

*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.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Ephesians 6:10,11

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, or 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 is also a welcome opportunity 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. (The average price for homemade cookies at local farmer’s markets is \$1.25 per ounce which is what we price the cookies and biscotti that we sell at the market). Bring the cookie tray to church on Sunday, December 22 to sell. Check the flyer on the website for more 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>

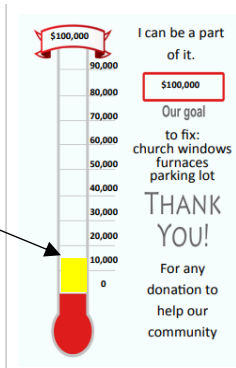
Letter to parents <https://byzantinecatholic.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Parents-Letter-2024S.pdf>

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 **\$10,767.00**

Do you know anyone who can help write grants?



Services for the Week of November 24 – December 1, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
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
Monday	November 25 Clement and Peter-Pope and Bishop		No Services	2 Tim 2:20-26 Lk 19:37-44
Tuesday	November 26 Alypius the Stylite - Venerable	6:00 PM	Emmanuel Moleben	2 Tim 3:16-4:4 Lk 19:45-48
Wednesday	November 27 James the Persian - Martyr		No Services	2 Tim 4:9-22 Lk 20:1-8
Thursday	November 28 Stephen - Venerable Martyr		No Services	Titus 1:5-2:1 Lk 20:9-18
Friday	November 29 Paramon and Philemon - Martyr	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	Titus 1:15-2:10 Lk 20:19-26
Saturday	November 30 Andrew - Apostle	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 4:9-16 Jn 1:35-51
Sunday	December 1 28 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF Ukrainian DL	Col 1:12-18 Lk 18:18-27

Financial Update 11/17 – 11/24

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
11/17	\$833.81	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$572.32	\$1,546.13

27th Sunday After Pentecost

Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having fastened the belt of truth around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the Evil One. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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He does not speak against the fighting, nor against the hostilities, but against the 'wiles.' For this enemy is at war with us, not simply, nor openly, but by 'wiles.' To use 'wiles' is to deceive and to take by artifice or contrivance... and stratagems in the case of those who seduce us. The Devil never proposes to us sins in their proper colors...Our conflict is with one skilled in the arts of war...'For you were once darkness' (Eph. 5:8); so naming that wickedness which is in this present life; for beyond it, it will have no place, not in Heaven, nor in the world to come...By 'evil day' he means the present life, and also calls it 'this present evil world' (Gal. 1:4)...How then, you may say, are we to wrestle with the darkness? By becoming light. How with the spiritual hosts of wickedness? By becoming good...No, if we have a mind, neither will we wrestle at all, for it is because we choose it, that there is a struggle, since so great is the power of Him who dwells in us, as He said, 'Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy' (Luke 10: 9). All power He has given us, both of wrestling and of not wrestling. It is because we are slothful, that we have to wrestle with them... Then let us trample underfoot the power of the devil; let us trample under foot our sins, I mean everything that pertains to this life: wrath, lust, vainglory, every passion.

St. John Chrysostom. Homely XXII on Ephesians V. B#57, PP. 159 -162

Luke 13:10-7

At that time on a sabbath day Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. There was a woman there who for eighteen years had been possessed by a spirit which drained her strength. She was badly stooped-quite incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said, "Woman, you are free of your infirmity." He laid his hand on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began thanking God. The chief of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus should have healed on the sabbath, said to the congregation, "There are six days for working. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath." The Lord said in reply, "O you hypocrites! Which of you does not let his ox or ass out of the stall on the sabbath to water it? Should not this daughter of Abraham here who has been in the bondage of Satan for eighteen years have been released from her shackles on the sabbath?" At these words, his opponents were covered with confusion; mean-while everyone else rejoiced at the marvels Jesus was accomplishing.

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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