



*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.

O Theotokos, valiant defender, your servants offer you hymns of victory in thanksgiving, for you have delivered us. But since you have invincible power, free us from all peril that we may exclaim to you: Rejoice, O Unwedded Bride.

(Kontakion of Akathistos Saturday)

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 (laying down cardboard & cover with leaves)
- Plastic grocery bags are needed for the food pantry and market sales.

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!

It could be me

We are creating an activity area in Dormition Hall for our toddlers and preschoolers. A small table and chairs and a rug have been donated. Other items like a small bookcase, floor pillows, books, puzzles and drawing supplies will be needed and welcomed donations.



Pilgrimage of Hope

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" 2
Corinthians 5:7

Saturday, April 5th
SACRED HEART BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Relic Tour
We will be given a special tour of the All Saints Shrine located at the parish!



Prayer
We will pray the Akathist and celebrate Liturgy as a group!



Food
Snacks and dinner will be provided!

REGISTER TODAY!

To register, or for more info visit byzantineyoungadults.com!

Services for Sixth Week of Great Fast

- Tuesday of April 8 – Jesus Prayer
- Wednesday of April 9 - Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy
- Friday of April 11 - Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy
- Saturday of April 12 – Lazarus Saturday

Services for the Week of March 31 – April 6, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	March 30 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast Holy Father John Climacus	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Vespers	Jn 28:16-20 Heb 6:13-20 Mk 9:17-31
Monday	March 31 Our Venerable Father Hypatius	6:00 PM	Jesus Prayer	Isaiah 37:33-38:6
Tuesday	April 1 Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt		No service	Isaiah 40:18-31
Wednesday	April 2 Our Venerable Father Titus	6:00 PM	Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 17:1-9 Proverbs 15:20-16:9
Thursday	April 3 The Great Canon of Our Holy Father Andrew of Crete	6:00 PM	Matins	Isaiah 42:5-16
Friday	April 4 Our Venerable Father Joseph	6:00 PM	Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 22:1-18 Proverbs 17:17-18;5
Saturday	April 5 Akathistos Saturday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	<u>Akathist to Holy Theotokos</u> Vespers Confessions	Heb 9:1-7 Lk 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Sunday	April 6 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast Holy Mother Mary of Egypt	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Vespers	Mk 16:1-8 Heb 9:11-14 Mk 10:32-45
Financial update: 3/23/2025				
Bakery	Building Fund	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
\$1181.85	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$532.90
Totals \$1,789.75				

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT, ST. JOHN OF CLAMSCUS

Hebrews 6:13-20

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews. Brethren: For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, say-ing, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abra-ham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchiz'edek.

Mark 9: 17-31

At that time a man approached Jesus and said: "Teacher, I have brought my son to you because he is possessed by a mute spirit. Whenever it seizes him it throws him down; he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. Just now I asked your disciples to expel the spirit, but they were unable to do so." Jesus replied by saying to the crowd, "What an unbelieving lot you are! How long must I remain with you? How long can I endure you? Bring the boy to me." When they did so the spirit caught sight of Jesus and immediately threw the boy into convulsions.

As he fell to the ground he began to roll around and foam at the mouth. Then Jesus questioned the father: "How long has this been happening to him?" "From childhood," the father replied. "Often it throws him into fire and into water. You would think it would kill him. If out of the kindness of your heart you can do anything to help us, please do!" Jesus said, "If you can"? Everything is possible to a man who trusts." "The boy's father immediately exclaimed, "I do believe! Help my lack of trust!" Jesus, on seeing a crowd rapidly gathering, reprimanded the unclean spirit by saying to him, "Mute and deaf spirit, I command you: Get out of him and never enter him again!" Shouting, and throwing the boy into convulsions, it came out of him; the boy became like a corpse, which caused many to say, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet. When Jesus arrived at the house his disciples began to ask him privately, "Why is it that we could not expel it?" He told them, "This kind you can drive out only by prayer." They left that district and began a journey through Galilee, but Jesus did not want anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples in this vein: "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men who will put him to death; three days after his death he will rise."

St. Andrew of Crete and the Great Canon of Repentance

An enormous composition of more than three hundred stanzas the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete is read in its entirety the first week of the Holy and Great Fast and is prescribed again for Matins of Thursday in the fifth week of the Great Fast.

Authorship is attributed to Saint Andrew, archbishop of Crete, who was born in Damascus and died around the year 720, customarily the year of its composition. The stanzas are prayers of only a short sentence or two and are divided into nine series of odes that express the longings of a guilty and penitent soul. Traditionally, after each stanza a full prostration is performed as the central refrain, "Have mercy on me, O God; have mercy on me" is chanted. The stanzas are a study in contrasting human sinfulness and frailty with the abiding goodness and loving mercy of God. Our Church also uses portions of this Canon during the funeral of a hierarch (bishop) and priest as the body is borne to its final resting place.

The Canon begins by declaring, "The Lord is my help and my protection. He has saved me. He is my God, and I will glorify Him, the God of my ancestors, and I will exalt Him; for He is clothed with glory." The Canon then leads into a profound meditation on the condition of the soul and its accountability before its heavenly Judge by asking, "Where shall I begin when I weep for all the deeds of my life? How shall I sing of my grief?"

In addition to the stanzas attributed to its author, Saint Andrew, the Church includes verses addressed to him, to the Holy Apostles, to our Venerable Mary of Egypt and to the Most Holy Theotokos. Mary of Egypt is invoked as a great example of a repentant sinner. She is commemorated specifically by our Church on the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast. The Virgin Mother of God is implored as an intercessor and protector as each Ode concludes; for example, we read at the end of Ode six: "Your womb has brought into the world for us a God Who is conformed to our humanity; O Mother of God, beseech the Creator of the world that, through your prayers, we may be saved."

The Great Canon is a magnificent presentation on the mystery of redemption and God's bountiful mercy. Within its text are found numerous examples from both the Old and New Testaments of repentance and moral folly to be avoided. Thus we find an exhortation in Ode 3: "Like Lot, O my soul, flee from the flames of sin - far from Sodom and Gomorrah and be saved by ascending to Zoar." And from Ode 5: "Follow the footsteps of Joseph, O my poor and miserable soul: imitate the justice and purity of his heart instead of giving yourself over to the enjoyment of passions which keep you far from God."

Saint Andrew presents the door of the Kingdom opened wide through the Incarnation. He describes how thieves and harlots make haste in response to the invitation of Jesus to pass through the narrow gate through repentance. He encourages the hesitant to lay aside cowardice and to enter into the place where sinners become saints. He takes the believer and sets him among the suppliants seeking reconciliation. The events of salvation recounted in the Canon break the barriers of space and time and see the participant welcomed into the Kingdom: "One thief reviled You upon the Cross. The other confessed Your divinity; for both were sharing the same suffering. O Lord of all goodness, open for me the door of Your glorious Kingdom as You did for the Good Thief who recognized You as God." (taken from Ode 9)

We see in these powerful prayers of repentance, encouragement to undergo a profound turning away from sin which involves humbly and prayerfully coming to terms with our own sinfulness. May we reflect during this holy season on any areas in our lives that may not be under the merciful dominion of the Savior and rekindle in our hearts a spirit of compunction to reform our lives and share more intimately in our heavenly Father's merciful love.



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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