

*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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Luke 10:36-37.*

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

Currently 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 welcome opportunities to serve (can be an evening after work). **You are always needed, even if it is for a couple of hours.**

The Winter Carmel Market started October 19 and continues every Saturday until March 29, 2025. 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

- **This year's Winter Market (Oct 19 – March 29) has begun and requires 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.**
- 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:

THE PHILLIP’S FAST BEGINS NOV 15 AND CONTINUES THROUGH DEC 24

All those between the ages of 15 and 60, in good health, not pregnant or lactating are expected to observe this fast. Fasting includes abstaining from animal products on Wednesdays and Fridays. Everyone can abstain from something like television, social media, video gaming and spend that time in prayer, service and alms giving.

CHRISTMAS ON THE PRARIE DEC 14, 2024

In the spirit of the season of gift and joy, Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen, Illinois, would like to share the gifts of our St. Nicholas tradition and our prairie in their 9th Annual “Christmas on the Prairie” event. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about the true story of the original St. Nicholas and what Christmas on the prairie might have been like for the early settlers. This indoor/outdoor family event will take place on the Annunciation’s rolling ten acres of restored prairie on Saturday, December 14th from 2pm to 6pm.

- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the mystical beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage

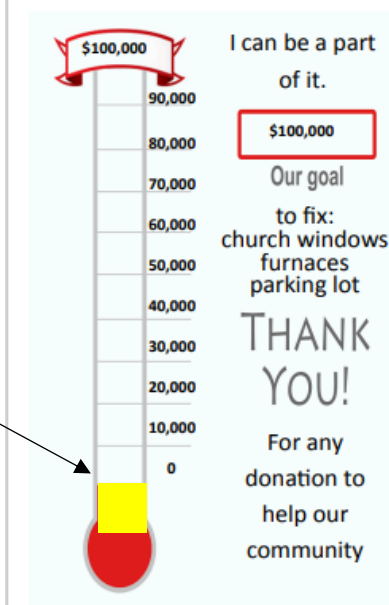
The flyer for the event and letter to parents are posted in Dormition Hall here at St. Athanasius. <https://byzantinecatholic.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Christmas-on-the-Prairie-Flyer-2024S.pdf> Letter to parents <https://byzantinecatholic.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Parents-Letter-2024S.pdf>

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 **\$10,077.00**

Do you know anyone who can help write grants?



Services for the Week of November 10 – November 17, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	November 10 25 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Eph 4:1-6 Lk 10:25-37
Monday	November 11 Menas, Victor and Vincent - Martyrs	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Tim 1:1-7 Lk 14:1 & 12:15
Tuesday	November 12 Josaphat Archbishop		No Services	Heb 4:14 - 5:6 Lk 14:25-35
Wednesday	November 13 John Chrysostom Archbishop	6:00 PM	Vespers	Heb 7:26 – 8:2 Jn 10:9-16
Thursday	November 14 Philip - Apostle	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy start of Phillips Fast in evening	1 Cor 4:9-16 Jn 1:43-51
Friday	November 15 Gurias, Samonas and Habib - Martyrs	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	1 Tim 4:4-8 & 16 Lk 16:15-18 & 17:1-4
Saturday	November 16 Matthew - Apostle Evangelist	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 4:9-16 Mt 9:9-13
Sunday	November 17 26 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Eph 5:9-19 Lk 12:16-21

Financial Report 11/3

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
11/3	\$893.36	\$100.00	\$320.00		\$1,199.53	\$2,512.89

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

What is this 'unity of Spirit'?... To this end was the Spirit given, that He might unite those who are separated by race and by different manners; at for old and young, rich and poor, child and youth, woman and man, and every soul become in a manner one, and more entirely so than if there were one body. For this spiritual relation is far higher than the other natural one, perfectness of the union more entire; because the conjunction of the soul is more perfect, inasmuch as it is both simple and uniform. And how then is this unity preserved? 'In the bond of peace'... Not simply that we should be at peace, not simply that we should love one another, but that all should be only one soul. A glorious bond is this; with this bond let us bind ourselves together with one another and unto God... Now then, what impairs this bond? Love of money, passion for power, for glory, and the like loosens them, and severs them asunder... Now what is this one body? The faithful throughout the whole world, those who are, and those who have been, and those who will be. And again, those who before Christ's coming pleased God, are 'one body.' How so? Because they also knew Christ. How does this appear? 'Your father Abraham,' He says, 'rejoiced to see My day, and saw it, and was glad' (John 8: 56). And again, 'If you had believed Moses,' He says, 'You would have believed Me, for he wrote of Me' (John 5: 46) ... If there is one head, then there is one body. The body is composed of members both honorable and dishonorable...

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT

The love which Paul requires of us is no common love, but that which cements us together, and makes us cleave inseparably to one another, and effects as great and as perfect a union as though it were between limb and limb. For this is that love which produces great and glorious fruits. Hence, he says, there is 'one body,' one, both by sympathy, by not opposing the good of others, and by sharing their joy, having expressed all at once by this figure. He then beautifully adds, 'and one Spirit,' showing that from the one body there will be one Spirit... God has called you all on the same terms. He has bestowed nothing upon one more than upon another. To all He has freely given immortality, to all eternal life, to all immortal glory, to all brotherhood, to all inheritance. He is the common Head of all; 'He has raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Jesus Christ' (Eph. 2: 6). You then, who in the spiritual world have such great equality of privileges, how is it that you are high – minded?

St. John Chrysostom. *Homilies IX, X, XI, on Ephesians IV.* B#57 PP. 94, 96, 97, 99, 102.

Luke 10:25-37

At that time a lawyer stood up to pose this problem to Jesus: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered him: "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The lawyer replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live." But because the lawyer wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus re-plied, "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell prey to robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: 'Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back.'" "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to the lawyer, "Then go and do the same."

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Very skillfully the Savior of all weaves the parable of him who fell into the hands of thieves. He said that when the man was lying half dead, and in the last extremity of evil, a priest passed by, and in a like manner a Levite without feeling towards him any sentiment of humanity or dropping upon him the oil of compassionate love; their mind rather was unsympathizing and cruel toward him. But one of another race, a Samaritan, fulfilled the law of love. Justly, therefore, He asked, which of these three was the sufferer's neighbor. And he said, 'He who showed mercy on him'. And it to this Christ added, 'Go and do likewise.' You have seen, O lawyer, and it has been proved by the parable, that it is of no avail whatsoever to any man, to be set up by empty names and pride to himself on unmeaning and ridiculous titles, so long as the excellence of deeds does not accompany them. For the dignity of the priesthood availing to its owners and equally so is being called learned in the law, to those who are so reputed, unless they also excel in deeds. For lo! A crown of love is being twined for him who loves his neighbor; and he proves to be a Samaritan. Nor is he rejected on this account; for he who was foremost among the disciples, the blessed Peter testified (Acts 10:34) 'In truth I perceive that God it's not a respecter of persons; but in every nation, whosoever fears Him, and works righteousness, is accepted of Him.' For Christ, Who loves our virtues, accepts all who are diligent in good pursuits; by Whom and with Whom, to God the Father be praise and dominion with the Holy Spirit, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria. *Commentary on the Gospel of Saint Luke*, Homily 68. B# 42, P. 290.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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