



*Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great
Byzantine Catholic Church*

***“Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him forever!”
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava naviky Bohu sviatomu!***

PHILLIP'S FAST

According to the forty-day tradition, the Phillip's Fast in preparation for Christmas began on November 15 to December 24.

Christ called you to the school of heaven, and by divine inspiration, you followed him with your whole heart, instantly leaving all earthly occupations. Taking by obedience the dispositions in keeping with the Kingdom on high, you renounced all the vainglory and greed of a publican, O Matthew, and became an evangelist, a light for darkened hearts. You lead erring sheep to salvation as an always fervent intercessor for the world before God, and a saving protector of the faithful who glorify you.

(Doxastikon of the Apostle and evangelist Mathew)

1 THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY BAPTISM

Congratulation to Luke and Mariana Landrigan on the Baptism of their Daughter.

GOD GRANT YOU MANY BLESSED AND HAPPY YEARS!

2 ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The 4th meeting for altar servers will be on November 30th after Divine Liturgy in the Church.

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

3 BOOK CLUB “Festal orations by St. Gregory Nazianzus”

SESSION 1: Thursday, December 18 at 7PM

Oration 38: On the Nativity

Book is \$17 to have book or copy text 317-403-7353

Register today & join the discussion: bgoshorn@stsjp.org

4 CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Mark your calendar, on December 14th our Church will have a CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE after Divine Liturgy.

COME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

5 WINTER CARMEL MARKET

THE WINTER CARMEL MARKET starts on **October 18, at 7:15am** we load the church van, then drive to 611 Third Av SW, Carmel, IN. 46032 **Ends at noon**

Services for the Week of November 16 - November 23, 2025				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	November 16 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>with Holy Baptism</u> Luncheon	Mt. 28:16-20 Eph. 2:4-10 Lk. 10:25-37
Monday	November 17 Holy Father Gregory		No service	1 Thess. 2:20-3:8 Lk. 14:1.12-15
Tuesday	November 18 Holy Martyrs Plato & Roman		No service	1 Thess. 3:9-13 Lk. 14:25-35
Wednesday	November 19 Holy Prophet Obadiah	8-9 PM	Book club online meeting ID:93293802413 Passcode:630126	1 Thess. 4:1-12 Lk. 15:1-10
Thursday	November 20 Prefastive day of the Entrance of the Theotokos		No service	1 Thess. 5:1-8 Lk. 16:1-9
Friday	November 21 The Entrance of the Theotokos	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Heb. 9:1-7 Lk. 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Saturday	November 22 Postfestive day of the Entrance	7:15-12:00 5:00 PM	<u>Winter Market</u> Vespers Confessions	2 Cor. 11:1-6 Lk. 10:1-15
Sunday	November 23 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>with Holy Baptism</u> Luncheon	Mk. 16:1-8 Eph. 2:14-22 Lk. 12:16-21
Financial update: 11/9/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other & Ukrainian Liturgy	Sunday Tithes
\$2,650.70	\$5,000	\$46	\$165.77; \$190	\$1,255
Totals \$9,307.47				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

TWENTIETH SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren: But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God-not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Luke 10: 25-37

At that time a lawyer stood up to pose this problem to Jesus: "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus answered him: "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The lawyer replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you shall live?" But because the lawyer wished to justify himself he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus re-plied, "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell prey to robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on.

But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him. The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: 'Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back. "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to the lawyer, "Then go and do the same."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Sacrament of the Incarnation. Cyril of Alexandria: He who soberly understands the mystery of the incarnation can say to this lawyer: "If you were skilled in the Law and in the meaning of its hidden teaching, you would not forget who He is whom you are trying to tempt. You thought that He was just a man, only a man, and not God who appeared in human form, who knows all secrets, and can look into the hearts of those who approach Him. In many ways Emmanuel is depicted to you in the prophecies of Moses. You saw Him there, sacrificed as a lamb, and He conquered the destroyer and destroyed death by His blood. You saw Him in the construction of the ark in which the divine Law was transmitted. In His holy flesh He was like the ark, being the Word of the Father, the Son born of Him according to His nature. You saw Him as the mercy seat in the holy tabernacle, around which stood the seraphim" (perhaps Cyril had meaning "cherubim"). He is the mercy for the forgiveness of our sins. Yes, and even as a man, He was glorified by the seraphim, intelligent and sacred higher powers. They stand around His divine and exalted throne (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on Luke, Sermon 68).

This lawyer has lost his prey. Cyril of Alexandria: He says: "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" The lawyer repeated what is in the Law. As if to punish his malice and condemn his evil purpose, Christ, knowing all, says: "You have answered well, do this and you will live." The lawyer has lost his prey. He has missed the mark. His malice is unsuccessful. The sting of envy has stopped. The net of deceit is torn. His

sowing bears no fruit, and his labors bring no profit. Like some ship, overloaded with misfortune, he has suffered a bitter shipwreck (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on Luke, Sermon 69).

Jericho is a symbol of this world. Ambrose of Milan: Jericho is a symbol of this world. Adam, expelled from Paradise (Gen. 3:23), that heavenly Jerusalem (Heb. 12:22), descended into it through the error of his transgression, namely, by departing from this life to hell, for which not a change of place but of conduct effected the banishment of his race. He was greatly changed from that Adam who enjoyed eternal bliss. When he turned away to the sins of this world, Adam fell among thieves, among whom he would not have fallen if he had not deviated from the heavenly command and made himself vulnerable to them. Who are these thieves, if not the angels of night and darkness, who sometimes pass themselves off as angels of light (2 Cor. 11:14), but cannot remain such? They first steal the garment of spiritual grace which we have received, and then they are accustomed to inflict wounds. If we keep undefiled these garments which we have put on, we shall not feel the blows of these robbers. Beware lest you be robbed, as Adam was robbed of the heavenly commandment, deprived of protection, and stripped of the garment of faith (see Gen. 3:7). He received a mortal wound, by which the whole human race would have fallen, if the Samaritan himself, on his journey, had not attended to his grievous wounds (Ambrose of Milan, Commentary on the Gospel of Luke 7.73).

This good Samaritan is Jesus. Ambrose of Milan: This extraordinary Samaritan did not avoid the one whom the priest and the Levite avoided. Because of the name of the sect, you cannot avoid what you will admire through the interpretation of this word. Indeed, "Samaritan" means "guardian," "one who stands on guard." This is what this interpretation means. Who is this Watchman, if not "the Lord [who] preserves the simple" (Ps 116:6)? So, just as one is a Jew in the letter and another in the spirit (Rom 2:28-29), so one is a Samaritan in public and another in secret. Here the Samaritan descends. Who is he if not the One who descended from Heaven and also ascended into Heaven, the Son of Man who is in Heaven (Jn 3:13; cf. Jn 6:33)? When he sees someone half dead whom no one had previously been able to heal, like the woman with the issue of blood who had spent all her inheritance on physicians, he approaches him (Mt 9:20; Lk 8:43-44). He becomes a neighbor, accepting our common feeling and origin, through the gift of mercy (Ambrose of Milan, Interpretation of the Gospel of Luke 7.74).

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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