



*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.

“There is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” Colossians 3:11

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 Father Mykhaylo, 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, crackers, peanut butter)
- 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:

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS			
Monday	December 23	6:00 PM	Royal Hours
Tuesday	December 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Christmas Holy Supper Great Compline and Matins
Wednesday	December 25 Christmas Day	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Mirovanije Christmas Show
Thursday	December 26 Synaxis of the Theotokos	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Friday	December 27 The Holy Apostle, Protomartyr, Archdeacon Stephen	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	December 31 Last day of the year	6:00 PM	Vespers
Wednesday	January 1 Circumcision of the Lord; Feast of St. Basil the Great; New Year	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy

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 third annual Christmas show takes place on December 25, Christmas Day. Divine Liturgy will be at 10:00, and the Christmas show will take place immediately after. Please invite your family and friends to this special day.

Services for the Week of December 15 – December 22, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	December 15 th Sunday of the Forefathers	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Rehearsal for Christmas show	John 20:11-18 Col 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24
Monday	December 16 th Holy Prophet Aggai		No Services	Heb 11:17-23, 27-31; Mark 9:42-10:1
Tuesday	December 17 th Holy Prophet Daniel	6:00 PM	Moleben to Emmanuel	Heb 12:25-26; 13:22-25; Mark 10:2-12
Wednesday	December 18 th The Holy Martyr Sebastian		No Services	James 1:1-18; Mark 10:11-16
Thursday	December 19 th The Holy Martyr Boniface	6:00 PM	Moleben to Emmanuel	James 1:19-27; Mark 10:17-27
Friday	December 20 th Prefestive Day of Christmas	6:00 PM	Moleben for Sick People	James 2:1-13; Mark 10:23-32
Saturday	December 21 st Prefestive Day of Christmas	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Galatian 3:8-12; Luke 13:18-29
Sunday	December 22 nd Sunday before Christmas	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF & Vespers	John 20:19-31 Heb 11:9-10; 17- 23; 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25

Financial update:

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
12/8	\$1335.66	\$150.00	\$80.00		\$691.35	\$2,257.01

29th Sunday After Pentecost

Colossians 3:4-11

When Christ who is our life appears, you will also appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you also once walked when you lived in them. But now you must also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in the knowledge of according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER, SINCE YOU HAVE PUT OFF THE OLD MAN WITH HIS DEEDS

You shall destroy all those who utter a lie (Ps. 5:7). The mouth that speaks a lie will slay the soul (Wis. 1:11).

Forasmuch as all sins arise through love of pleasure or avarice or vainglory, and we can say that lying has its roots in these three vices: a man has to avoid blame and humiliation to fulfill his own desires or to gain something... And in the end no one believes him when he speaks the truth... A man whose very life is a lie is one who is licentious and pretends to be temperate, or a miser who speaks of almsgiving and compassion, or ostentatious and goes in raptures over poverty, not wanting to acquire the virtue he praises... 'the devil changes himself into an angel of light' (II Cor. 11:14)... the man whose very life is a lie: he is not a simple but a two – faced man; he is one thing on the inside and another on the outside.

St. Dorotheos of Gaza. *Discourses*, IX. On Falsehood. B# of 45, PP. 160 – 162.

Luke 14:16-24

The Lord told this parable: "A man was giving a large dinner and he invited many. At dinner time he sent his servant to say to those invited, 'Come along, everything is ready now.' But they began to excuse themselves, one and all. The first one said to the servant, 'I have bought some land and must go out and inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going out to test them. Please excuse me.' A third said, 'I am newly married and so I cannot attend.'

The servant returning reported all this to his master. The master of the house grew angry at the account. He said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' The servant reported, after some time, "Your orders have been carried out, my lord, and there is still room.' The master then said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedgerows and force them to come in. I want my house to be full, but I tell you that not one of those invited shall taste a morsel of my dinner.' For many are called but few are chosen.

THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

This parable... proclaims beforehand both the casting out of the Jews, and the calling of the Gentiles, and it indicates together with this also the strictness of the life required, and how great the punishment appointed for the careless... And when were they bidden? By all the prophets; by John [the Baptist] again; for he would pass all on to Christ, saying 'He must increase, I must decrease' (John 3: 30); by the Son Himself again, 'Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you' (Matt. 11:28) and again, 'if any man thirsts, let him come unto Me and drink' (John 7: 37). But not by words only, by actions also He bade them, after his ascension by Peter, and those with him. 'For He who wrought effectually in Peter,' it is said, 'to the apostleship of the circumcision, was mighty also in me towards the Gentiles,' (Gal. 2: 8)... And yet the calling was of grace. Why then does He take a strict account? Because although to be called and to be cleansed was a grace, yet, when called and clothed in clean garments, to continue keeping them so, this is this is of the diligence of those who are called.

St. John Chrysostom. Homily LXIX on Matthew XXII, 1, 2. B# 54, PP. 421, 423.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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