



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

**“Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him forever!”
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava naviky Bohu sviatomu!**

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, all of you are welcome for luncheon.

Venerable father Macarius, the whole world is filled with the fame of your holy deeds; through them, you have received the recompense of your labors in heaven, you destroyed hordes of demons and have been united with the angels, whose pure lives you imitated. By your boldness with Christ our God, ask peace for our souls. *Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Macarius*

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.

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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Please, let's take a few minutes and say a pray for those who ask us to pray for them, for our family and friends. May the Lord touch them and heal them.

PRAYER: Almighty Master, physician of souls and bodies, you humble and raise up, you chastise and then heal. In your mercy visit your (servant/servants) who are sick. Extend your hand, full of healing and care, and heal them, raising (Him, Her, Them) from their sick bed and sickness; rebuke the spirit of infirmity, cast out from (Him, Her, Them) all maladies, all pain, all scourges, all fever, and if (He, She, They) have any sins or offenses, remit, pardon and forgive (Him, Her, Them) in your merciful loving kindness. Yes, Lord, spare your creatures, in Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom you are blessed, with your all-holy, good, and life creating Spirit, now and ever and forever. AMEN!

Services for the Week of January 12 – January 19, 2025				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	<u>January 19</u> 35 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Mk 16:1-8 1 Tim 1:15-17 Lk 18:35-43
Monday	January 20 Venerable Father Euthymius the Great		No service	Heb 11: 17- 23,27-31 Mk 9:42-10:1
Tuesday	January 21 Venerable Father Maximus		No service	Heb 12:25-26; 13:22-25 Mk 10: 2-12
Wednesday	January 22 The Holy Apostle Timothy		No service	Jas 1:1-18 Mk 10:11-16
Thursday	January 23 The Holy Martyr Clement	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Jas 1:19-27 Mk 10:17-27
Friday	January 24 Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Jas 2:1-13 Mk 10:23-32
Saturday	January 25 Holy Father Gregory the Theologian	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 12:7-11 Jn 10:9-16
Sunday	<u>January 26</u> 36 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Mk 16:9-20 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 Mt 15:21-28
Financial update: 1/12/2025				
Bakery	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Days	Sunday Tithes
\$519	\$97.62	\$60	\$0	\$1,452.75
Totals \$2,129.37				

35th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Timothy 1:15-17

A reading from the first Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy. My son, Timothy: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18: 35-43

At that time as Jesus drew near Jericho a blind man sat at the side of the road begging. Hearing a crowd go by the man asked, "What is that?" The answer came that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. The blind man shouted out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" Those in the lead sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Jesus halted and ordered that the man be brought to him. When the blind man had come close, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he answered, "I want to see." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you." At that very moment he

was given his sight and began to follow Jesus, giving God the glory. All the people witnessed it and they too gave praise to God.

The blind man's plea also parallels the humble dependence of the tax collector in Luke 18:9–14. The opening of the eyes of the blind shows the presence of the end times, in which God through his Son begins to transform the world (4:18; 7:22) and which the Church continues to do today by his power and in his name until he comes. However, as then, so now, deliverance from spiritual blindness requires a response of faith. The healing of the blind man is an expression of Jesus' affection and mercy for the poor and the outcast. Jesus continues to show compassion even when the pressure of official authority on him becomes unbearable. When many would step aside or hide, he does not cease to serve. Hence, Jesus' compassion and the spiritual sensitivity of the poor and the outcast are two key themes of Luke. This Evangelist speaks simply and clearly: "Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah of the lineage of David, who performs the works of the "eschaton" (end times) for all who are ready to receive them through the response of faith." His ministry becomes a cause for the glory and praise of God.

Jerusalem is near, but Jesus continues to serve. Luke invites: "See Who Jesus is as the blind man did! Sight is primarily a matter of the heart, not just the eyes..." We, who carry within us the new life of Jesus, and therefore call ourselves Christians, must imitate our Lord... God wants to establish His Kingdom in the heart of every person, and therefore in the whole earth. He continues to generously sow His Word (Mk 4:1–20), which is living and active (Heb 4:12). However, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). God wants to free us from inner blindness, but for this our desire to see the world

through God's eyes must be manifested through inner purification, which the Gospel calls repentance.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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