



*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.

We extol you, O Christ, the Giver of Life and we honor your Precious Cross, through which we have been saved from the bondage of the enemy.

(MOLEBEN TO THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-CREATING CROSS)

1 ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The 2nd meeting with altar servers is placed on September 14th after Divine Liturgy in the Church.

Please mark your calendar and plan bring your child for this meeting.

2 BLESSING KIDS & TEACHERS

On September 21st at the end of Divine Liturgy we are having prayer and blessing for kids and teachers for the new school year.

Please plan to come.

FIRST DAY OF ECF

3 PRAYER

Please remember in your daily prayers all people who have asked us to pray for them, especially for all of the sick at home, in the nursing home, and at the hospital.

Thank you so much!

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.

text, or call Father at 216-532-6364.

5 VOLUNTEERING AT CHURCH

Our community needs us!

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

6 SUMMER MARKET

The summer market continues every Saturday until September 27 in Carmel

From 6 am – 11:30 am.

Come to buy and help: 2 Carter Green, Carmel, IN. 46032

We appreciate any help from 7 am time for (set up) to 11:30 am (tear down).

Services for the Week of September 7- September 14, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	September 14 Feast of the Exaltation Of the Holy Cross	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon <u>2nd meeting with altar servers</u>	Jn 12:28-36 1 Cor 1:18-24 Jn 19:6-11.13-20.25-27.30-35
Monday	September 15 Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross		No service	Gal 2:11-16 Mk 5:24-34
Tuesday	September 16 Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross		No service	Gal 2:21-3:7 Mk 6:1-7
Wednesday	September 17 Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross		No service	Gal 3:15-22 Mk 6:7-13
Thursday	September 18 Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy	Gal 3:23-4:5 Mk 6:30-45
Friday	September 19 Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Gal 4:8-21 Mk 6:45-53
Saturday	September 20 Saturday after the Exaltation Of the Holy Cross	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 1:26-29 Jn 8:21-30
Sunday	September 21 Sunday after Exaltation Of the Holy Cross	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>BLESSING KIDS & TEACHERS</u> Luncheon	Lk 24:1-12 Gal 2:16-20 Mk 8:34b-9:1
Financial update: 9/7/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
\$1,843.52	\$300	\$62	\$0	\$1,084.89
Totals \$3,290.41				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Brethren: 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. For it is written,"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."

Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

John 19: 6-11a, 13-21, 25-27, and 30b-35

At that time when the chief priests and the temple guards saw Jesus with Pilate they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said, find no case against him."

"Take him and crucify him yourselves, The Jews respond "We have our law, and according to that law he must die because he made himself God's Son." When Pilate heard this kind of talk, he was more afraid than ever. Going back into the praetorium, he said to Jesus, "Where do you come from?" any answer. Jesus would not give him "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Then Pilate asked him "Do you not know that to crucify you?" I have the power to release you and the power Jesus answered: "You would have no power over me whatever unless it were given you from above." Pilate heard the people shouting so he brought Jesus outside and took a seat on a judges' bench at the place called the Stone Pavement Gabbatha in Hebrew. It was the Preparation Day for Passover, and the hour was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews, "Look at your king!"" At this they shouted "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" "What!" Pilate exclaimed. "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests replied, "We have no king but Caesar." In the end, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Jesus was led away, and carrying the cross by himself, went out to what is called the Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). There they crucified him, and two others with him: one on either side, Jesus in the middle. Pilate had an inscription placed on the cross which read JESUS THE NAZOREAN THE KING OF THE JEWS. This inscription, in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, was read by many of the Jews, since the place here Jesus was crucified was near the city. The chief priests of the Jews tried to tell Pilate, "You should not have written, 'The King of the Jews.' Write instead, 'This man claimed to be King of the Jews.'"

Near the cross of Jesus there stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Seeing his mother there with the disciple whom he loved, Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, there is your son." In turn he said to the disciple, "There is your mother." From that hour onward, the disciple took her into his care. Then Jesus bowed his head, and delivered over his spirit. Since it was the Preparation Day the Jews did not want to have the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, for that sabbath was a solemn feast day. They asked Pilate that the legs be broken and the bodies be taken away. Accordingly, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the men crucified with Jesus, first of the one, then of the other. When they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. One of the soldiers thrust a lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

This testimony has been given by an eyewitness, and his testimony is true. He tells what he knows is true, so that you may believe.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The cross can be understood in different ways...

The Apostle Paul in the apostolic reading of the feast presents us with two understandings of the cross: the first is foolishness, and the second is the power of God.

Why is the cross foolishness for some, and the power of God for others? - Two completely opposite meanings of the cross. Because for the wicked (sinners, unbelievers, pagans), the cross does not say anything, for them it is foolishness; on the other hand, for virtuous people (those who are saved and believe in Christ), the cross is the power of God, by which all devilish wiles and temptations are defeated. Thus, for us Christians, the cross, which was sanctified by the blood of Christ, is, as it were, our praise, through which we recognize our belonging to Jesus Christ.

God does not tolerate pride and arrogance ("I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent" - 1 Cor 1:19), - therefore in His divine plan it was pleasing to complete the work of Redemption through such, at first glance, primitive means - the Cross. It was pleasing to God to save those who believe by the foolishness of preaching, - says Paul, therefore we preach Christ crucified: a shame to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles (1 Cor 1:21;23).

The crucified Christ will remain a shame to some, foolishness to others, and the power of God and the wisdom of God to those who recognize Him as the Messiah - the power of God and the wisdom of God...

However, at the center of today's holiday is the Cross itself, which we bow to and kiss only because He was chosen by God as the means of salvation and sanctified by the sufferings of Christ.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is one of the very ancient holidays, the history of which is accompanied by various legends and historical events. It should be noted that the celebration of this holiday is not about the usual veneration - worship of the Holy Cross, as on the Sunday of the Exaltation of the Cross. Here we are talking about the EXALTION - this is a solemn rite of finding, exalting and glorifying the Holy Cross.

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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