

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.

Once you were filled with all kinds of harlotry; but today, through repentance, you have shown yourself to be a bride of Christ. Yearning for the angelic life, for crushed the devils with the weapon of the cross. Therefore, O glorious Mary, you became a bride in the kingdom.

(Kontakion of a Venerable Woman)

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.

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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.

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.

Services for Holy Week

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Monday,	April 14 - 6PM Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy				
Tuesday,	April 15 - 6PM Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy				
Wednesday	, April 16 - 6PM Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy				
	The Office of the Anointing of the sick				
Thursday,	April 17 - 6PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil				
Friday,	April 18 - 9AM Matins (Passion Gospel readings);				
	- <u>11AM</u> Royal Hours;				
	 7PM Vespers with Shroud (PLASCHANITSA) 				
	- 9PM Jerusalem Matins				
Saturday,	April 19 - 6PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil				
Sunday,	April 20 - 9AM Resurrection Matins				
	- 10AM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Paschal Foods				

Services for the Week of April 6 – April 13, 2025					
<u>Day</u>		Time	Service	Readings	
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	
Monday	April 7 Our Venerable Father George		No service	Isaiah 48:17- 49:4	
Tuesday	April 8 The Holy Apostles Herodian, Agabus,Rufus,Asyncr itus	6:00 PM	Jesus Prayer	Isaiah 49:6-10	
Wednesday	April 9 The Holy Martyr Eupsychius	6:00 PM	Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 43:26- 45:16 Proverbs 21:23- 22:4	
Thursday	April 10 The Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompey		No service	Isaiah 42:5-16	
Friday	April 11 The holy Martyr Antipas	6:00 PM	Vespers and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 49:33- 50:26 Proverbs 31:8- 31	
Saturday	April 12 Lazarus Saturday	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Vespers Confessions	Heb 12:2813:8 Jn 11:1-45	
Sunday	April 13 Palm Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Blessing of Palms and Pussywillows Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Mt 21:1-11.15-17 Phil 4:4-9 Jn 12:1-18	
Financial update: 3/30/2025					
\$1,568.06	\$250	\$20	\$0	\$1,298.37	
Totals \$3,136.43					

Fifth Sunday of Great Fast, Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt

Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren: But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, takings not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Mark 10: 32b-45

At that time, taking the Twelve aside once more, Jesus began to tell them what was going to happen to him, "We are on our way up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit at him, flog him, and finally kill him, But three days later he will rise." *Zebedee's sons, James and John, approached him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request," "What is it?" he asked, They replied, "See to it that we sit, one at your right and the other at your left, when you come into your glory," Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same bath of pain as I?" "We can," they told him. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of you shall drink; the bath I am immersed in you shall share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved," The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John. Jesus called them together and said to them: "You know how among the Gentiles those who seem to exercise authority lord it over them; their great ones make their importance fett. It cannot be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Son of Man has not come to be served but to serveto give his life in ransom for the many,"

St. Mary of Egypt was born in the city of Alexandria about the year 61 A.M. (345 A.D.) from Christian parents. When she became twelve years old, Satan the enemy of the human race, seduced her, led her astray, and made her his net through which he caught innumerable souls.

She continued in this sinful conduct for seventeen years until the mercy of God touched her life, she met people going to Jerusalem and she went with them. Since she did not have what to pay for the trip, she gave herself to the owners of the ship in return, until she came to Jerusalem. She also went on doing the same there. She wished to enter through the door of the church of the Resurrection, but she felt a hidden power pulling her from the back preventing her

from entering the church. Whenever she tried to enter she felt as someone preventing her from doing so, and right away she realized that was because of her uncleanliness. She lifted up her eyes with a broken heart, and she wept interceding with St. Mary and asked her to intercede on her behalf before her Beloved Son. She felt encouraged and wished to enter with those entering, nothing prevented her from entering, and she prayed therein to God asking Him to guide her for what was pleasing to Him.

She stood before the icon of the blessed and pure Virgin, and asked her fervently to guide her that she might save her soul. A voice came out of the icon saying: "If you cross the Jordan River you will find rest and salvation." She rose in haste and when she left the court yard of the resurrection and on her way she met a man who gave her three small coins with which she bought bread. Then she crossed the Jordan River to the wilderness where she lived for forty seven years. She strove strenuously for seventeen years, Satan fought against her by the fornication that she repented from. She overcame with the grace of God and she ate all this period the herbs of the desert.

In the forty fifth year of her living in the desert, St. Zosima went to the wilderness, according to the custom of the monks there, during the holy Forty Days of fast for devotion and asceticism. While he was walking in the desert he saw this Saint from far and he thought that she was a shadow or mirage. He prayed to God to reveal to him the fact about this mirage, and he was inspired that it was a human being.

He went toward the shadow, but it fled from him. When she saw that he is insisting on following her, she called him from behind a hill saying: "O Zosima if you wish to talk to me, throw me a rag that I may cover myself for I am naked." He marveled for she called him by his name, he threw to her what she covered herself with, and she came to him. After the greetings with the metanoias, she asked him to pray for her because he was a priest. He asked her to tell him the story of her life from the beginning to the present time. After she told him, she asked him to bring with him in the next year the Holy Eucharist to partake of it.

n the next year he came to her and she partook of the Holy Mysteries, then he gave her what he had from dates and lentils, she only took a handful of lentils, and she asked him to come to her in the next year. When he came to her in the next year he found that she had departed, a lion standing beside her and writing beside her saying "Bury Mary, the poor woman, in the dust of which she was created." He marveled from the writing and from the lion that was protecting her body and while he was thinking how he was going to dig to bury her, the lion came and dug a grave for her. He prayed over her and buried her. When he returned to his monastery, he told the monks the story of the strife of this holy woman, and they all increased in steadfastness in the Divine Mercy and progressed in the spiritual life. All the years of her life were seventy six years.

Saint Mary pray for us sinners. Amen!



Weekend Divine Services

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

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