



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

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

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.

At the sixth hour, you came to the well, O Fountain of Wonders, to ensnare the fruit of Eve; for at that very hour, she had been driven from Paradise by the guile of the serpent. When the Samaritan woman came to draw water, you said to her, O Savior:

Give me water to drink, and I will give you waters of eternal life. And the woman hastened to the city and proclaimed to the people: Come and see Christ the Lord, the

Savior of our souls.

**(Stichera from Vespers)**

## **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 6 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 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.

## **4 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.

## **5 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.

## **6 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](http://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 18 – May 25, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
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
Monday	May 19 Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 12:12-17 Jn 8:42-51
Tuesday	May 20 Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 12:25-13:12 Jn 8:51-59
Wednesday	May 21 Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost		No service	Act 13:13-24 Jn 6:5-14
Thursday	May 22 The Holy Martyr Basiliscus		No service	Act 14:21-27 Jn 9:39-10:9
Friday	May 23 Venerable Father & confessor Michael	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 15:5-34 Jn 10:1-28a
Saturday	May 24 Our Venerable Father Simeon	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Act 15:35-41 Jn 10:27-38
Sunday	May 25 Sunday of the Man born blind	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins  Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn 20:11-18  Act 16:16-34 Jn 9:1-38
Financial update: 5/11/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Ukrainian Liturgy	Sunday Tithes
\$1,972.33	\$250	\$85	\$230	\$756.81
Totals \$3,294.14				

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH**

# Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

## Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

In those days: Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyre'ne, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greek also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barn-abas to Antioch.

When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch.

For a whole year they met with the Church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## John 4: 5-42

At that time, Jesus had to pass through Samaria, and his journey brought him to a Samaritan town named Shechem near the plot of land which Jacob had given to his son Joseph. This was the site of Jacob's well. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. The hour was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone off to the town to buy provisions. The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" Recall that Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans. Jesus replied.

If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water." "Sir," she challenged him, "you do not have a bucket and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this flowing water? Surely you do not pretend to be greater than our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it with his sons and his flocks? Jesus replied: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty; no, the water I give shall become a fountain within him, leaping up to provide eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Give me this water, sir, so that I shall not grow thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He said to her, "Go, call your husband, and then come back here." "I have no hus-band," replied the woman. "You are right in saying you have no husband!" Jesus ex-claimed. "The fact is, you have had five, and the man you are living

with now is not your husband. What you said is true." "Sir," answered the woman, "I can see you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship God." Jesus told her: "Believe me, woman an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You people worship what you do not understand, while we understand what we worship; after all, salvation is from the Jews. Yet an hour is coming, and is already here, when authentic worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him: "I know there is a Messiah coming. (This term means Anoint-ed.)

When he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus replied, "I who speak to you am he." His disciples, returning at this point, were surprised that Jesus was speaking with a woman. No one put a question, however, such as "What do you want of him?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman then left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people: "Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did! Could this not be the Messiah?" At that they set out from the town to meet him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he told them: "I have food to eat of which you do not know." At this the disciples said to one another, "Do you suppose that someone has brought him something to eat?" Jesus explained to them: "Doing the will of him who sent me and bringing his work to completion is my food. Do you not have a saying: 'Four months more and it will be harvest!'"

Listen to what I say: Open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest! The reaper already collects his wages and gathers a yield for eternal life, that sower and reaper may rejoice together. Here we have the saying verified: 'One man sows; another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you had not worked for. Others have done the labor, and you have come into their gain." Many Samaritans from that town believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony: "He told me everything I ever did."

The result was that when these Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So he stayed there two days, and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. As they told the woman: "No longer does our faith depend on your story. We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Savior of the world."

**Dear perishioners-friends,visitors,** Starting this week, the Liturgy of the Church prepares us for the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, for the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, because half of the way has already passed between the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the moment of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon

the Apostles. Very often, in order to explain to people who the Holy Spirit is, who the Most Holy Trinity is – the One God in three persons – the holy fathers said this: “The Holy Spirit is living water”. We know that when there is no water, everything dies, but when pure, all-giving water comes – everything turns green and gains the fullness of life. And so, the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Most Holy Trinity, is in the Father, as in a source, and in Jesus Christ – as in a well, is given to each of us as living water. The holy apostle Paul says this in 1 Cor. 12, 13: “For we were all baptized into one Spirit ... and we were all given to drink of one Spirit”.

In today's Gospel, we hear a very interesting and profound conversation between Jesus Christ and a Samaritan woman. This conversation takes place outside the city at a well. How interesting: Jesus Christ, the true well, which has a source of living water, comes, sits down at this well of Jacob and waits for a thirsty person. This Samaritan woman comes out of that city and is the personification of every person who is thirsty for God. The conversation takes place at noon, when the sun is at its zenith, when a person feels thirsty. And now Christ himself came to the thirsty person and takes the first step towards her. Jesus first addresses his word to the woman and says to her: “Woman, give me a drink!” This phrase is much deeper in its meaning than we think. Eating and drinking together in the Holy Scripture means not only satisfying some bodily needs, but also entering the inner world of the one with whom you eat and drink. That is why the further topic of conversation is the personal, private life of this woman. With his question, Christ begins to enter her inner world, her personal life situation. We will say: “He begins to dig a new well in her heart, into which he wants to put the water of life that she carries within herself.” By asking her for water, he actually gives her living water. Today, Christ gives us a good answer using the example of this Samaritan woman. She was so impressed by this encounter with Christ that she left her pitcher and brought the people living water, the water of the Holy Spirit, no longer in a pitcher, but in her heart. And she gave drink to the whole city, and all the people came to see that source. And in the end, they say that now we believe, not because of your word, woman, but because we have heard for ourselves and know that He is truly the Savior of the world, Christ. So, to be a believer means to share faith, to share that living water that flows from within us. Therefore, our task is to give that living water to the thirsty.

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**Weekend Divine Services**

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vespers

**Sunday:** 8:15 AM Matins  
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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