



*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.

You blended the river of your tears with the well spring of your profession, and in those waters you wash away the sins of those who esteem your precious memory. You present them clean before their God and Master; now beg him to save our souls.

**(Troparion of Chariton)**

## **1 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

There will be Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday September 28 after luncheon. Everyone who would like to become a member of Knights of Columbus asked for Glan Grabov & Henry Parecie

## **2 BLESSING KIDS & TEACHERS**

On September 28 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 Message from Father Mykhaylo and Councils**

**Glory to Jesus Christ!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

After prayerful consideration, we have decided to postpone our parish meeting on the long-term plan for St. Athanasius. This will give us time to gather important information, including estimates for needed repairs and the value of our property. By doing this work ahead of time, we will be better prepared for thoughtful discussion and discernment together.

Our goal is not simply to make decisions, but to form a unifying vision that strengthens our parish family and leads us joyfully into the future.

I ask for your continued prayers as we reflect on how best to care for our parish and grow in faith and love together. May the Holy Spirit guide our steps and inspire us toward a future full of hope.

We will inform you in advance about the next meeting.

“It seems impossible to us but with You, Lord, everything is possible”.

**With gratitude, prayers & love your in Christ**

**Fr. Mykhaylo Shkyndya and Councils**

## **4 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!

## **5 WINTER SUMMER MARKET**

The summer markets end on **September 27**  
WINTER SUMMER MARKETS starts on **October 18,**  
**7:15am** load church van then drive to  
611 Third Av SW, Carmel, IN. 46032  
**Ends at noon**

Services for the Week of September 28- October 5, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	September 28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM  11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <i>BLESSING KIDS &amp; TEACHERS</i> Luncheon <i>Knights of Columbus meeting</i>	Lk 24:12-35 2 Cor. 6:1-10 Lk 5:1-11
Monday	September 29 Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite	9:00	Divine Liturgy	Eph. 1:22-2:3 Lk 4:37-44
Tuesday	September 30 Holy Martyr Gregory	5:00 PM	Vespers	Eph. 2:19-3:7 Lk 5:12-16
Wednesday	October 1 Protection of Theotokos	6:00PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb. 9:1-7 Lk 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Thursday	October 2 Holy Martyr Justina		No service	Eph. 4:14-19 Lk 6:12-19
Friday	October 3 Holy Martyr Denis		No service	Eph. 4:17-25 Lk 6:17-23
Saturday	October 4 Venerable Father Francis of Assisi	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 14:20-25 Lk 5:17-26
Sunday	October 4 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Lk 24:36-53 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 Lk 6:31-36
Financial update: 9/21/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$2,064.08	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$919.42
Totals \$2,993.50				

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH**

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **2nd Corinthians 6:1-10**

Brethren: Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation."

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

### **Luke 5: 1-11**

At that time as Jesus stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I will lower the nets." Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them. These came, and together they filled the two boats until they nearly sank.

At the sight of this, Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man." For indeed, amazement at the catch they had made seized him and all his shipmates, as well as James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men." With that they brought their boats to land, left every-thing, and became his followers.

## **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.**

### **Glory to Jesus Christ!**

#### **The first catch of fish is the Church in our day. Augustine:**

Let us therefore consider these two catches of fish, when the disciples of Jesus caught fish themselves, and when they did so at the command of the Lord Jesus Christ: the first before His Passion, the second after His Resurrection. These two catches symbolize the whole Church, both that which is now and that which will come after the Resurrection of the dead. Now, as you see, it [the Church] contains an innumerable number [of people], both bad and good. After the Resurrection it will contain only the good and a definite number of them. So consider in your mind this first catch of fish, where we can see the Church as it is today. The Lord Jesus comes to his disciples while they are fishing, and it is then that he first calls them to follow him. They have caught nothing all night. But when they saw Him, they heard Him say, "Let down your nets." "Master," they said, "we have toiled all night and caught nothing; but at Your word we will let down the nets." They let them down by the command of the Almighty. And what could happen other than what He willed? Yet He deigned, as I have said, to point out to us something that He knew would be to our advantage. The nets were let down. The Lord had not yet suffered and risen. The nets were let down. They caught so many fish that both boats were filled, and the nets were breaking from the multitude of fish. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). He gave them the nets of the Word of God, they cast them into the world as into the depths of the sea, and they caught a vast number of Christians, whom we can see and marvel at. These two boats, however, symbolize the two peoples, Jews and Gentiles, the synagogue and the church, the circumcised and the uncircumcised. (Augustine, Sermons 248.2).

#### **Christ continues to catch men in the net of preaching. Cyril of Alexandria:**

He told Simon and his companions to put out a little from land and let down their nets for a catch. But they replied that they had worked all night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down their nets, and immediately they were filled with fish. By a visible sign and a wonderful symbol and representation, they were absolutely convinced that their labor would be rewarded. And the effort that would be reflected in the spreading of the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. In these nets they should, without a doubt, catch herds of the Gentiles. But note that neither Simon nor his companions could haul the nets ashore. Speechless with fear and amazement—for amazement had made them dumb—they called to their companions who were working with them to come and help them guard the prey. For many have participated with the holy apostles in their work, and still participate, especially those who delve into the essence of what is written in the Holy Scriptures. But besides them there are also others: pastors and teachers, and rulers of men, who are skilled in the teaching of the truth. For the net is still cast, while Christ fills it, and calls to the conversion of those who, according to the phrase from Scripture, are in the depths of the sea, those who, so to speak, live in the waves of worldly things. (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on Luke, Homily 12).

#### **The two boats symbolize Jews and Gentiles. Ephrem the Syrian:**

We labored all night. This symbolizes the prophets. His teaching came from above to the world, which in this case is depicted as the sea. The two boats symbolize the circumcised and the uncircumcised. They made a sign to their companions. This symbolizes the 72, because these disciples were too few for the fishing and the harvest. (Ephrem the Syrian, Commentaries on Tatian's Diatessaron 5.18).

**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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