

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.

With what beautiful hymns shall we praise Peter and Paul? They are wings of divine knowledge, spreading out to the far ends of the earth and soaring a loft to heaven. They are two heads of the Gospel of grace, two feet of the preaching of the truth, two rivers of wisdom and two arms of the Cross, through which the merciful Christ casts down the pride of demons.

(Stichera from Vespers of the holy apostles Peter and Paul)

## 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** VOLONTEERING AT CHURCH

Our community needs us, parish has many different jobs that you might like to do and can help our parish: help with baking, lawn care, church cleaning, flower care, hall and bathroom cleaning. WE WAIT FOR YOU. THANK YOU!

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 29 – July 6, 2025				
<u>Day</u>		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	June 29 Third Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Apostles Peter & Paul	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Mk 16:9-20 Rom 5:1-10 2 Cor 11:21-12:9 Mt 6:22-34 Mt 16:13-19
Monday	June 30 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Rom 9:18-33 Mt 11:2-15
Tuesday	July 1 Healers Cosmas & Damian	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Rom 10:11-11:2 Mt 11:16-20
Wednesday	July 2 Deposition of the venerable Robes of the Theotokos	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Rom 11:2-12 Mt 11:20-26
Thursday	July 3 Holy Martyr Hyacinth		No service	Rom 11:13-24 Mt 11:27-30
Friday	July 4 Holy Andrew of Jerusalem		No service	Rom 11:25-36 Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	July 5 Venerable Fr. Athanasius of Mt. Athos	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 6:11-17 Mt 8:14-23
Sunday	July 6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Lk 24:1-12 Rom 6:18-23 Mt 8:5-13
Financial update: 6/29/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$1,630.52	\$0 	\$21	\$0	\$466.94
Totals \$2,118.46				

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Romans 5:1-10

Brethren: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man-though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

#### Matthew 6: 22-34

The Lord said: "The eye is the body's lamp.

If your eyes are good, your body will be filled with light; if your eyes are bad, your body will be in darkness. And if your light is darkness, how deep will the darkness be! No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money. I warn you then: do not worry about your livelihood, what you are to eat or drink or use for clothing. Is not life more than food? Is not the body more valuable than clothes?

"Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Which of you by worrying can add a moment to his life-span?

As for clothes, why be concerned? Learn a lesson from the way the wild flowers grow.

They do not work; they do not spin. Yet I assure you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was arrayed like one of these. If God can clothe in such splendor the grass of the field, which blooms today and is thrown on the fire tomorrow, will he not provide much more for you, O weak in faith! Stop worrying, then, over questions like, 'What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we

to wear?' The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first his kingship over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides. Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself. Today has troubles enough of its own.

### Dear, all parishioners and friends, visitors

When the Church celebrates the memory of the saints, it honors not only some of their glorious deeds. It shows us their lives as an example of our sanctification and salvation. The spiritual feats of the saints through fasting and prayer, righteous life, or the martyrdom of many of them are an example for us how to grow in faith, hope, and love for Jesus Christ, and build a strong spiritual connection with him.

The saints, by the example of their lives and teachings, direct our gaze to Jesus Christ as the source of life and true happiness, a reliable guide to a happy eternity. All the saints, through constant prayer, learned God's truths, the teaching of Jesus Christ. Through their persistent spiritual labor, they discovered for themselves an invaluable treasure - God's boundless love for us and a great value - eternal life, the opportunity to constantly remain in this love. Therefore, the saints tried to constantly strengthen their connection with God through prayer and the Holy Mysteries, in order to have the strength to fight sins and follow Christ along the path of God's commandments and thus confidently achieve the goal of their life - the Kingdom of Heaven. For them, one thing was important - to receive the highest reward in life - the eternal love of God. Those whom we call saints today are Christians who have received these gifts.

All the saints show us by the example of their lives what it means to believe in God and live by faith, to hope in Him, to trust Jesus and love Him. Whoever truly believes in Jesus Christ will not pursue wealth and benefit for his body, but will strive first of all to know God's truths and through them God himself, to build a strong bond of love with Him as the true foundation of his happiness.

Thus, the Apostle Peter became for us an example of great faith. Even through his shadow, Jesus healed the sick or raised the dead through his intercession. In his epistles, Saint Peter focuses a lot of attention on faith: "In this you rejoice, even though now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the tested quality of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though tested by fire, may be found to be a cause for praise, glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him, you love him. Although you do not see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Pet 1:6-10).

The Holy Apostle Paul is for us a model of knowing Jesus Christ and of His love. After his conversion, he left us in his letters the most examples of how to love Christ. The love of Jesus is the highest wisdom and the greatest value that the apostle Paul discovered for himself, about which he himself wrote: "I count all things as loss for the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ" (**Philippians 3:8**), "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (**Philippians 1:21**). In his epistles, Paul often notes that it is love that best helps us in the work of our sanctification and salvation.

The saints, having come to know and love Christ as true happiness, sought Him not only for themselves. They also tried to lead others to God by their word and example, to help them know Jesus, believe in Him, and love sincerely, so that God's happiness would also come into their lives. "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you, and considering the outcome of their conduct, imitate their faith" (**Heb 13:7**), writes the Apostle Paul.

CHRIST IS AMONG US! HE IS AND SHALL BE!



**Weekend Divine Services** 

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

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