



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

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

Happy Mother's Day to all Mother's, women and girls.

**God grand you many Happy and blessed years,
Mnohaja lita, Christ is Risen, Christos Voskrese!**

You have deigned to take upon yourself our entire human condition, O Lord, and you willed to let yourself be nailed on the Cross, O God our Creator. You have suffered in your humanity destroying Death by your death in order to redeem the human race. Therefore, we sing to you as the Giver of life: Glory to your infinite mercy, O Christ our God.

(2 Sessional Hymn from Matins)

To all Mother's, women and girls

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”
(Philippians 4:6-7).**

Prayer is a mother's best friend. Fight the battles that come with motherhood on your knees, not with your fists or your words. In any situation, put aside your worries and seek the Lord first. And a blessing will come to you that you cannot get in any other way.

“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap a harvest if we do not faint” (Galatians 6:9).

Moms, don't give up! When you are tired and your efforts seem futile, remember that the harvest is ahead. Ask the Lord to renew your strength, move forward, and you will be amazed at what the Lord has in store for you—something so beautiful.

Moms, you are not alone, even though you may feel that way at times. Your Heavenly Father is always so close: “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth” (Psalm 144:18). There are thousands of other women who are facing the same trials, fears, and pain right now. Take the truth into your heart through the Word of God, encourage one another, and pray for one another daily, for we have one of the most important callings.

Opportunities For Service At St. Athanasius

- **This year's Summer Market (May 3 – September 27) 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 (8AM – 11:30AM) 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)**
- **We need to clean the toilets in social hall once a week, any day you would prefer.**

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 till September 27 in Carmel
From 8 am – 11:30 am, which is every Saturday.

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.**

Come let us worship and bow before Christ! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Last Chance for Early Bird Rates! Assembly 2025 – July 16-20
Time is running out! Early bird registration for Assembly 2025 is closing soon—don’t miss your chance to secure discounted rates for this incredible gathering of faith, fellowship, and reflection.
Join us as we worship and walk alongside our bishops, hear inspiring discussions on faith and mission, and connect with fellow Byzantine Catholics from across the Metropolia.

Register now at ByzantineAssembly.org before the early bird rates expire! You can also ask your local pastor for a paper registration form to mail in. We look forward to seeing you in July—may God bless you and your loved ones!

Services for the Week of May 11 – May 18, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	May 11 Sunday of the Paralytic Man Mother’s Day	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Lk 24:1-12 Act 9:32-42 Jn 5:1-15
Monday	May 12 Holy Father Epiphanius		No service	Act 10:1-16 Jn 6:56-69
Tuesday	May 13 The Holy Martyr Glyceria	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 10:21-33 Jn 7:1-13
Wednesday	May 14 Mid-Pentecost	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 14:6-18 Jn 7:14-30
Thursday	May 15 Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 10:34-43 Jn 8:12-20
Friday	May 16 Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost	6:00 PM	Moleben for the sick	Act 10:44-11:10 Jn 8:21-30
Saturday	May 17 Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Act 12:1-11 Jn 8:31-42a
Sunday	May 18 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn 20:1-10 Act 11:19-26.29-30 Jn 4:5-42
Financial update: 5/04/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
\$1,790.88	\$300	\$250	\$0	\$1,837.33
Totals \$4,178.21				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

Sunday of the Paralytic

Acts 9:32-42

In those days: Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aene'as, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aene' as, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Peter in Joppa Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas or Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

John 5: 1-15

At that time, on the occasion of a Jewish feast, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Pool there is a place with the Hebrew name *Bethesda. Its five porticoes were crowded with sick people lying there blind, lame or disabled waiting for the movement of the water. There was one man who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus, who knew the man had been sick for a long time, said when he saw him lying there, "Do you want to be healed?" "Sir," the sick man answered, "I do not have anyone to plunge me into the pool once the water has been stirred up. By the time I get there, someone else has gone in ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk!" The man was immediately cured; he picked up his mat and began to walk. The day was a sabbath. Consequently, some of the Jews began telling the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath, and you are not allowed to carry that mat around." He ex-plaind: "It was the man who cured me who told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' ""This person who told you to pick it up and walk," they asked, "who is he?" The man who had been restored to health had no idea who it was. The crowd in that place was so great that Jesus had been able to slip away. Later on, Jesus found the man in the temple precincts and said to him: "Remember, now, you have been cured. Give up your sins so that something worse may not overtake you." The man went off and informed the Jews that Jesus was the one who had cured him.

