

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.

The Holy Spirit is Light and Life, the Living Spring mystically gushing forth, the Spirit of Wisdom and Spirit of Knowledge, good, up right and understanding, majestic, and purifying from sin. He is God and deifies us; Fire proceeding from fire, speaking, acting, and distributing gifts. It is through him that all the prophets and the apostles of God have received the crown, together with the martyrs. A strange report to hear and strange to see: the fire is divided for the sharing of gifts.

(Stichera from Pentecost 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 <u>UKRAINIAN LITURGY & FATHER'S DAY</u>

Ukrainian Divine Liturgy is placed on June 15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OF FATHERS.

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 8 – June 15, 2025				
<u>Day</u>		Time	Service	Readings
	June 8 Pentecost	8:15 AM	Matins	Jn 20:19-23
Sunday	Sunday	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Act 2:1-11 Jn 7:37-52;8:12
Monday	June 9 Pentecost Monday	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Eph 5:9-19 Mt 18:10-20
Tuesday	June 10 Pentecost Tuesday	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Rom 1:1-7.13- 17 Mt 4:25-5:12
Wednesday	June 11 Pentecost Wednesday	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Rom 1:18-27 Mt 5:20-26
Thursday	June 12 Pentecost Thursday		No service	Rom 1:28-2:9 Mt 5: 27-32
Friday	June 13 Pentecost Friday		No service	Rom 2:14-29 Mt 5:33-41
Saturday	June 14 Leave-taking of Pentecost	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 1:7b-12 Mt 5:42-48
Sunday	June 15 Sunday of all saints Father's Day	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Mt 28:16-20 Heb 11:33- 12:2a Mt 10:32-33.37- 38
Financial update: 6/1/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$1,792.40	\$250 T = 4	\$37	\$0 4.0.00	\$1,139.46
Totals \$3,218.86				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. In those days: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

John 7: 37-52, 8: 12

On the last and greatest day of the feast of Booths, Jesus stood up and cried out: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me; let him drink who believes in me. Scripture has it:

From within him rivers of living water shall flow.' "Here he was referring to the Spirit, whom those that came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit as yet, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some in the crowd who heard these words began to say, "This must be the Prophet." Others were claiming, "He is the Messiah." But an objection was raised: "Surely the Messiah is not to come from Galilee? Does not Scripture say that the Messiah, being of David's family, is to come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" In this fashion the crowd was sharply divided over Jesus.

Some of them even wanted to apprehend him. How-ever, no one laid hands on him. When the temple guards came back, the chief priests and Pharisees asked them, "Why did you not bring him in?" The guards re-plied, "No man ever spoke like that before." The Pharisees retorted, "Do not tell us you too have been taken in! You do not see any of the*Sanhedrin believing in him, do you? Or the Pharisees? Only this lot, that knows nothing about the law — and they are lost anyway!" One of their own number, *Nicodemus (the man who had come to Jesus [by night]), spoke up to say, "Since when does our law condemn any man without first hearing him and knowing the facts?" They taunted him: "Do not tell us you are a Galilean too! Look it up. You will not find the Prophet coming from Galilee." • Jesus spoke to the people once again: "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life."

THE MEANING OF THE PENTECOST

The event of the Pentecost had a very great significance for the apostles and the first Christians. This event still has the same significance for the entire Church of Christ.

Saint John Chrysostom, in his sermon on the feast of Pentecost, says: "The most gracious God has today endowed us with great gifts that are difficult to express in words. Therefore, let us all rejoice together and, rejoicing, glorify our God... For what do we live on, of that which pertains to our salvation was not given to us through the Holy Spirit? He freed us from slavery, called us to freedom, and adopted us as sons. From this source (the Holy Spirit) flow prophecies, the grace of healing, and all that from him with which the Church is accustomed to adorn herself."

In the stichera of the Vespers of Pentecost we read: "The Holy Spirit gives everything. He pours out prophecies, perfects priests, teaches wisdom to the ignorant, reveals theologians to fishermen, and unites the entire church assembly. O Comforter, consubstantial and co-throne with the Father and the Son, glory to You."

"Through the Holy Spirit," says Saint Basil the Great, "there is a return to paradise, an ascension to the heavenly kingdom, and an adoption of sonship. Through Him we can call God Father, we can become partakers of the grace of Jesus Christ, be called children of light, and participate in eternal glory..." (On the Holy Spirit, chapter 15).

The Holy Spirit gave the apostles the gift of speech, the gift of understanding the Holy Scriptures, and the gift of courage in preaching and confessing the holy faith. "On the day of Pentecost," says the Second Vatican Council, "[the Holy Spirit] descended upon the disciples to abide with them forever. Then the Church manifested herself publicly among the people, the preaching and spread of the Gospel began among the nations, and ultimately the Church of the New Testament became the prototype of the unity of all peoples in the universality of the faith, which speaks in all languages…" (Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church, § 4).

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are truly great and generous. Of them the Holy Apostle Paul says: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22-23).

The Holy Spirit also descended upon us in the sacrament of chrismation with his gifts and anointed us as Christ's fighters, and made our body his temple. The Holy Apostle Paul reminds us of this great truth and instructs us to live in this way: "Do you not know," he says, "that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? You have received it from God, and you are no longer your own. For you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body!" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

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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