



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

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

THE HOLY AND GREAT FAST

**From February 16th to March 27th if you have no physical obstacles, then Fast.
Nursing mothers and faithful with illnesses are exempt from Fasting.**

By your nature you are beyond measure, O Lord; yet in these last times, you deigned to accept the limitations of the flesh. By your Incarnation, you assumed all aspects of our human nature. We now in - scribe the image of your likeness so that we may worthily venerate it, and that we might be raised up to your love, from which we draw your great mercy, according to the tradition of your holy Apostles.

(Stichera of the Sunday of Orthodoxy)

1 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.

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2 ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The next meeting for altar servers will be on February 22nd after Divine Liturgy in the Church. Please mark your calendar and plan to bring your child to this meeting.

3 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday February 22nd after luncheon.

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

4 LENTEN CANTOR RETREAT

MARCH 7, 2026 | Sessions 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church | 8103 Columbia Ave., Munster, Indiana.

Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Limited lodging is available.

Retreat Leader: Dr. Brian Butcher, PhD

Questions: email Fr. Andrew Summerson at frasummerson@parma.org

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 February 22 – March 1, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<u>Sunday</u>	February 22 Sunday of Orthodoxy	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM <u>Altar Boys meeting</u> Vesper	Lk. 24:1-12 Heb. 11:24-26.32-12:2 Jn. 1:43-51
Monday	February 23 Holy Martyr Polycarp	8:30 AM Jesus Prayer	Isaiah 4:2-5:6
Tuesday	February 24 The First and Second Finding of the Head of the John Baptist	8:30 AM Moleben to Life-Creating Cross	Isaiah 5:7-16
Wednesday	February 25 Holy Father Tarasius	6:00 PM Vesper and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 4:16-26 Proverbs 5:15-6:3
Thursday	February 26 Holy Father Porphyrius	6:00 PM Great Compline	Isiah 6:1-12
Friday	February 27 Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius	6:00 PM Vesper and Presanctified Liturgy PANACHIDA	Genesis 5:32-6:8 Proverbs 6:20-7:1
Saturday	February 28 Second All Souls Saturday	7:15-12:00 <u>Winter Market</u>	Heb. 3:12-16 Mk. 1:35-44
		5:00 AM Vespers Confession	
<u>Sunday</u>	February 22 Second Sunday of the Great Fast	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM Vespers	Lk. 24:12-35 Heb. 1:10-2:3 Mk. 2:1-12

Financial update: 2/15/2026

Bakery	Holy Day	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$704.81	\$0	\$53	\$25	\$1,938.37

Totals \$2,721.18

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Brethren: By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. 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 jus-tice, 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. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of wit-nesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1: 43-51

At that time Jesus wanted to set out for Galilee, but first he came upon Philip. "Follow me," Jesus said to him. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. Philip sought out Nathanael and told him, "We have

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found the one Moses spoke of in the law-the prophets too Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." Nathanael's response to that was, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" and Philip replied, "Come, see for yourself." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked: This man is a true Israelite. There is no guile in him." How do you know me?" Nathanael asked Jesus. Before Philip called you," Jesus answered" saw you under the fig tree." Rabbi," said Nathanael, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus responded: "Do you believe just because I told you i saw you under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than that." Jesus went on to tell them, solemnly assure you, you shall see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Joh 1:43-45 Philip and Nathanael follow Jesus

The best disciples are chosen in the worst place. John Chrysostom: Then taking [Peter and another disciple], Jesus goes on to capture the others and draws Philip and Nathanael to himself. In the case of Nathanael this was not so surprising, for the fame of Jesus had spread throughout all Syria (see Matt. 4:24). But it is truly amazing about Peter, James, and Philip, that they believed not only in miracles, but also that they did so in Galilee, from which "no prophet comes," and "no good thing can come." The Galileans were somewhat more uncultured and gloomy in character than the others. But even in this Christ showed his power. He chose his best disciples from a land that did not bear fruit (John Chrysostom, Sermons on the Gospel of St. John 20.1).

Philip is a thoughtful new convert. John Chrysostom: "To every thoughtful man there is profit" (Prov. 14:23 LXX) ... and Christ meant more than that when he said, "Who seeks find it" (Mt. 7:8). That is why I no longer wonder how it came about that Philip followed Christ. Andrew was convinced when he heard from John, and Peter when he heard from Andrew. But Philip, having learned nothing from anyone except Christ, who said to him only this: "Follow me," obeyed immediately and did not turn back. In fact, he even became a preacher to others. For he ran to Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him

of whom Moses in the law and the prophets wrote." Do you see what a thoughtful mind he had, how diligently he pondered the writings of Moses, awaiting the coming? After all, the expression "we have found" always belongs to those who are searching in some way (John Chrysostom, Sermons on the Gospel of St. John 20.1).

Joh 1:47 An Israelite without guile

Nathanael is well versed in prophecies. John Chrysostom: He praises and accepts this man, because he said, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" And yet, should not Jesus have found fault with him? Certainly not; for these are not the words of an unbeliever or one who deserves blame, but praise. How can we see this? Because Nathanael had studied the writings of the prophets more than Philip. For he had heard from the Scriptures that the Christ should come from Bethlehem, and from the village where David was. This belief, at least, prevailed among the Jews, and the prophet had proclaimed it in ancient times (see Matt. 2:6; Mic. 5:2). ... And therefore, having heard that Jesus was "of Nazareth," he was troubled and doubted, not finding that Philip's statement was in agreement with the prophet's prediction (John Chrysostom, Sermons on the Gospel of St. John 20.1).

Nathanael does not adapt Scripture to his own interpretation. Ephrem the Syrian: Since the prophet had said that a ruler and a governor would arise from Bethlehem (Mark 5:2), yet Nathanael, having heard that He [our Lord] was of Nazareth, asked thus: "Can a good leader come out of Nazareth?" For this was not what was written. Therefore, when our Lord saw him [Nathaniel], He bore a wonderful testimony of him, that he was not like the scribes, who deceived by reading [from the Scriptures], seeking to establish their interpretations according to their own will. He said, "This is a scribe of Israel, in whom no deceit is seen," because, before he knew [our Lord], he asked whether Nazareth could produce a leader as Bethlehem [could] (Ephrem the Syrian, Commentaries on Tatian's Diatessaron 4.19).

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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