



*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.

We extol You, O Christ the Giver of Life, and we venerate your most pure Mother, who according to the Law brought You this day into the Temple of the Lord.

(Exaltation from Matins)

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 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 stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com

Further details will follow Sponsored by Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

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

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THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

PRESENTS 3RD ANNUAL Family Liturgy & Life Camp Life Transfigured by the Light of the East

3-9 August 2025 CEDAR LAKE MINISTRIES CEDAR LAKE, INDIANA

STAY TUNED TO PARMA.ORG FOR DETAILS!

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 then, 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 February 2 – February 9, 2025				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	February 2 Sunday of Zacchaeus. The Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon & Anna	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 1:00PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Mirovanije Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy ECF	Lk 2:25-32 1 Tim 4:9-15 Heb 7:7-17 Lk 19:1-10 Lk 2:22-40
Monday	February 3 Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Ann	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 9:11-14 Lk 2: 25-38
Tuesday	February 4 Venerble Father Isidore		No service	1 Pet 3: 10-22 Mk 12: 18-27
Wednesday	February 5 Holy Martyr Agatha		No service	1 Pet 4: 1-11 Mk 12: 28-37
Thursday	February 6 Venerable Father and Confessor Photius	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Pet 4: 12-5;5 Mk 12: 38-44
Friday	February 7 Venerable Father Parthenius	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	2 Pet 1: 1-10 Mk 13: 1-8
Saturday	February 8 Prophet Zechariah	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	2 Tim 2: 11-19 Lk 18: 2-8
Sunday	February 9 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Leave-taking (otdanije) of the Encounter	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Lk 24: 12-35 2 Tim 3:10-15 Lk 18: 10-14
<u>Financial update: 1/26/2025</u>				
Bakery	Building Fund	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$729,50	\$100	\$120	\$20(Horizone)	\$876,74
Totals \$1846.24				

Sunday of Zacchaeus

1 Timothy 4:9-15

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. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Luke 19: 1-10

At that time, entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a man there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector and a wealthy man. He was trying to see what Jesus was like, but being small of stature, was unable to do so because of the crowd. He first ran on in front, then climbed a sycamore tree which was along Jesus' route, in order to see him. When Jesus came to the spot he looked up and said, 'Zacchaeus, hurry down. I mean to stay at your house today. "He quickly descended, and welcomed Jesus with delight. When this was observed, everyone began to murmur, "He has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord: "I give half my belongings, Lord, to the poor. If I have defrauded anyone in the least, I pay him back fourfold." Jesus said to him: "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a son of Abraham. The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost."

ON THE GOOD FORTUNE OF ZACCHAEUS

Thus spoke He whose words are life and joy, and the renewal of the righteous. As the mountains are ever more verdant with the breath of spring, so each man, however withered and darkened with sin, becomes refreshed and rejuvenated by the nearness of Christ. For Christ's presence is like that of some life-giving, scented balsam which restores

health, enriches life and gives savor to the soul, the thoughts, the words of a man. In brief, distance from Christ means corruption and death, and closeness to Him means salvation and life.

Today salvation has come to this house', says the Lord as He enters the home of Zacchaeus the sinner. Christ is the salvation that comes, and Zacchaeus is the house to which He comes. Each of us, my brethren, is a house in which sin dwells while Christ is afar off, and to which salvation comes as Christ draws near.

Whether Christ is able or not to draw near to my house and yours depends on us. You see that He did not force an entry into Zacchaeus's house, but came as a warmly-invited guest. Little Zacchaeus had climbed up into a tree, to see the Lord Jesus with his own eyes. He had sought Him, desired Him. And we must seek Him in order to find Him, and desire that He draw near to us, and climb up high in spirit to meet His glance. Then He will visit our house as He visited the house of Zacchaeus, and bring salvation with Him.

HE ALSO IS A SON OF ABRAHAM; FOR THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST

We Gentiles, through Christ, are also 'sons of Abraham' (cf. Gal. 3:7-9). Like Zacchaeus and the publicans, we have extorted, gouged the land, borrowed against our progeny, and accumulated gains falsely for our own ends. Like Zacchaeus, we need to raise ourselves above the passions and jostling of the masses and reach out to invite Christ. We have turned away from God. We are all lost. But our Savior still seeks us. He is inviting Himself today to our house, though we be sinners. Let us give of ourselves to the needy - to Christ. Atheistic governments have prevented us. Yet under governments of freedom we have prevented ourselves by indolence, and by the delusions of busy worldly pursuits. Let us rejoice and welcome Him with open arms and make recompense for our sins. The Bible and the Holy Fathers For Orthodox, Editor, Johanna Manley.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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