



*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.

As the namesake of joy, you passed over with joy to the heavenly bridal chamber, O most honored one. There, since you endured the painful torment of fire and the tearing out of all teeth and nails, you desired to reach your dwelling place, your O athlete Charitina, greatly suffering virgin martyr.

(Stichera of the martyr Charitina)

1 BLESSING KIDS & TEACHERS

On October 5th 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.

2 CLEAN UP DAY

Dear members of St. Athanasius FAMILY.
EVERYONE must join us in the general cleaning of the church social hall on OCTOBER 11 FROM 10 AM.

3 THANKS TO ALL OF VOLUNTEERS

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOODWILL WHO PREPARED AND WORKED HARD DURING THE SUMMER MARKET TO HAVE ALL THE GOODIES FOR THE SUMMER MARKET.
MAY THE LORD STRENGTHEN AND BLESS YOU ALL FOR MANY HAPPY YEARS.

4 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

5 WINTER SUMMER MARKET

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 October 5- October 12, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	October 5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>BLESSING KIDS & TEACHERS</u> Luncheon <u>Ukrainian Liturgy</u>	Lk 24:36-53 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1 Lk 6:31-36
Monday	October 6 Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas		Fr. Mykhaylo will be on retreat from October 6-10	Eph. 4:25-32 Lk 6:24-30
Tuesday	October 7 Martyr Sergius		No service	Eph. 5:20-26 Lk 6:37-45
Wednesday	October 8 Venerable Mother Pelagia		No service	Eph. 5:25-33 Lk 6:46-7:1
Thursday	October 9 Holy Apostle James Aipheus		No service	Eph. 5:33-6:9 Lk 7:17-30
Friday	October 10 Martyr Eulampius & Eulampia		No service	Eph. 6:18-24 Lk 7:31-35
Saturday	October 11 Holy Apostle Phillip	5:00 PM	Vespers Confessions	1 Cor 15:39-45 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	October 12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn. 20:1-10 2 Cor. 9:6-11 Lk 7:11-16
Financial update: 9/28/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$1,481.84	\$0	\$69	\$83.32	\$1,255.76
Totals \$2,889.92				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Brethren: What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty" Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Luke 6: 31-36

The Lord said, "Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, how can you claim any credit? Sinners do as much. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what merit is there in it for you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

Love your enemy and do good; lend without expecting repayment. Then will your recompense be great. You will rightly be called sons of the Most High, since he himself is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be compassion-ate, as your Father is compassionate."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Old Testament law is changed. Ephrem the Syrian:

"An eye for an eye" is the height of justice. "To him that smiteth thee on the one cheek, turn also the other" is the consummate mercy. While both [covenants] have their criteria constantly, He has offered them to us through two successive covenants. The first covenant provided for the killing of animals as compensation, because justice would not permit one to die in the place of another. The second covenant is established through the blood of the Man who by his grace gave himself up for all (see Heb. 9:11-14). The one, therefore, was the beginning, the other the completion. He in whom both the end and the beginning are perfect. To those who do not understand, the beginning and the end are alienated from each other. When they are studied, however, they are one. Therefore this principle of returning blow for blow (see Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20) has actually changed. If you strive for perfection, whoever strikes you, turn to him the other [cheek]. (Ephrem the Syrian, Commentaries on Tatian's Diatessaron 6.11B-12).

Borrow without expecting anything in return. Basil the Great:

"Lend to those from whom you cannot expect to receive." "And what credit is it to you," He says, "when you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back." Think of the power of the phrase and you will admire the kindness of the Lawgiver. When you intend to help poor people for the Lord's sake, it is both a gift and a loan. It is a gift because it does not expect a return, but a loan because

it is a great gift from the Master, who pays in his place and who, receiving little from people who are poor before Him, will give them great things in return. (Basil the Great, Homily on Psalm 14).

The image of God can be seen in human charity. Origen:

The traces of the image of God can be clearly recognized not by the likeness of the body, which undergoes decay, but by the intelligence of the soul. We see the divine image in her righteousness, temperance, courage, wisdom, humility, and through the whole chorus of virtues that are essentially present in God. This can be achieved through effort and imitation of God, as the Lord also says in the Gospel: "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful" and "Be perfect, as your Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). (Origen, On the Beginnings 4.10).

Mercy is an attribute of God. Cyril of Alexandria:

Close, so to speak, to the virtues that we spoke about above is compassion, of which He speaks further. For this is the most superior thing, and very dear to God, and it is the highest level that is suitable for pious souls. It may be enough for us if it is reflected in our hearts that compassion is an attribute of the divine nature. "Be merciful," He says, "as your heavenly Father is merciful." (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on Luke, Homily 29).

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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