

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.

Let us listen to the Church of God which cries out to us in a sublime proclamation: Whoever thirsts, let them come to me and drink! It is in the cup of Wisdom that I mix my wine; I have mixed it with the world of truth; and the water I pour out is not the water of strife, but that of harmony in the faith which the new Israel drinks, to whom God appeared, saying: Look and see! I am the same, I have not changed, I am the God both before and after all time. There is no other but I. Those who drink this water will be satisfied and shall praise the great mystery of faith.

(Ikos from Matins)

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: <u>2 Carter Green, Carmel, IN. 46032</u>
We will appreciate any help from 7 am time for set up than at 11:30 am tear down

3 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Ukrainian Divine Liturgy is placed on June 15 on Father's Day at 1PM

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 <u>ByzantineAssembly.org</u> 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 June 1 – June 8, 2025				
<u>Day</u>		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	June 1 Sunday of the Fathers at the first Nicean Council	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn 21:1-14 Act 20:16- 18.28-36 Jn 17:1-13
Monday	June 2 Post-festive Day of Ascencion		No service	Act 21:8-14 Jn 14:27b-15:7
Tuesday	June 3 Post-festive Day of Ascencion		No service	Act 21:26-32 Jn 16:2b-13a
Wednesday	June 4 Post-festive Day of Ascencion	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 23:1-11 Jn 16:15-23
Thursday	June 5 Post-festive Day of Ascencion	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Act 25:13b-19 Jn 16:23b-33a
Friday	June 6 Leave-taking of Ascencion	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Panachida	Act 27:1-44 Jn 17:18-26
Saturday	June 7 Memory of all the Faithful departed	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Thess 4:13-17 Jn 5:24-30
Sunday	June 8 Pentecost Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn 20:19-23 Act 2:1-11 Jn 7:37-52;8:12
Financial update: 5/25/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$1,854.12	\$0 	\$20	\$40	\$879.77
Totals \$2,793.89				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

Sunday of the Holy Fathers - of the 1st Council of Nicea Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36

In those days: Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Mile tus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the Church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

John 17: 1-13

At that time Jesus looked up to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come! Give glory to your Son that your Son may give glory to you, inasmuch as you have given him authority over all mankind, that he may bestow eternal life on those you gave him. Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given you

Glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Do you now, Father, give me glory at your side, a glory I had with you before the world began. I have made your name known to those you gave me out of the world. These men you

gave me were yours; they have kept your word. Now they realize that all you gave me comes from you. I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me and they received it. They have known that in truth I came from you, they have believed it was you who sent me.

For these I pray-not for the world but for these you have given me, for they are really yours. Just as all that belongs to me is yours so all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. I am in the world no more, but these are in the world as I come to you. O Father most holy, protect them with your name which you have given me that they may be one, even as we are one. As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your name which you gave me. I kept careful watch, and not one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost - in fulfillment of Scripture. Now, however, I come to you; I say all this while I am still in the world that they may share my joy completely."

We are all heirs to the gift of the First Council of Nicaea

This Sunday we honor the Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea. This Council is a unique icon of the unity of the Church of Christ, especially in the 4th century, when it, so to speak, solemnly came out of the underground after the cruel Roman persecutions. It brought together 318 bishops from all over the world: Alexandria, Jerusalem, the Middle East, Antioch, Rome, distant Gaul, Spain and other regions of the Roman Empire, who jointly testified to unity in faith. This Ecumenical Council was, as it were, a historical manifestation of the one powerful Holy Spirit who gives birth to the Church.

We are all heirs to the gift of the First Council of Nicaea - the "Creed of Faith", which we pronounce at every Divine Liturgy. All of us, learned "Creed of Faith" by heart in the Church with priest, or at home with parents, grandparents, at school with teachers, or with friends. Where did the Holy Fathers of the Council get the "Symbol of Faith"? After all, it is radically different from the usual texts. This is not a joint declaration or a voted document of the assembly, to which everyone signed as a result of a compromise or agreement, but something completely different. In early Christianity, each Church, local

community had its own symbol of faith, which was the key to understanding the word of God, the faith that it received from the apostles who founded the community.

When someone wanted to be baptized, they were given the key to understanding the truth, God's Revelation. And so at the Ecumenical Council, each of its participants was a witness to the symbol of the apostolic tradition and the faith of their local, local Church. They gathered to reveal the faith of the community of Christians that they represented, that is, to proclaim its symbol of faith, and to listen to each other. During the conciliar confession of faith, it became clear that they all believed the same, although they spoke different languages, lived in different cultures, and countries. They had probably never seen each other before, had not agreed on what to say when confessing the faith of their Church.

So how did it happen that they confessed the same faith of the apostles with one heart and one mouth? This was a manifestation of the one Holy Spirit who inspired them, rested in them, and spoke through their mouths!

Saint Irenaeus of Lyons says this: "All accept one and the same God the Father, believe in the same plan of the incarnation of the Son of God, know the same gift of the Spirit, keep the same commandments, observe the same order of the Church, await the same coming of the Lord, and acknowledge the same salvation of the whole person—soul and body" (Against Heresies, V, 20, 1). It was the Holy Spirit, who created the Council of the Fathers, who solemnly revealed that the holy apostolic tradition, the purity of faith, is manifested in the fact that the bishops of the Church of Christ throughout the world are united in the Lord's truth, preach the word of God in the same way, believe in the same way, preserve the same apostolic tradition and perform the same Sacraments by the Holy Spirit.

Christians throughout the world live by the same moral rules, live the same piety and spiritual life. Therefore, the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea was a manifestation of the one Spirit of God, which animates the Church of Christ to this day.



Weekend Divine Services

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

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