

*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.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” – Colossians 3:12

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:

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>

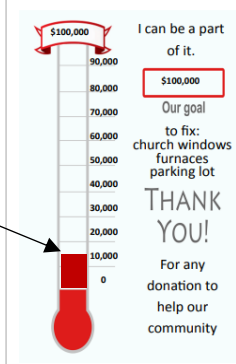
Letter to parents <https://byzantinecatholic.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Parents-Letter-2024S.pdf>

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 **\$16,976.82**

Do you know anyone who can help write grants?



Services for the Week of December 8 – December 15, 2024				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	December 8 th 29 th Sunday After Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF & Vespers	Col 3:12-16; Gal 4:22-31; Lk 17-12-19; Lk 8:16-21
Monday	December 9 nd Patapius - Venerable		No Services	Heb 8:7-13 Mk 8:11-21
Tuesday	December 10 th Means and Others - Venerable	6:00 PM	Moleben to Emmanuel	Heb 9:8-10 & 15-23; Mk 8:22-26
Wednesday	December 11 th Daniel the Stylite - Venerable		No Services	Heb 10:1-18 Mk 8:30-34
Thursday	December 12 th Our Lady of Guadalupe	6:00 PM	Moleben to Emmanuel	Heb 9:1-7 Lk 1:39-56
Friday	December 13 th Eustratius and Others – Martyrs	6:00 PM	Moleben to Sick People	Eph 6:10-17 Lk 21:12-19
Saturday	December 14 th Thrysus and Others – Martyrs	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Eph 5:1-8 Lk 14:1-11
Sunday	December 15 th Sunday of the Forefathers	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:15 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF & Vespers	Heb 11:9-10 & 17-23 & 32-40; Mt 1:1-25

Financial Update 12/1/24

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
12/1	\$1,633.21	\$100.00	\$30.00		\$1,141.79	\$2,935.00

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).

For as much 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 17:12-19

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. Now one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

THAT THE ABUNDANT GRACE MIGHT THROUGH THE THANKSGIVING OF MANY REDOUND TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Having met the Savior, therefore, the lepers earnestly besought Him to free them from their misery, and called Him Master, that is, Teacher. No one pitied them when suffering this malady; but He Who had appeared on earth for this very reason, had become man that He might show pity to all, He was moved with compassion for them, and had mercy on them. And why did He not rather say, I will, be you cleansed; as He did in the case of another leper, but commanded them rather to show themselves to the priests? It was because the law gave directions to this effect to those who were delivered from leprosy (Lev. 14: 2); for it commanded them to show themselves to the priests, and to offer a sacrifice for their cleansing. He commanded them to go, therefore, as being already healed, and, that they might, so to speak, bear witness to the priests, as rulers all the Jews, and ever envious of His glory, that wonderfully, and beyond their hope, they had been delivered from their misfortune by Christ's willing that they should be healed... (Cf. Luke 5:12)... The nine then, as being Jews, falling into a thankless forgetfulness, did not return to give glory to God; by which He shows that Israel was hard of heart, and utterly unthankful: but the stranger – for as being a Samaritan he was of a foreign race, having been brought there from Assyria, for the phrase 'in the middle of Samaria and Galilee' is not without meaning – returned with a loud voice to glorify God. It shows, therefore, that the Samaritans were grateful, but that the Jews, even when it befitted, were ungrateful.

St. Cyril of Alexandria. Commentary on the Gospel of Saint Luke, Homilies 113-116. B# 42, PP. 465-466.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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