



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

“Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!”

**WELCOME BISHOP ROBERT PIPTA, BISHOP OF EPARCHY OF
PARMA IN OUR PARISH OF ST. ATHANASIOS ON JANUARY 11,12
GOD GRAND BISHOP ROBERT MANY BLESSED AND HAPPY
YEARS.**

Troparion - Tone 1:

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed; * for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, * and the Spirit in the form of a dove * confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world.

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 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 5 – January 12, 2025				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
Sunday	<u>January 5</u> Sunday before Theophany Vigil of the Theophany	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:10 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon <u>Great Compline</u> <u>Blessing of water</u>	Jn 21:15-25 2 Tim 4:5-8 Mk 1:1-8 Mk 1:9-11
Monday	<u>January 6</u> Theophany	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday	<u>January 7</u> Synaxis of Prophet John	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Acts 19:1-8 Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday	January 8 Postfestive Day of Theophany		No service	Heb 5:11-6:8 Lk 21:5-7.10- 11.20-24
Thursday	January 9 Postfestive Day of Theophany		No service	Heb 7:1-6 Lk 21:28-33
Friday	January 10 Postfestive Day of Theophany	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	Heb 7:18-25 Lk 21:37-22:8
Saturday	January 11 Saturday after Theophany	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Eph 6:10-17; 2 Cor 4:6-15 Mt 4:1-11; Mt 11:27-30
Sunday	<u>January 12</u> Sunday after Theophany	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Luncheon NO ECF	Mt 28:16-20 Eph 4:7-13 Mt 4:12-17

Financial update:

Date	Bakery Sales	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes	Weekly Total
12/29	\$961.09	\$2,650	\$110	\$592	\$561.46	\$4,874.55

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Mark 1: 1-8

Here begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In Isaiah the prophet it is written: "I send my messenger before you to prepare your way: a herald's voice in the desert, crying, Make ready the way of the Lord, clear him a straight path." Thus it was that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins.

All the Judean countryside and the people of Jerusalem went out to him in great numbers. They were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, and wore a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and wild honey. The theme of his preaching was: "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

2 Timothy 4:5-8

A reading from the second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy. My son, Timothy: As for you, always be steady, endure suffer-ing, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is laid up for me

the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

"...Let us discourse a little about the Feast...and since the chief point of the Feast is the remembrance of God, let us call God to mind...that is, the Godhead...The Father is the Father...the Son is Son...The Holy Ghost is truly Spirit...(So) there ought to be worshippers on earth, that all things may be filled with...glory of God...Christ is illumined, Let us shine forth with Him Christ is baptized, let us descend with Him that we may also ascend with Him...

What are we to learn and to be taught by all this? To purify ourselves first; to be lowly minded...Jesus is purified and do you despise purification?...Moses baptized but this was in water...John also baptized...not only in water but also 'unto repentance'. Still, it was not wholly spiritual, for he does not add 'and in the Spirit'.

Jesus also baptized, but in the Spirit. This is the perfect baptism...I know also a fourth Baptism - that by martyrdom and blood, which also Christ Himself underwent; - and this one is far more august than all the others, inasmuch as it cannot be defiled by after-stains. Yes, and I know of a fifth also, which is that of tears, and is much more laborious."

St Gregory of Nazianzus "Oration on the Holy Lights" Epiphany - 381

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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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