



*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.

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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 (8:30 -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

Thanks to all who helped with the clean-up yesterday.

Upcoming Chrismation

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

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 **\$4,011.00**

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 October 6 - October 13, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	October 6 20 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF Ukrainian DL	Gal 1:11-19 Lk 7:11-16
Monday	October 7 Sergius and Bacchus Martyrs		No Services	Phil 4:10-23 Lk 7:36-50
Tuesday	October 8 Pelegia Venerable		No Services	Col 1:1-2 & 7-11 Lk 8:1-3
Wednesday	October 9 Jame Alpheus Apostle	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Cor 4:9-16 Lk 10:16-21
Thursday	October 10 Eulampius & Eulampia - Martyrs		No Services	Col 1:24-29 Lk 9:7-11
Friday	October 11 Philip Deacon - Apostle	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	Col 2:1-7 Lk 9:12-18
Saturday	October 12 Probus & Others Martyrs	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	2 Cor 3:12-18 Lk 6:1-10
Sunday	October 13 Sunday of the Fathers of the 7 th Ecumenical Council	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Gal 2:16-20 Lk 8:5-15 or Heb 13:7-16 Jn 17:1-3

A commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church in America will air on EWTN on **Friday, October 11 at 10:30 p.m. Eastern Time** and again on **Saturday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern**. The television documentary, "Treasury of Blessings" features archival films, still pictures and videos gathered from the Archieparchial archives, private collections and on-site locations from all four eparchies. Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla, D.D. is the Executive Producer.

The Financial Report will appear in a future bulletin

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren: I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Observe how sedulously he affirms that he was taught of Christ, who Himself, without human intervention, condescended to reveal to him all knowledge. And if he were asked for his proof that God Himself thus immediately revealed to him these ineffable mysteries, he would instance his former manner of life, arguing that his conversion would not have been so sudden, had it not been by Divine revelation. For when men have been vehement and eager on the contrary side, their conviction, if it is affected by human means, requires much time and ingenuity... For my violence even reached your ears, and of the distance between Palestine and Galatia is so great, that the report would not have extended there, had not my acts exceeded all bounds and endurance... Observe how he does not shrink from aggravating each point: not saying simply that he has 'persecuted' but 'beyond measure' and 'made havoc of it,' which signifies an attempt to extinguish, to pull down, to destroy, to annihilate the Church... Here his object is to show that it was by some secret providence that he was left to himself for a time... It is evident that God had some hidden reason for this delay. What this purpose was, you are eager to learn from me perhaps... I must entreat your love not to require all things from me, but to search for it by yourselves and to beg of God to reveal it to you... God indeed says that He called him on account of His excellent capacity, as He said to Ananias, at 'for he is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings' (Acts 9: 15).

St. John Chrysostom. Chapter I. Commentary on Galatians. B# 57, PP. – 9-10.

Luke 7: 11-16

At that time Jesus went to a town called *Naim, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he approached the gate of the town a dead man was being carried out, the only son of a widowed mother. A considerable crowd of townsfolk were with her. The Lord was moved with pity upon seeing her and said to her, "Do not cry." Then he stepped forward and touched the litter; at this, the bearers halted. Jesus said, "Young man, I bid you get up." The dead man sat up and began to speak. Then, Jesus gave him back to his mother. Fear seized them all and they began to praise God. "A great prophet has risen among us," they said; and, "God has visited his people."

JESUS HEALS THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIM

'And the light shines in darkness' (John 1:5). He calls death and error, 'darkness.' For the light which is the object of our senses does not shine in darkness, but apart from it; but the preaching of Christ has shone forth in the midst of prevailing error, and made it disappear. And He, by enduring death, has so overcome death that He has restored those already held by it. Since neither death overcame it nor error, since it is bright everywhere, and shines by its proper strength, therefore he says, 'And the darkness did not comprehend' (Jn. 1:5). For it cannot be overcome, and will not dwell in souls which do not wish to be enlightened ... But this light comes by faith, and when it has come, it lights abundantly the one who has received it. And if you display a pure life worthy of it, it remains dwelling within continually ... As one cannot rightly enjoy the sunlight, except by opening one's eyes, so neither can one largely share this splendor, unless one has expanded the eye of the soul, and rendered it in every way keen of sight. But how is this effected? Only when we have cleansed the soul from all the passions. For sin is darkness, and a deep darkness. This is clear, because men do it unconsciously and secretly.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily Von John I, 3, 4. B#58, p. 24.

That dead man was being buried, and many friends were conducting him to his tomb. But there meets him Christ, the Life and Resurrection, for He is the destroyer of death and of corruption; He it is 'in Whom we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28); He it is Who has restored the nature of man to that which it originally was; and has set free our death-fraught flesh from the bonds of death.

St. Cyril of Alexandria. Commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke, Homily B#42, p. 153.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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