Dear brothers and sisters,

On this Sunday of the Ascension, we continue to reflect on the Paschal mystery – the Resurrection of our Lord. Today’s Gospel reading draws our attention to the very foundation of Christian spirituality – the person of Jesus Christ, our Savior. This is the true God-man, whose arrival was awaited not only by the sick man at the font, who from the depths of his wounded and lonely heart said: “I have no man to help me...” (Jn. 5:7), but also by all humanity in need of His saving healing. After all, Jesus came to bring the Good News to the poor, the suffering and the destitute, proclaiming his mission in these words: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed...” (Lk. 4:18).

The Holy Scriptures give us examples of how Christ fulfills His mission in compassion and mercy for those who needed healing or help. The three Gospel words that we often hear in the Gospel very beautifully reflect the fullness of God's light and love with which Christ comes into the darkness of human sorrows and suffering. So we still remember the sad atmosphere of sorrow and weeping that filled the house of the deceased Lazarus. His closest people mourn the bitter loss of a dear person, hopelessness and sadness reign. And here the Holy Scriptures give these important and saving words:

“And then Jesus came”... The sick mother-in-law of the Apostle Peter, a bitter experience of pain and suffering... And again we hear: “Then Jesus came.” The confused apostles after the Resurrection, among them the apostle Thomas, who does not find the strength to believe, because they are still filled with the bitter feelings of Good Friday, as if they have lost the Lord in whom they had placed their hopes... And then we hear: "And then Jesus came." Today's Gospel tells us that in the place of human misery, grief and sorrow, heavy human groans and weeping, the One comes, "Who came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Christ turns his divine gaze to one man, whom everyone seems to have forgotten. For 38 years now, he has been lying here in the hope that one day the moment will come when he will wait for someone's help to touch the healing spring. He suffers unbearable pain, humiliation and injustice. After all, there was envy, hatred, disputes, and the groaning of the sick - a truly difficult and terrible place. And the Lord Jesus came to this place of sorrow to share with people their suffering. After all, the path of Christ is not just to sympathize with people and heal, He Himself becomes one of them, takes the path of humiliation and voluntary suffering, and thereby overturns the established order: He convinces people not just to do good to the needy and suffering, but to see in them the hidden God, to reveal their power, which can also heal and liberate. Mother - the Church, wanting to follow the example of Christ, understands the groaning of pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters. Today - the Sunday of the Sick - is dedicated to the sick. For it is truly very important to show the world that the suffering should not be rejected. They can reveal a lot to us, because their suffering is not only, as people often think, some kind of punishment for sins. Although it must be admitted that very often, through their unrighteous and sinful lives, people punish themselves with various illnesses and infirmities. This connection between human health and immoral life is very clearly taught to us today by Jesus, who, having met the healed man for the second time in the temple, very clearly says: “Behold, you are made well; sin no more, lest something worse happen to you” (John 5:14).

Therefore, human suffering can be a value for those whom they touch, as well as for all who are able to see in them a means of sanctifying the soul through humility, through imitation of the patient Christ, whose suffering became salvation for all humanity. For many, this can be a good opportunity to trust God more, but also to see the needs not only of their own, but also to be able to serve others in their weaknesses. This is very well depicted in today's Gospel story, in which we are first struck by the fact that a man who has suffered for many years, broken physically and broken spiritually, yet has not found anyone who could extend a helping hand to him. Today we must admit that this also happens in our time with many people, to whom we often remain cold-hearted, we do not find help for those who suffer from illnesses, are in spiritual despair, who seek and cannot find their way in life, and ultimately yearn for light - the Living God. Dear brothers and sisters, each of us often stands with our own needs and pains in the vestibule of a healing spring. We have heard of the spring in Jerusalem, into which desperate people rushed, but which occasionally became healing, only when an angel stirred up the water. Instead, we have those inexhaustible and constant springs in which we can truly find help. First of all, it is the Word of God, in which there is everything necessary for the spiritual life of man. Our spring is also the Holy Chalice - the Most Holy Eucharist, in which we draw the nourishment of eternal life, it is also our daily prayer, mutual love and respect, a worthy Christian life - these are the springs from which not alone, but everyone can benefit daily.

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Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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