



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

***“Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him forever!”
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava naviky Bohu sviatomu!***

**Dormition Fast has place from
August 1 to August 14.**

Dalmatus and Isaac, moved by virtuous zeal, vercame the heresy of Arius and Nestorius. Struggling together with the Orthodox, they enlightened the eyes of all. By their holy prayers, O Lord, grant Your people great mercy.

(Stichera of Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus 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 Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage 2025 – Shrine of Mariapoch

“Theotokos: - our joy, our protection, our hope.”

Tent camping IS permitted and encouraged.

**Food will be available for purchase at the above
times only. Please bring your own chair.**

Visit out Eastern Treasures Gift Shop!

**Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya,
gregloya@yahoo.com, or 216-272-6790**

Our website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

Services for the Week of August 3 - August 10, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	August 3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Jn 20:11-18 1 Cor 1:10-18 Mt 14:14-22
Monday	August 4 Holy seven children of Ephesus		No service	1 Cor 11:31-12:6 Mt 18:1-11
Tuesday	August 5 Holy Martyr Eusignius	6:00 PM	Vespers with Litija	1 Cor 12:12-26 Mt 18:18-22; 19:1-2.13-15
Wednesday	August 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Blessing fruit mirovanije	2 Pet 1:10-19 Mt 17:1-9
Thursday	August 7 Venerable Father Dometius	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Cor 14:6-19 Mt 20:17-28
Friday	August 8 Holy confessor Emilian		No service	1 Cor 14:26-40 Mt 21:12-14.17-20
Saturday	August 9 Holy Apostle Matthias	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	Rom 14:6-9 Mt 15:32-39
Sunday	August 10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Blessing fruit mirovanije Luncheon	Jn 20:19-31 1 Cor 3:9-17 Mt 14:22-34
Financial update: 7/27/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$1,783.20	\$300	\$69	\$0	\$1,206.50
Totals \$3,358.70				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Brethren: I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chlo'e's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apol'los," or "I belong to Ce'phas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Ga'ius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Steph'anas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 14: 14-22

At that time when Jesus saw the vast throng, his heart was moved with pity, and he cured their sick. As evening drew on, his disciples came to him with the suggestion: "This is a deserted place and it is already late. Dismiss the crowds so that they may go to the villages and buy some food for themselves." Jesus said to them: "There is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat your-selves." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and a couple of fish." "Bring them here," Jesus said. Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them and gave the loaves to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the people. All those present ate their fill. The fragments remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve baskets. Those who ate were about five thousand, not counting women and children. Immediately afterward, while dismissing the crowds, Jesus insisted that his disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side of the lake.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS, VISITERS!

When the Lord Jesus Christ, together with his disciples, withdrew to a deserted place, many people from the nearest villages and cities followed him. They left their affairs, forgot about food. All these people enjoyed communicating with Jesus, listening to the interesting instructive teachings of the Teacher, and did not notice how quickly time passed. Until this time, Christ had performed his miracles exclusively on the sick, and it is in this story of the

holy apostle Matthew that he reveals his general beneficence for all people. The Gospel tells us that there were some five thousand men there, and besides them there were women and children. Judging by today's standards, we can say that many more people witnessed this miraculous multiplication of loaves. If we look at our churches, there are more women than men at divine services. Considering also the fact that Jesus, as the Gospel tells us, had previously healed many, the women took their children with them to that place. Therefore, when we are modestly reminded of five thousand men, there were certainly no fewer women with children.

The feeding of these people was not a miracle for the sake of a miracle, but a great sign of the fullness of Jesus' power and generosity, which He shares with all those who seek God. It is certain that the Jewish people did not seek satiety from God, but a good word and advice. Having satisfied the great need of people in this, the Lord does not forget about earthly things. We see that this miracle was performed late in the evening, after people, having been satisfied with spiritual food - the word of God, receive other no less pleasant food. The words of Jesus interested them so much that they forgot about everything in the world and were ready to be with Jesus day and night. The Lord sees that after such long teachings it will be difficult for people to return home, and therefore He takes care of them in such an interesting way through the multiplication of loaves and fish.

This case shows us that the teaching of the Church of Christ satisfies not only spiritual needs, but also bodily ones, caring for the salvation of souls, also cares for external well-being, not only pointing to the Kingdom of Heaven, but thus arranging earthly life. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and righteousness, and all these things will be added to you," (Mt. 6.33). These words of the Gospel are extremely relevant for all of us, because the external world distracts us so much from those eternal values that Christ once spoke about. Outside of our daily work, we constantly strive for something, achieve, and when we look at all these things from the outside, they look illusory and unnecessary. We need to distinguish in life what is the difference between human desire and need, because the very definition of this will help us understand our behavior and actions. The desire (or rather the lust) to live better, to eat and drink distracts us from God and the teachings of Holy Mother Church, because for the sake of achieving such a life a person compromises his conscience, his actions do not correspond to the commandments and such a person also gives offense to others. It is a completely different matter with a person who benefits exclusively from his needs, when he leads a moderate life, is satisfied with food that simply supports his life, to satisfy hunger and thirst. He dresses modestly, understanding that clothing should serve to cover his nakedness, "and having food and clothing, we will be content with these" (1 Tim.6.8).

The Fathers of the Church say that in this case the people should not remain mere spectators, it gives everyone the opportunity to receive this gift, makes them participants in this miracle. The multiplication of the loaves was one of the steps that the future Messiah, the King of Israel, should take. This act somehow corresponded to the mentality of a simple Jew, who constantly heard about those things from the official synagogue, in which the scribes and Pharisees described what the Messiah would do. Christ saw this unconcealed joy of simple people, who were ready even now for Him to become a leader in their people. Therefore, Jesus orders the disciples: "sail to the other side before Him," (Matthew 14:22), and He Himself began to persuade the people to leave Him. Let us remember that before going out to preach publicly, Jesus was in the desert, where the devil tempted the Savior. The offer to turn a stone into bread would have made Christ much more popular among the Jewish people. But the Lord rejects this proposal, arguing that man "shall not live by bread alone," (Matt. 4.4), making it clear that we must be guided in life by much higher values, and not by some primitive ones. Another important point of today's Gospel passage is that in this story of the Apostle Matthew the image and structure of the Church is outlined. Christ in it is its founder and head, the holy apostles are appointed spiritual shepherds who spiritually care for their faithful, and the most important component of this structure is the people of God. It is no coincidence that Jesus says in the Gospel "You give them to eat," (Matt. 14.16). He himself takes the bread, blesses it, and passes it to his disciples - the apostles, and they pass it to the people. Literally all this is valid to this day. At the Holy Last Supper, the Lord commands: "Do this in remembrance of me." This is why we call our Church apostolic today, because the faithful receive all the gifts in the church through persons authorized by the government, priests, who receive everything from their Heavenly Master.

In life, we very often complain about the rise in prices, shortages of products, etc., etc. The Fathers of the Church convince us that we have much more than anyone outside the bosom of the Church of Christ. We have the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, with which the Lord nourishes all who come to Him. Saint John Chrysostom says: "Seek the things of God, and the things of men will easily follow." How many examples do we have from life that the Lord gives first to those who ask for the Kingdom of God, and despite these great gifts, He also gives what we need for our lives?

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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