



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

“Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!”

**THANK YOU BISHOP ROBERT FOR BEING WITH US.
GOD GRAND BISHOP ROBERT MANY BLESSED AND HAPPY
YEARS.**

Kontakion - Tone 4:

You have revealed yourself to the world today; and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. We recognize you and exclaim to you: You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

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.

FUNDRAISING GRANTS TEAM

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

BLESSING OF THE HOUSE DURING THE THEOPHANY PERIOD

THE DAY AND TIME CAN BE AGREED WITH FR. MYKHAYLO. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WORK SO I CAN COME TO BLESS THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY IF THAT WORKS WITH YOU. PLEASE, SIGN YOUR NAME ON IN THE FORM IN THE CHURCH ON THE TABLE WHERE WE TAKE THE BULLETINS. IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP YOU CAN CALL TO FR. MYKHAYLO'S

**CELLPHONE:
(216) 532-6364**

UKRAINIAN DIVINE LITURGY IS PLACED AT JANUARY 19, 2025

The Fourth Annual Men's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

The Beatitudes: The Way of Life Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center Fremont, Ohio

March 14, 2025

March 16, 2025 Retreat Master: Father Lukas Mitro

Contact Karl Busam for further information karl.busam.77@gmail.com

1-419-626-6811

Further details will follow Sponsored by Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

The Twelfth Annual Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lord Jesus Christ The Path to the Father Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center

Fremont, Ohio

March 7, 2025 - March 9, 2025

Retreat Master: Father Jan Maturkanic

Contact Joan Washburn for further information 865-696-7809

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Services for the Week of January 12 – January 19, 2025				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	<u>January 12</u> Sunday after <u>Theophany</u>	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Entrance & Matins Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Mt 28:16-20 Eph 4:7-13 Mt 4:12-17
Monday	January 13 Leave-taking of Theophany		No service	Heb 8:7-13 Mk 8:11-21
Tuesday	January 14 -festive day of Theophany	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 9:8-10 Mk 8:22-26
Wednesday	January 15 Venerable Father Paul and John		No service	Heb 10:1-18 Mk 8:30-34
Thursday	January 16 Veneration of the Chain of Apostle Peter	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 10:35-11:7 Mk 9:10-16
Friday	January 17 Venerable Father Anthony the Great	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 11:8.11-16 Mk 9:33-41
Saturday	January 18 Holy Fathers of Athanasius and Cyril	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Heb 13:7-16 Mt 5:14-19
Sunday	<u>January 19</u> 35 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Mk 16:1-8 1 Tim 1:1-7 Lk 18:35-43

Financial update:

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
1/5/25	\$927.66	\$150	\$55	\$122	\$1,372.84	\$2,627.5

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

"Jesus ... departed into Galilee" (Matt 4:12)

"Why does He depart? Again, He instructs us not to go to meet temptation but to give place and withdraw ourselves. He retires to Capharnaum; at once fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah (Is 9:1,2) ... by plotting against His forerunner and casting him into prison, they thrust Christ into Galilee of the Gentiles...Then He implies that they themselves did not seek and find, but that God showed Himself to them from above, He says to them, 'Light has dawned,' that is the light of itself sprang up and shone forth: it was not that they first ran to the light ... "

St. John Chrysostom on Matthew 4

Epiphany; divine life breaks forth into human life, in the person of a tiny Child. God is a God of surprises, wrapping the most special gifts in His unusual packages, as the late Cardinal Terence Cooke reminds us: "The gift of life, God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age. At these times, human life gains extra splendor as it requires our special care, concern and reverence. It is in and through the weakness of human vessels that the Lord continues to reveal the power of His love."

"Tremble, O earth, at the Presence of the Lord, at the Presence of the God of Jacob" (Ps 114:7).

Lord, many times the earth trembled at your Presence and was obedient to You. You shook Mount Sinai and covered it with smoke and fire; You parted the Red Sea and made the Jordan turn back its waters for Joshua and Elijah. You stopped the sun in its tracks and showed Your power. Your greatness and goodness is evident in all creation at all times.

But we humans - the crown of Your work - do not often meditate on Your wonders, nor do we give You much of our time in our daily journey to You. And yet, You have made us for Yourself as You remind us of this truth in today's epistle to the Ephesians:

"But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of the gift of Christ...And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the Body of Christ..." (4:7, 11, 12).

You have distributed and shared Your gifts among us in the measure and the way that You had decided from all eternity. And these gifts are not given that we might exalt ourselves or be exalted or "Lord it over" others in some way. Rather, they are to be used in service to our "brothers and sisters in the Lord" for their benefit and IS an offering of thanksgiving to You, the One Who gives us "every good and perfect gift". Help us to learn this lesson, Lord, and to accept the gifts You have given us in this spirit.

We are the "Body of Christ", we are Your members, and we are responsible for building up this "Body". But, so often it appears that not only do we not build it up, but rather, we tear it down. We seem to have little regard for each other as members of a common family in God. As a result, we become more and more children of the earth and abandon our destiny as children of heaven. This is a great sadness and yet it is the reality of life; but it need not be so.

"You have revealed Yourself to the world today, and Your light, a Lord, has shined upon us ... " (Kontakion Theophany). I know, Lord, and I hear what You are saying. I am to preach the Word, the Message, and You are both Word and Message. I can preach You with my mouth, tongue and lips but the words will not have strength or power if I do not try to live You with my life.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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