



*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.**

O spotless Virgin, today the glory of your Fore feast announces to all people in advance the benefits of your favor; now you obtain joy for them, and a share in the delights of God; for you, the cause of our joy, have come.  
**(Stichera of the prefeast from Vespers )**

## **1 ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with altar servers is placed on September 14<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy in the Church.

Please, mark your calendar to plan bring your child for meeting.

## **2 BLESSIN KIDS & TEACHERS**

On September 21<sup>st</sup> in the end of Divine Liturgy we are having prayer and blessing kids and teachers for new school year. Please plan to come.

FIRST DAY OF ECF

## **3 PRAYER**

Please, remember in your daily prayers, all of people who is asking us to pray for them, especially for all of sick at home, at nursing home, at 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, 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!

## **6 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

Services for the Week of September 7- September 14, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	September 7 Sunday before the exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Ukrainian Liturgy	Mk 16:1-8 Gal 6:11-18 Jn 3:13-17
Monday	September 8 Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Phill 2:5-11 Lk 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Tuesday	September 9 Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	2 Cor 12:20:13:2 Mk 4:24-34
Wednesday	September 10 Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	2 Cor 13:3-13 Mk 4:35-41
Thursday	September 11 Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos		No service	Gal 1:1-10.20- 2:5 Mk 5:1-20
Friday	September 12 Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Gal 2:6-10 Mk 5:22-25.35- 6:1
Saturday	September 13 Saturday before the Exaltation Of the Holy Cross	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 2:6-9 Mt 10:37-11:1
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>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with altar servers</u>	Mk 16:1-8 Gal 6:11-18 Jn 3:13-17
Financial update: 8/31/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
\$1,744.86	\$301	\$39	\$25	\$1,834.18
Totals \$3,944.08				

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

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Galatians 6: 11-18**

Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**John 3: 13-17**

The Lord said: "No one has gone up to heaven except the One who came down from there-the Son of Man who is in heaven.

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

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

*John 3:14 Lifting up the serpent, lifting up the Son of Man*

### **This cross is lifted up for all the world to see. Andrew of Crete:**

The cross is lifted up and appears above the earth, the cross that until recently was kept hidden by wickedness. It is lifted up not to receive glory (for when Christ was nailed to it, what greater glory could he have?), but to give glory to God, who is worshipped on it and proclaimed by it. It is not surprising that the Church rejoices in the cross of Christ and dresses in festive clothes, revealing her bridal beauty, honoring this day. Nor is it surprising that today a great crowd of people have gathered to see this cross set up on high, and to worship Christ, whom they see lifted up on it. For the cross is set up so that it can be lifted up, and it is lifted up so that it can be set up. What kind of cross is this? The Cross, which until recently was hidden in a place called the Skull, but is now worshipped everywhere. This is why we rejoice today; this is what we celebrate; this is the meaning of this holiday; this is the manifestation of the mystery. For this hidden and life-giving Cross had to be set up, set high, like a city on a hill or a lamp on a stand, so that the whole world could see it (Andrew of Crete, Sermon 11 on the Exaltation of the Cross of the Lord)

### **The Story of Moses and the Brazen Serpent. Cyril of Alexandria:**

This story is a symbol of the whole mystery of the Incarnation. For those serpents mean the bitter and deadly sin that devoured the whole human race on earth which bites the Soul of man and infuses it with the poison of wickedness. And we cannot avoid being conquered by it, except by the relief that comes only from heaven. Then the Word of God was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, "God condemned sin in the flesh" (Rom. 8:3),

as it is written. Thus He becomes the Giver of infinite salvation to those who grasp this divine teaching and look to Him with unwavering faith. But the serpent, fixed to a high base, signifies that Christ was clearly revealed by His passions on the cross, so that no one could fail to see Him (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on the Gospel of John 2.1).

*John 3:17 God sent his Son not to condemn, but to save*

### **Two comings: forgiveness and judgment. John Chrysostom:**

Many of the more careless, using God's mercy to magnify the magnitude of their sins and the excess of contempt, speak thus, saying: There is no hell, no future punishment. God forgives all our sins. But let us remember that there are two comings of Christ, one past, the other future. The first coming was not to judge, but to have mercy on us. The second is not mercy, but judgment upon us. Of the first coming He says: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" (John 12:47). But of the second He says: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory ... [He] will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:31, 33). And the sheep will go into eternal life, but the goats into eternal punishment. But because He is merciful, He forgives for a time instead of judging. For if He had judged immediately, all would have been cast into perdition, for "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Do you not see the inexpressible abundance of His loving-kindness? (John Chrysostom, Sermons on the Gospel of St. John 28.1).

**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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