



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great
Byzantine Catholic Church*

**“Christ is Born! Glorify Him!”
“Christos Razdajetjsja! Slavite Jeho!”**

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.

Troparion - Tone 4:

**Your birth, O Christ our God,* has shed upon the world the light of knowledge;* for throught those who worshiped the stars* have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice,* to know you, the Dawn from on High.*
Glory to you, O Lord!**

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.**

SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR			
Tuesday	<u>December 31</u> Last day of the year	6:00 PM	Vespers
Wednesday	<u>January 1</u> Circumcision of the Lord; Feast of St. Basil the Great; New Year	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy
SCHEDULE FOR THEOPHANY			
Friday	<u>January 3</u> Pre-festive Day of Theophany	6:00 PM	Royal Hours
Saturday	<u>January 4</u> Saturday before Theophany	6:00 PM	Vespers
Sunday	<u>January 5</u> Sunday before Theophany	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00PM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>Great Compline than Great Blessing of water</u>
Monday	<u>January 6</u> The Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	<u>January 7</u> Synaxis of the Holy Forerunner, Prophet and Baptist John	6:00 PM	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 22– December 29, 2024				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	December 22 Sunday of the Forefathers	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>than Christmas cookie sail in the rectory Luncheon</u>	Heb 11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25
Monday	December 23 Prefestive Day of Christmas	6:00 PM	Royal Hours	
Tuesday	December 24 Vigil of Christmas	5:00 PM 6:00-6:30 PM	<u>Holy Supper</u> Great Compline and Matins	
Wednesday	December 25 <u>Christmas Day</u>	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy than <u>Christmas show</u>	James 1:1-18; Mark 10:11-16
Thursday	December 26 <u>Synaxis of the Theotokos</u>	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	James 1:19-27; Mark 10:17-27
Friday	December 27 <u>The Holy Apostle, Protomartyr, Archdeacon Stephen</u>	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	James 2:1-13; Mark 10:23-32
Saturday	December 28 Saturday after Christmas	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Galatian 3:8-12; Luke 13:18-29
Sunday	December 29 Sunday after Christmas	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	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	\$946.61	\$100.00	\$46.00		\$515.63	\$1,608.24

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Matthew 1: 1-25

A family record of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. Thus the total number of generations is: from Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, an upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had

said through the prophet: "The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him and received Mary into his home as his wife. He had no relations with her at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus.

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews. Brethren: By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only-begotten son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence he did receive him back and this was a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and

Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more shall I say?

For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, illtreated of whom the world was not worthy wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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