



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

***In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to your
departed servant Francis Pope of Rome and remember him
forever.***

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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.

The myrrh bearing women arrived early in the morning and seeing the tomb of the Lord empty, they ran to the apostles and said: The Mighty One has broken the strength of Death and has delivered all those held in the bonds of Hades. Announce with great confidence that Christ our God is truly risen and grants great mercy to us.
(2 Sessional Hymn from Matins)

GREETINGS FROM EASTER SUNDAY TO ASCENSION

The Easter greeting **"CHRIST IS RISEN"** first came from the lips of an angel to the myrrh-bearing women at the Lord's tomb. This joyful greeting has been among us for hundreds of years and throughout the entire Easter season, from Easter Sunday to the Ascension, a total of 40 days. With this greeting, we express Easter joy and confess our faith in Christ's and our resurrection. Answer is **"INDEED HE IS RISEN"**

NO KNEELING FROM EASTER SUNDAY TO PENTECOST

During the period of Pentecost, namely from the feast of Easter until the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of the joy of the resurrection, **we do not bow or kneel.** The Council of Nicaea (325) declared: "Since some kneel on the Lord's Day and on the days of Pentecost, for the sake of uniformity in all Eparchies, **the Council has decided that at that time prayers should be offered to God standing"** (Rule 20). The Sixth Ecumenical Council also has a similar decision in Rule 90.

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 Special Petitions for a Papal Conclave

Again we pray that the Church may be guided by your Most Holy Spirit, to provide a wise and holy pontiff for the welfare of your people and the strengthening of faith; we pray you, O Lord, hear and have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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.

2025 Byzantine Assembly; Attention Young Adults!
Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded young adults, and enjoy a vibrant weekend of Community, worship and faith filled fun? Join us for the 2025 Byzantine Assembly (July 17-20) in Whiting, Indiana—an inspiring gathering that celebrates our enduring faith and commitment to God’s presence and a courageous faith in Christ! This is your chance to be part of a Synodal Church, where faith and fellowship come together, and spend some time with our bishops, priests and fellow Byzantine Catholics. Discounted registration rates and special housing available! See your pastor about a sponsorship! Visit us at ByzantineAssembly.org. See you in July!

| Services for the Week of May 4 – May 11, 2025 | | | | |
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| Day | | Time | Service | Readings |
| 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 |
| Monday | May 5 Holy & Glorious Martyr Irene | | No service | Act 6:8-7:5a.47-60 Jn 4:46b-54 |
| Tuesday | May 6 The Holy & Just Job the Long-suffering | | No service | Act 8:5-17 Jn 6:27-33 |
| Wednesday | May 7 Holy Martyr Acacius | 6:00PM | Divine Liturgy | Act 8:18-25 Jn 6:35-39 |
| Thursday | May 8 Holy Apostle & Evangelist John the Theologian | 6:00PM | Divine Liturgy | Act 8:26-39 Jn 6:40-44 |
| Friday | May 9 The Holy Prophet Isaiah | 6:00 PM | Divine Liturgy | Act 8:40-9:19 Jn 6:48-54 |
| Saturday | May 10 The Holy Apostle Simon & Zealot | 5:00 PM | Vespers Confessions | Act 9:19b-31 Jn 15:17-16:2 |
| Sunday | May 11 Sunday of the Paralytic Man | 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 |
| Financial update: 4/27/2025 | | | | |
| Bakery | Building | Candles | Holy Day | Sunday Tithes |
| \$428.37 | \$11,494 | \$76 | \$0 | \$1,586.63 |
| Totals \$13,584.37 | | | | |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

THIRD PASCHAL SUNDAY
Sunday of the Ointment-bearing Women

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Mark 15: 43-47, 16: 1-8

At that time, Joseph from Arimathea arrived - a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin. He was another who looked forward to the reign of God. He was bold enough to seek an audience with Pilate and urgently requested the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Learning from the centurion that Jesus was dead, Pilate released the corpse to Joseph. Then, having bought a linen shroud, Joseph took Jesus down, wrapped him in the linen, and placed him in a tomb which had been cut out of rock. Finally he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb. Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene and Mary the Mother of Jesus observed where Jesus had been entombed.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils with which they intended to go and anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise, on the first day of the week they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked, they found that the stone had been rolled back (It was a huge one.) On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This frightened them thoroughly, but he reassured them: "You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; he is not here.

See the place where they buried him. Go now and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.'" They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling; and because of their great fear, they said nothing to anyone.

Ointment-bearing Women

When we hear about the myrrh-bearing women, we always see the moment when the Lord begins to transform their weeping and sorrow into joy. Those who went, mixing tears with peace, return completely different. It is as if the angel takes the tears of the women and transforms them into the good news of joy, and the myrrh that they carried to anoint the body of the deceased becomes a balm with which the wounds of those who, to this day, in various circumstances, cry, suffer, seek healing and the power of the word "Christ is risen!" will be anointed. In the modern context, we can say that Christ, with his resurrection, honored those whom the society of that time did not value. It is known that in that culture, the testimony of women had no weight. However, the Lord entrusts them with the greatest message in the history of the created world. Only women could bring him myrrh and their love that morning, which Christ transforms by the power of his resurrection from an expression of respect for the deceased into a means of serving the living. He is risen!

If we, hearing about that angel's voice and the empty tomb, can only imagine what was happening in the souls of the myrrh-bearing women, we will find today a balm for the wounds of our pain. However, the word of God that we hear today changes everything. Interestingly, the angel does not reject or despise the weeping of the myrrh-bearing women, but rather takes it into his hands and transforms it. Perhaps today we, as good myrrh-bearing women, should bring this sadness, pain, and weeping to the tomb of Christ along with our love, because today that angel will take away the tears, will not let them fall in vain on the ground, and will transform them into the joy of the resurrection, which will heal our wounds. Today, more than ever, the Lord God gives every woman a balsam, the power to change weeping into joy.

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Christos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!



Weekend Divine Services

Saturday: 5 PM Vespers

Sunday: 8:15 AM Matins
10 AM Divine Liturgy

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