



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

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

MARK IN CALENDAR March 2, 2025 at 10AM

Everyone is invited and welcome to participate on Mystery of Chrismation for
Jasmine Marie Mansfield & Jack Winn Mansfield III

Please, let us pray for them and their family.

I foolishly wasted all my Father's goods; I became poor and alone in a land of the wicked. No longer able to bear their company, I now return to you, Father all good, and I cry out to you: I have sinned against heaven and against you; no longer am I worthy to be called your child; accept me as one of your servants and have mercy on me.

(Stichera of the Prodigal Son 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.

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 16 – February 23, 2025				
	Day	Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	February 16 Sunday of the Prodigal Son	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Mirovanije Luncheon ECF	Lk 24: 36-53 1 Cor 6: 12-20 Lk 15: 11-32
Monday	February 17 Holy Great Martyr Theodor the Recruit	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Jn 2:18-3:10 Mk 11:1-11
Tuesday	February 18 Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Jn 3:10-20 Mk 14:10-42
Wednesday	February 19 The Holy Apostle Archippus	6:00 PM	Vespers	1 Jn 3:21-4:6 Mk 14:43-15:1
Thursday	February 20 Our Venerable Father Leo		No service	1 Jn 4:20-5:21 Mk 15:1-15
Friday	February 21 Our Holy Father Eustatius	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Panachida & Hramoty	2 Jn 1-13 Mk 15:22-25.33-41
Saturday	February 22 First All-Soul's Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Thess 4:13-17 Jn 5:24-30
Sunday	February 23 Meatfare Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon ECF	Jn 20:1-10 1 Cor 8:8-9:2 Mt 25:31-46
<u>Financial update: 2/9/2025</u>				
Bakery	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
\$922.94	\$100	\$117	\$10	\$1094.18
Totals \$2244.12				

Thank you to everyone who supports us and helps spread the Holy Gospel of Jesus

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful.

"All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"-and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Luke 15: 11-32

The Lord told this parable: "A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' So the father divided up the property. Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living.

After he had spent every-thing, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of

the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of the pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: 'How many hired hands at my father's place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.' With that he set off for his father's house.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' The father said to his servants: 'Quick! bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' Then the celebration began.

"Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, 'Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.' The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him.

"He said to his father in reply: 'For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then, when this son of yours returns after having gone through your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him.'

"My son,' replied the father, 'you are with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life. He was lost, and is found.'



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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