

Welcome to St. Athanasíus the Great Byzantíne 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.

Just as the prophet Joel announced the Spirit, receiving inspiration from him, so has the Spirit of God been poured forth over us the faithful, to reveal the manifestation of the divine mysteries: behold, those who have received the Power from on high now prophesy, enlightened by the splendor and grace of God.

(Stichera for the Holy Prophet Joel)

1 ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The 3rd meeting with altar servers is placed on October 26th after Divine Liturgy in the Church.

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

2 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!

3 **CONGRATULATIONS**

The Parish family congratulates Luke and Mariana Landrigan on the birth baby girl in their family.

GOD GRAND YOU MANY BLESSED AND HAPPY YEARS!

4 RETREATS



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 19- October 26, 2025				
<u>Day</u>		<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sunday	October 19 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn. 20:11-18 2 Cor. 11:31-12:9 Lk 8:5-15
Monday	October 20 Holy Great Martyr Artemius		No service	Phil. 2:12-16 Lk 9:18-22
Tuesday	October 21 Venerable Father Hilary the Great		No service	Phil. 2:16-23 Lk 9:23-27
Wednesday	October 22 Our Holy Father John Paul II, Pope of Rome		No service	Phil. 2:24-30 Lk 9:44-50
Thursday	October 23 Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God		No service	Phil. 3:1-8 Lk 9:49-56
Friday	October 24 Holy Martyr Arethas		No service	Phil. 3:8-19 Lk 10:1-15
Saturday	October 25 Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful	7:15-12:00 5:00 PM	Winter Market Vespers Confessions	2 Cor 1:8-11 Lk 7:1-10
Sunday	October 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Altar servers meeting Luncheon	Jn. 20:19-31 Gal. 1:11-19 Lk. 16:19-31
Financial update: 10/12/2025				
Bakery	Other	Candles	Ukrainian Liturgy	Sunday Tithes
\$190.13	\$274	\$30	\$148	\$783.45
Totals \$1,425.58				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

TWENTIETH FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weak-nesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 8: 5-15

The Lord told this parable: "A farmer went out to sow some seed. In the sowing, some fell on the footpath where it was walked on and the birds of the air

ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, sprouted up, then withered through lack of moisture. Some fell among briers, and the thorns growing up with it stifled it. But some fell on good soil, grew up, and yielded grain a hundredfold." As he said this he exclaimed: "Let everyone who has ears attend to what he has heard." His disciples began asking him what the meaning of this parable might be. He replied, "To you the mysteries of the reign of God have been confided, but to the rest in parables" Seeing they may not perceive, and hearing they may not understand. 'This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the footpath are people who hear, but the devil comes and takes the word out of their hearts lest they believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. They have no root; they believe for a while, but fall away in time of temptation. The seed fallen among briars are those who hear, but their progress is stifled by the cares and riches and pleasures of life and they do not mature. The seed on good ground are those who hear the word in a spirit of openness, retain it, and bear fruit through perseverance."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Glory to Jesus Christ!

Jesus is the Sower

Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on Luke, Discourse 41. Jesus is truly the Sower of all that is good, and we are His soil. All the harvest of spiritual fruits is from Him and through Him. He taught us this when he said: "Without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

The One Caretaker of the Earth

<u>Clement of Alexandria, Stromata 1:7, 2.</u> There is only one caretaker of the earth that is in men, the One who from the beginning, from the foundation of the world, sows seeds that can grow; the One who sends the rain of the Word of the Lord in due season; the times and places when this earth that is in men receives God's seeds watered by the rain of God's Word vary.

The grain that grows must first die

Clement of Rome, Letter to the Corinthians 24. Beloved, let us observe how the Lord constantly shows us the coming resurrection, giving us, as the first fruits of this, the Lord Jesus Christ, raising Him from the dead. Beloved, we observe the resurrection that takes place from time to time. Day and night show us the resurrection: night passes and day comes, day departs and night comes. Let us look at the fruits. In what way and where does the seed germinate? The sower went out and threw the seed into the ground; they, falling dry and bare in the ground, wither. Then the greatness of the Lord's Providence revives them, from one they grow many and bear fruit.

Sown in Jesus, the Way

Origen, Discourses on Genesis 1:4. If we listen to the word and from this listening our soil produces a plant, but this plant, before it reaches maturity and bears fruit, dries up, then our soil will be called stony; if instead the spoken words take root deeper in our heart to bear the fruit of deeds and contain the seeds of future fruits, then truly the soil of each of us bears fruit according to its possibilities: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty out of one. However, it seems right and necessary to us to also take care that our fruit does not have weeds in it, that is, weeds, that it is not by the wayside (cf. Lk 8:5), but that it is sown on the wayside itself, on the One who says: "I am the way" (Jn 14:6), so that the birds of the air do not eat our fruit and our vineyard.

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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