



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

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

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.

You endured persecutions and with stood perils, O venerable Athanasius, divine preacher, so strenuously that you drove out the impious error of Arius. You saved the Church from heresy, as you proclaimed in true faith that the Son and Spirit have the same essence as the Father.

(Stichera of our holy father Athanasius from Vespers)

1 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.

2 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday January 25th after luncheon. **Everyone who would like to become a member of Knights of Columbus asked to speak to Glan Grabov or Henry Parecie**

3 MEN’S RETREAT

The 5 Annual MEN'S RETREAT on **JANUARY 30TH TO FEBRUARY 1ST**.
Retreat Master: Father Jan Maturkanic. Jesuit Retreat Center, Parma, OH Contact Karl Busam for further information or email: Karl.busam.77@gmail.com or 419-626-6811

4 WOMEN’S RETREAT

Place on FEBRUARY 20TH – FEBRUARY 22ND.
Retreat Master: Fr. Joseph Loya. Maria Stein Retreat Center, Maria Stein, OH
Contact Joan Washburn for further information.
stmarymbhdwomensretreat@gmail.com or 865-696-7809

5 MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Retrouvaille of Cleveland Marriage Ministry Program. This Marriage Ministry is supported by the Cleveland Diocese and offers a weekend program followed by 6 additional sessions to help couples improve communications, rebuild trust, and rediscover each other. The Cleveland program begins with a weekend schedule for **Feb. 13th - 15th 2026** at the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center. Additional information can be found at www.helpourmarriage.org/OR
CALL: Shelly and Rob, Retrouvaille of Cleveland 216-509-0301.

6 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 January 18 – January 25, 2026				
Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	January 18 Sunday of Zacchaeus	8:15 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>Altar servers meeting</u> Luncheon	Jn. 21:1-14 1 Tim. 4:9-15 Lk. 19:1-10
		10:00 AM		
		11:30 AM		
Monday	January 19 Our venerable Father Macarius		No service	1 Pet. 2:21-3:9 Mk. 12:13-17
Tuesday	January 20 Venerable and God- bearing Father Euthymius		No service	1Pet. 3:10-22 Mk. 12:18-27
Wednesday	January 21 Venerable Father Maximus	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Pet. 4:1-11 Mk. 12:28-37
Thursday	January 22 Apostle Timothy	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	1 Pet. 4:12-5:5 Mk. 12:38-44
Friday	January 23 Martyr Clement		No service	2 Pet. 1:1-10 Mk. 13:1-8
Saturday	January 24 Venerable mother Xenia	7:15-12:00 5:00 AM	<u>Winter Market</u> Vespers & Confession	2 Tim. 2:11-19 Lk. 18:2-8
Sunday	January 25 Sunday of the Publican	8:15 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Jn. 21:15-25 2 Tim. 3:10-15 Lk. 18:10-14
		10:00 AM		
		11:30 AM		
<u>Financial update: 1/11/2026</u>				
Bakery	Holy Day	Candles	Ukrainian Liturgy	Sunday Tithes
\$942.30	\$70	\$29	\$290	\$1,443.28
Totals \$2,774.5				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

1 Timothy 4:9-15

My son, Timothy: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come. attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Luke 19: 1-10

At that time, entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a man there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector and a wealthy man. He was trying to see what Jesus was like, but being small of stature, was unable to do so because of the crowd. He first ran on in front, then climbed a sycamore tree which was along Jesus' route, in order to see him. When Jesus came to the spot he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. I mean to stay at your house today." He quickly descended, and welcomed Jesus with delight. When this was observed, everyone began to murmur, "'He has gone to a sinner's house as a guest.'" Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord: "I give half my belongings, Lord, to the poor. If I have defrauded anyone in the least, I pay him back

fourfold." Jesus said to him: "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a son of Abra-ham. The Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Luke 19:2-4 Zacchaeus seeks Jesus

The Sinfulness of Zacchaeus. Cyril of Alexandria: Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, a man completely given over to greed, whose only aim was to increase his wealth. This was the practice of the tax collectors, although Paul calls it idolatry (Col 3:5), perhaps as suitable only for those who do not know God. Because they shamelessly, openly confessed this defect, the Lord very justly included them with the harlots, saying to the leaders of the Jews: "The tax collectors and the harlots are going into the kingdom of God before you" (Matt 21:31). Zacchaeus did not continue among them, but he was found worthy of mercy at the hands of Christ. He calls those who are far off and gives light to those who are in darkness. (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on Luke, Sermon 127).

The Rich Man Who Enters the Kingdom. Jerome of Stridon:

There is certainly much truth in the words of a philosopher: "Every rich man is either a sinner or an heir of sinfulness" (See Letters 120.1, PL 22:984 (821)). This is why the Lord and Savior says that it is difficult for the rich to enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 19:23). Someone may object: "How did the rich Zacchaeus enter the Kingdom of Heaven?" He gave away his wealth and immediately replaced it with the wealth of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Lord and Savior did not say that the rich would

not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but that it would be difficult for them to enter (Jerome of Stridon, Sermon on Psalm 83 (84)).

To see Christ. Cyril of Alexandria:

Let us see what the method of Zacchaeus' conversion was. He desired to see Jesus, so he climbed a sycamore tree, and in it the seed of salvation sprouted. Christ saw it with the eyes of God. Looking up, He also saw Zacchaeus with the eyes of man, and since His purpose was to save all, He extended His gentleness to him. To encourage him, He says: "Come down quickly." Zacchaeus sought Christ, but he was hindered not so much by the crowd as by his sins. He lacked height, not so much in the physical sense as in the spiritual. He would not have been able to see Him if he had not risen from the ground and climbed the sycamore tree that Christ was about to pass. This story contains a mystery. A person cannot see Christ and believe in Him in any other way than by climbing the sycamore, making senseless his vain members of fornication, impurity, and the like (Cyril of Alexandria, Commentaries on Luke, Sermon 127).

Zacchaeus left the Law for the sake of Salvation. Ephraim the Syrian:

Zacchaeus prayed in his heart as follows: "Happy is he who is worthy that this righteous Man should enter his dwelling." The Lord said to him: "Zacchaeus, come down quickly." Seeing that Jesus knew his thoughts, he said: "Just as He knows this, He knows everything I have done." Therefore he said: "Whatever I have taken unjustly, I restore fourfold." Hurry and get down from the fig tree, for I will stay with you. The first fig tree of Adam will be forgotten, because of the last fig tree of the chief tax collector, the name of the guilty Adam will be forgotten because of the innocent Zacchaeus (Ephraim the Syrian, Commentaries on Tatian's Diatessaron 20).

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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