



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

***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
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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.

Though the tomb had been sealed, O Life, from the grave you a rose,
O Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, you appeared among
the disciples, O Resurrection of All. Through them you renewed an upright
spirit in us according to your great mercy.

(Troparion of Thomas Sunday)

ARTOS

The word ARTOS (in Greek - leavened bread) is consecrated bread. The Artos during the entire Bright Week occupies the most prominent place in the church: usually, it is placed on a tetrapod near the image of the Resurrection of Christ, and at the end of the Bright week, the Artos is distributed to the faithful. The use of Artos dates back to the very beginning of Christianity.

On the fortieth day after His Resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended to heaven. The disciples and followers of Christ found solace in prayerful remembrance, remembering His every word, step, action and deed. When they gathered for prayer, they remembered the Last Supper, partook of the Body and Blood of the Savior. When preparing a regular meal, they left the first place at the table for the invisibly present Lord and placed bread in this place.

Following the Apostles, the first pastors of the Church established that bread be placed in the Church on the feast of Christ's Resurrection - as a clear expression of the fact that the Savior, suffering for us, became for us the true Bread of life. The Artos depicts a cross, on which only a crown of thorns is visible, but there is no Crucified One: as a sign of Christ's victory over death or depicting the Resurrection of Christ. Another ancient church tradition is connected with the Artos, according to which the apostles left another part of the bread at the table - the portion of the Most Pure Mother of the Lord in memory of their constant communion with Her, and after the meal they reverently shared this part among themselves.

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

We start the summer market on May 3 in Carmel from 8 am – 11:30 am.
Come to buy and help, address: 2 Carter Green, Carmel, IN. 46032
We will appreciate any help from 7 am time for set up than at 11:30 am tear down

3 CLEAN UP DAY AT NEIGHBORHOOD

Couple years ago we made help to clean up neighborhood. Please, mark your calendar, we start at 10 am, on May 17.

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 worshipping and learning with you.

Services for the Week of April 27 – May 4, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	April 27 Thomas Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Mirovanije and distribution of Artos Luncheon	Mt 28:16-20 Act 5:12-20 Jn 20:19-31
Monday	April 28 Apostles Jason & Sosipater	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 3:19-26 Jn 2:1-11
Tuesday	April 29 The Nine Holy Martyrs Cyzice	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 4:1-10 Jn 3:16-21
Wednesday	April 30 Holy Apostle James		No service	Act 12:1-11 Lk 5:1-11
Thursday	May 1 Bright Thursday		No service	Act 4:23-31 Jn 5:24-30
Friday	May 2 OUR HOLY FATHER ATHANASIUSTHE GREAT	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb 7:26-8:2 Mt 5:14-19
Saturday	May 3 The Holy Martyr Timothy & His wife Maura	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Act 5:21-33 Jn 6:14-27
Sunday	May 4 The Myrrh-Bearers Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Mk 16:9-20 Act 6:1-7 Mk 15:43-16:8
Financial update: 4/20/2025				
Bakery	Other	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
\$1,724.09	\$1,500	\$203.45	\$350	\$1,448.73
Totals \$5,641.27				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

THOMAS SUNDAY

Acts 5:12-20

A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. In those days: so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sad'ducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, even though the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said. When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At the sight of the Lord the disciples re-joiced. "Peace be with you," he said again. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas (the name means "Twin"), was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him: "We have seen the Lord!" His answer was, "I will never believe it without probing the nailprints in his hands, without putting my finger in the nailmarks and my hand into his side.: A week later, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said; then, to Thomas: "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but be-lieve!" Thomas said in response, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him: "You became a believer because you saw me. Blest are they who have not seen and have be-lieved." Jesus performed many other signs as well - signs not recorded here - in the presence of his disciples.

But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through this faith you may have life in his name.

THOMAS SUNDAY

Today's Sunday is dedicated to the Apostle Thomas, who preached the Gospel teaching in Persia and India. It was thanks to him that the first church appeared in India. And today's Gospel reading shows us that the first church was not ideal. We see that there were fears, there were experiences, there were misunderstandings. In the end, at the death of Jesus Christ, everyone fled, only one John remained under the cross. The others, probably, watched from afar, contemplated death, or fled because they were frightened.

Here, it is to these frightened apostles that the Risen Jesus comes, but then, in the upper room, Thomas was not among the disciples. Why, where was he? And here another question arises: why does Thomas not believe his brothers? Maybe his heart is so frightened, maybe it is so filled with something else, that he simply hears and does not understand everything that is happening. Although he hears from the other disciples the words: "We have seen the Lord." A cry of joy, a cry of faith comes from their lips. We saw that He is Risen and everyone else is talking about it, but he does not believe. One word that he squeezes out of himself: "I will not believe." He does not even notice that their faces are already glowing from the fact that they have seen the Risen Lord, that they have met their Teacher. The problem was not in others, but only in the Apostle Thomas himself. He did not want to accept it, he does not believe.

Each of us in our lives goes down this path of unbelief, but here we must not rush and not force anyone. The Lord does not want to force anyone, does not want to force anyone. The Lord gives time. How much complaining and slander there is in the world, but so little real joy of the Resurrection. And the problem here is not in others, but in ourselves, the problem is that we do not live this Resurrection, that we do not believe in the Resurrection.

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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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