and baptism is our Cross! This is the reason why the Bishop or Priest after the baptism hangs around the neck of the newly baptized the Cross, to remind us the words of Christ saying, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take u his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23). “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinth. 1:18). St. John Chrysostom teaches us saying, that the Holy Cross is a mark of them that perish, because they failed to recognize the things which lead to salvation...

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**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

**Sunday:** 8:15 AM Matins  
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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