



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

**“Christ is Born! Glorify Him!”
Christos Razhdajetjsja! Slavime Jeho!**

PHILLIP'S FAST

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

Your birth, O Christ our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshipped the stars have learned from a star to worship you, the Sun of Justice, and to know you, the Dawn from on High. Glory to you, O Lord!

(Troparion of the Nativity)

1 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday December 28th after luncheon.

Everyone who would like to become a member of Knights of Columbus asked to speak to Glan Grabov or Henry Parecie

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

SESSION 2: Thursday, December 30th at 7PM

Oration 39: On the Baptism of the Lord

Book is \$17 to order text 317-403-7353

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

3 ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The 5th meeting for altar servers will be on January 18th after Divine Liturgy in the Church.

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

4 THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY BAPTISM

Parish family mark your calendar.

Heidi Warnke will have the Holy Mystery of Baptism **on JANUARY 11th at 10AM.**

GOD GRANT HER MANY BLESSED AND HAPPY YEARS!

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

<u>Services for the Week of December 21 – December 28, 2025</u>				
<u>Day</u>		<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sunday	December 21 Sunday of the Ancestors	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Altar boys meeting Ukrainian Liturgy	Lk. 24:36-53 Heb. 11:9-10.17-23.32-40 Mt. 1:1-25
Monday	December 22 Great Martyr Anastasia		No service	Heb. 3:5-11.17-19 Mk. 9:42-10:1
Tuesday	December 23 The Holy 10 Martyrs of Crete		No service	Heb. 4:1-13 Mk. 10:2-12
Wednesday <u>Strict Fast</u>	December 24 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS	10:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Royal Hours Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil Christmas Holy Supper Great Compline & Matins	Heb. 1:1-12 Lk. 2:1-20
Thursday	December 25 CHRISTMAS	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy <u>AFTERWARDS, THE KIDS WILL PERFORM THE CHRISTMAS SHOW</u>	Gal. 4:4-7 Mt. 2:1-12
Friday	December 26 SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Heb. 2:11-18 Mt. 2:13-23
Saturday	December 27 First Martyr Stephen	7:15-12:00	<u>Winter Market</u>	Tim. 6:11-16 Mt. 12:33-42
Sunday	December 28 Sunday after Christmas	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn. 20:1-10 Gal. 1:11-19 Mt. 2:13-23
Financial update: 12/14/2025				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$2,541.65	\$0	\$70	\$800	\$271
Totals \$3,682.65				

SUNDAY OF THE FORFATHERS

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Brethren: By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only-begotten son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be named." He considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead; hence he did receive him back and this was a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and symbol. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his burial. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Matthew 1: 1-25

A family record of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Ju-dah and his brothers. Ju-dah was the father of Per-ez and Zer-ah, whose mother was Tamar. Per-ez was the father of Hez-ron, Hez-ron the father of Ram. Ram was the

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father of Am-min-a-dab, Am-min-a-dab the father of Nah-shon, Nah-shon the father of Sal-mon. Sal-mon was the father of Bo-az, whose mother was Ra-hab, Bo-az was the father of O-bed, whose mother was Ruth. O-bed was the father of Jes-se, Jes-se the father of King David David was the father of Sol-o-mon, whose mother had been the wife of U-ri-ah. Sol-o-mon was the father of Re-ho-bo-am, Re-ho-bo-am the father of A-bi-jah, A-bi-jah the father of A-sa. A-sa was the father of Je-ho-sha-phat, Je-ho-sha-phat the father of Jor-am, Jor-am the father of Uz-zi-ah. Uz-zi-ah was the father of Joth-am, Joth-am the father of A-haz, A-haz the father of Hez-e-ki-ah. Heze-ki-ah was the father of Ma-nas-seh, Ma-nas-seh the father of A-mos, A-mos the father of Jo-si-ah. Jo-si-ah became the father of Jech-o-ni-ah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile Jech-o-ni-ah was the father of She-al-ti-el, She-al-ti-el the father of Ze-rub-ba-bel. Ze-rub-ba-bel was the father of A-bi-ud, A-bi-ud the father of E-li-a-kim, E-li-a-kim the father of A-zor. A-zor was the father of Za-dok, Za-dok the father of A-chim, A-chim the father of E-li-ud. E-li-ud was the father of El-e-a-zar, El-e-a-zar the father of Mat-than, Matthan the father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. Thus the total number of generations is: from Abraham to David, fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian captivity to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, an upright man unwilling to expose her to the law, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said to him: "Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him and received Mary into his home as his wife. He had no relations with her at any time before she bore a son, whom he named Jesus.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Glory to Jesus Christ!

SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR

DECEMBER 31st LAST DAY OF 2025

6:00 PM – Thanksgiving Moleben

JANUARY 1st NEW YEAR 2026

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.

HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT.

6:00 PM – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

SCHEDULE FOR THEOPHANY

JANUARY 5th VIGIL OF THEOPHANY

12:00 PM – Royal Hours

5:30 PM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

7:30 PM – Great Compline

JANUARY 6th HOLY THEOPHANY

6:00 PM – Divine Liturgy

FOR BLESSING HOUSES ON THEOPHANY TIME YOU CAN
SIGN UP ON THE TABLE WHERE YOU PICK UP BULLETINS OR
YOU CAN CALL/TEXT ON FATHER CELL PHONE (216) 532-6364 AND
SCHEDULE ANYTIME WORKS BEST FOR YOU.

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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