



*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.

At your death, there occurred a wonder surpassing all understanding: the assembly of saints drew near in great numbers; your face grew radiant as the rising sun, showing the splendor of your soul and its purity, confirming in the sight of all the blessed end which you had attained.

(Stichera of Sisoës 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 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 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 July 6 – July 13, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
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
Monday	July 7 Venerable Father Thomas		No service	Rom 12:4-5.15-21 Mt 12:9-13
Tuesday	July 8 Hole Great Martyr Procopius	From:10am To: 2PM	Summer Vacation Bible school	Rom 14:9-18 Mt 12:15-16.22-30
Wednesday	July 9 Holy Martyr Pancratius	From:10am To: 2PM	Summer Vacation Bible school	Rom 15:7-16 Mt 12:38-45
Thursday	July 10 Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis Armenia	From:10am To: 2PM	Summer Vacation Bible school	Rom 15:17-29 Mt 12:46-13:3
Friday	July 11 Holy Martyr the Illustrious Euphemia		No service	Rom 16:1-16 Mt 13:4-9
Saturday	July 12 Holy Martyrs Proclus & Hilarion	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 8:14-21 Mt 9:9-13
Sunday	July 13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Lk 24:12-35 Rom 10:1-10 Mt 8:28-9:1
Financial update: 6/29/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$1,882.01	\$0	\$55	\$70	\$1,907.30
Totals \$3,844.31				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Romans 6:18-23

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ro-mans.

Brethren: and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 8: 5-13

At that time as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him with this request Sir, my serving boy is at home in bed paralyzed, suffering painfully." Jesus said to the centurion, "I will come and cure him "Sir" the centurion said in reply, "I am not worthy to have you under my roof, Just give an order and my boy will get better. I am a man under authority myself and I have troops assigned to me. If I give one man the order, 'Dismissed,' off he goes. If I say to another, 'Come here.'"

If I tell my slave, Do this, he does it." Jesus showed amazement on hearing this and remarked to his followers, "I assure you, I have never found this much

faith in Israel, Mark what I say! Many will come from the east and the west and will find a place at the banquet in the kingdom of God with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, while the natural heirs of the kingdom will be driven out into the dark. Wailing will be heard there, and the grinding of teeth." To the centurion Jesus said, "Go home. It shall be done because you trusted that very moment the boy got better.

Dear, parishioners and friends, visitors

The passage from the Gospel of Matthew in 8:5-13 tells of the healing of the servant of the centurion from Capernaum. This extraordinary testimony of the evangelist, like the passage that precedes it and tells of the healing of the leper (8:1-4), in the narrative of the Gospel follows immediately after the Sermon on the Mount, which is contained in chapters 5-7.

First, **Jesus teaches with words, and then with the same words he acts - he heals.** In other words: after the teaching part of the Gospel, the active part follows. This is repeated five times, each of which ends with a similar phrase: "And when Jesus had finished these words" (Matthew 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1). In this way, Matthew demonstrates that Jesus is the "new Prophet" about whom Moses commanded in Deuteronomy 18:15: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet from your midst, from your brothers, like me; listen to him." Thus, on the one hand, Jesus, as the new Moses (in the Old Testament, Moses gave Israel the Torah – Teachings: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), preaches to the new Israel (the Church) from the new Sinai (Sermon on the Mount: Matt. 5 – 7), and on the other hand, He is incomparably

greater than Moses: for He is the Lord, whose word is "living and active" (Heb. 4:12).

The power of this word is immense – with it He not only creates the world and everything in it, but also sustains this world and acts in it, mainly within the framework of the History of Salvation, which we learn about from the pages of St. Scripture. It is extremely important that the Hebrew concept of **"dabar"** can be translated into as both "word" and "deed". Hence, the trust of the centurion, who says to Jesus: "Only say the word, and my servant will be healed" (Matt. 8:8), is remarkable.

Jesus praises the centurion's faith, which in the Semitic sense always means, first of all, trust in a person (the word faith – **emuna**, in Hebrew is the same root as the word amen, and therefore, in addition to its affirmative meaning, it contains the meaning of fidelity, firmness, and steadfastness). Unlike the Greek world and its inherent mentality, the Semites never used the term "faith" in relation to any theoretical or abstract questions or truths (therefore, idolatry was considered a very great sin – by believing in idols, you essentially made yourself dependent and trusted someone or something that does not actually exist, or that is incomparably less than a person).

Today (reading this passage privately or listening to it in church) will I dare to repeat after the centurion: Jesus, "only say the word" – in order to open myself with trust to the power and Life that is hidden in this Good News – the Gospel?

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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