



*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.

*"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart. **Ephesians 5***

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 6:40 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 are appreciated], toiletries, cereal, carton milk)
- Bags for the food pantry need to be assembled every week.
- **In the garden: soil preparation, fall planting of garlic, leaves for mulching**
- Plastic grocery bags are needed for the food pantry and market sales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ST. ATHANASIUS CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Make a tray of holiday cookies and set a price. Bring the cookie tray to church on Saturday, December 21 to sell. Check the flyer on the website for details.

FUNDRAISING GRANTS TEAM

If you are interested in participating with the fundraising grant writing team contact Fr. Mykhaylo or Dawn Montague.

THE PHILLIP’S FAST IS ONGOING 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 **\$10,667.00**

Do you know anyone who can help write grants?



Services for the Week of November 17 – November 24, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
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
Monday	November 18 Plato and Roman Martyrs		No Services	1 Tim 5:1-10 Lk 19:37-44
Tuesday	November 19 Obadiah - Prophet		No Services	1 Tim 5:11-21 Lk 17:26-37
Wednesday	November 20 Gregory the Decapolite Venerable	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Tim 5:22-6:11 Lk 18:15-17 & 26-30
Thursday	November 21 Solemn Holy Day Entrance of the Theotokos	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 9:1-7 Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28
Friday	November 22 Philemon and Other Apostles	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	2 Tim 1:1-2 & 8-18 Lk 19:12-28
Saturday	November 23 Amphilochius and Gregory - Bishops	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Gal 5:22-6:2 Lk 10:19-21
Sunday	November 24 27 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Eph 6:10-17 Lk 13:10-17

Financial Update 11/10 – 11/17

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
11/10	\$2,528.83	\$589.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$718.09	\$3,905.92

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Ephesians 5:9-19

Brethren: (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.,

WHATEVER MAKES MANIFEST IS LIGHT

He had said, 'you are light.' Now the light reproves by exposing the things which take place in the darkness. So that if you, he says, are virtuous, and conspicuous, the wicked will be unable to lie hidden. For just as when a candle is set, all are brought to light, and the thief cannot enter, so if your light shines, the wicked being discovered will be caught. So, then it is our duty to expose them.

How then does our Lord say, 'Judge not, that you be not judged?' (Matt. 7: 1, 3). Paul did not say 'judge,' he said 'reprove,' that is, correct. And the words, 'Judge not, that you be not judged,' He spoke with reference to very small errors... But what Paul is saying is of this sort. As a wound, so long as it is imbedded and concealed outwardly, and runs beneath the surface, receives no attention, so also sin, as long as it is concealed, being as it were in darkness, is daringly committed in full security; but as soon as 'it is made manifest,' it becomes 'light' – not indeed the sin itself (for how could that be?) but the sinner. For when he has been brought out into the light, when he has been admonished, when he has repented, when he has obtained pardon, have you not cleared away all darkness? Have you not then healed his wound? Have you not called his unfruitfulness into fruit? Either this is his meaning, or else what I said above, that your life 'being manifest, is light.' For no one hides an irreproachable life; whereas things which are hidden, are hidden by darkness covering them.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XVIII on Ephesians V.* B#56, P. 133.

Luke 12:16-21

The Lord told this parable: "There was a rich man who had a good harvest. 'What shall I do?' he asked himself. 'I have no place to store my harvest. I know!' he said. 'I will pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and my goods will go there. Then I will say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for years to come. Relax! Eat heartily, drink well. Enjoy yourself.' But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life shall be required of you. To whom will all this piled-up wealth of yours go?' That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God. "(Let him who hears this, heed it!]"

OUGHT NOT THIS WOMAN...WHOM SATAN HAS BOUND...FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS, BE LOOSED FROM THIS BOND ON THE SABBATH?

Mark, I pray, how variously and suitably in each case, He introduces His pleas for the breaking of the Sabbath. So first in the case of the blind man, He does not so much as defend Himself to them when He made the clay: and yet then also they were blaming Him. But the manner of the creation was enough to indicate the Lord and Owner of the law. Next, in the case of the paralytic, when he carried his bed, and they were finding fault, He defends Himself, now as God, and now as man, as man, when He says, 'If a man on the Sabbath day receives circumcision, that the law should not be broken' ... 'are you angry at Me, because I have made a man completely well on the Sabbath day?' (John 7:23). As God again, when He says, 'My Father works hitherto, and I work' (John 5:17). But when blamed for His disciples, He said, 'Have you not read what David did' (Cf. Matt. 12:3,4)...He also brings forward the priests.

And the other evangelist (Mark) says that He also looked about on them 'when asking these questions, so by His very eye He might win them over; but not even so did they become better ... None of these things made them meek, rather while the man was healed, they became worse by his health. For His desire was indeed to cure them before him, and He tried innumerable ways of healing, both by the things He did in their presence, and by His words, but since their malady was incurable after all, He proceeded to the work ... They had received no injury, yet they went about to slay Him. So great an evil is envy. For it is ever warring, not only against strangers, but even against our own. And Mark says, they took this counsel with the Herodians.

St. John Chrysostom. *Homily XL on Matthew XII*, 1, 2. B#54, pp. 259-260.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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