

Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great Byzantine Catholic Church

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!

HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL OF YOU

The angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again, I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day and has raised the dead. Rejoice, all you nations! Shine in splendor, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord is risen up on you. O Zion, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Theotokos, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.

(Magnification; Irmos of Pascha)

Paschal greeting and response in various languages CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Slavonic: Christós Voskrése! Voístinu Voskrése!

Ukrainian: Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam! Háqqan qam!

German: Christus ist Erstanden! Wahrlicit ist er Erstanden!

Greek: Christós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!

Hungarian: Feltamadt Kristusz! Valoban Feltamandt!

Polish: Khristus zmartwychwstal! Naprawde zmartwychwstal!

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.

1 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!

2 SUMMER MARKET

There will be no Carmel Market during the month of April. Bakery activities will continue however, to build inventory for the Summer Market which begins first Saturday of May.

3 PRE CANA

"There is still space available for our Spring PreCana that will take place May 3rd and 4th, at St. John Parish in Solon, OH! Please visit https://taborlife.org/ for more information."

4 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal that reflects the importance of the Church in your life and in the lives of those close to you. The Eparchy needs your support. Your gift will make a positive difference, such as: Development of Parishes, Vocations and Seminarian Education, The Works of the Apostolate and Retired Priests of the Eparchy.

5 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.

6 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.

7 2025 Byzantine Assembly in Whiting, Indiana.

Meet Archbishop Michael Jalakh from the Dicastery for Eastern Churches! Appointed by Pope Francis as secretary for the Dicastery of Eastern Churches in February 2024, Archbishop Jalakh will be attending the entire Assembly 2025 event. He will give a presentation on the importance of the Eastern Churches within the Catholic Church. Archbishop Jalakh is eager to join us in prayer and reflection, united with our bishops and the Metropolia of Pittsburgh. Register today and take the opportunity to meet Archbishop Jalakh!

Visit Byzantineassembly.org to register and plan your trip, or ask your local pastor for a paper registration form that you can mail in! We look forward to worshiping and learning with you.

	Services for the	Week of Apr	il 20 – April 27, 202 <u>5</u>	
<u>Day</u>		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	April 20 Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Resurrection Procession Resurrection Matins Word of St. John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Paschal Foods	Act 1:1-8 Jn 1:1-17
Monday	April 21 Bright Monday	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 1:12-17.26- 26 Jn 1:18-28
Tuesday	April 22 Bright Tuesday	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 2:14-21 Lk 24:12-35
Wednesday	April 23 Bright Wednesday The Holy and Victorious Great Martyr Geaorge	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 2:22-36 Jn 1:35-51
Thursday	April 24 Bright Thursday		No service	Act 2:38-43 Jn 3:1-15
Friday	April 25 Bright Thursday	6:00 PM	No service	Act 3:1-8 Jn 2:12-22
Saturday	April 26 Bright Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions Blessing of Artos	Act 3:11-16 Jn 3:22-33
Sunday	April 27 Thomas Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Mirovanije and distribution of Artos	Mt 28:16-20 Act 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31
		11:30 AM	Luncheon • 4/13/2025	
Financial update: 4/13/2025 Bakery Other Candles Holy Day Sunday Tithes				
\$1,515.36	\$500	\$68	\$40	\$596.70
Totals \$2,720.06				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-8

In the first book, O Theoph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power When the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar'ia and to the end of the earth."

John 1: 1-17

In the beginning was the Word; the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning through him all things came into being, and apart from him nothing came to be. Whatever came to be in him, found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it. There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that through him all men might believe - but only to testify to the light, for He himself was not the light.

The real light which gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and through him the world was made, yet the world did not know who he was. To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him. Any who did accept him he empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in his name - who were begotten not by blood, nor by carnal desire, nor by man's willing it, but by God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have, seen his glory: The glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love. John testified to him by proclaiming: "This is he of whom I said, the one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for he was before me. Of his fullness we have all had a share - love following upon love. For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ

The word of St. John Chrysostom on Easter

Whoever is pious and God-loving, let him rejoice in this great and bright holiday. Whoever is a wise servant, let him joyfully enter into the joy of his Lord. Whoever has labored by fasting, let him receive his reward today. Whoever has set to work since the early hour, let him now receive a just wage. Whoever came after the ninth hour, let him thank God and celebrate joyfully. Whoever arrived

after the twelfth hour, let him not be anxious, for nothing will be denied him. And whoever did not make it to the third hour, let him come without hesitation. And whoever arrived only at the fifth hour, let him not be afraid that he was late.

For the Master is merciful. He accepts the last as well as the first. He satisfies the one who is late and the one who has worked since the morning. And he has mercy on the last and cares for the first; and therefore he gives generously and bestows it. And he accepts deeds, and welcomes intentions; and honors what is done, and praises sincere desires.

Therefore, enter all into the joy of your Lord, and the first and the last receive the same reward! Rich and poor, rejoice together! Persistent and careless, honor this day! Rejoice today, those who fasted and those who did not fast! The Lord's Table is ready - feast on it all! Holy Easter - let no one go hungry! All be nourished by the feast of faith, all partake of the riches of God's goodness!

Let no one complain about poverty, for the reign of all people has come. Let no one be saddened by sins, for forgiveness from the grave has shone on all! Let no one fear death, for the death of the Savior has freed us; he who held it has destroyed it. He who descended into hell was taken captive: He experienced sorrow when he encountered his body.

Foreseeing this, the prophet Isaiah cried out in a loud voice: Hell was grieved, having met your fate... It was grieved because it was destroyed; it was grieved because it was despised. It was grieved because death came upon it. It was grieved because it was destroyed. It was grieved because it was bound.

It took man, and it stumbled upon God. It took the earth, and it encountered the sky. It took what it saw, and it fell because of what it did not see. Where, death, is your sting? Where, hell, is your victory? Christ is risen - and you are cast down. Christ is risen - and the demons have fallen. Christ is risen - the angels rejoice. Christ is risen - and life flows freely.

Christ who was raised from the dead, has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen!

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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins 10 AM Divine Liturgy

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