



Welcome to St. Athanasius the Great
Byzantine Catholic Church

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

Cheesefare week is it is a time of preparation for fasting.

During Cheesefare week from February 9 to February 14 believers are forbidden to eat meat, but dairy products, cheese, and eggs are permitted.

When you shall come to render just judgment, O righteous Judge, you shall sit up on your glorious throne. A river of fire shall flow before your judgment seat; the powers of heaven will be there with you. Filled with fear, all humanity will be judged according to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ, spare us, because of your great love, grant that the faithful who pray to you be given a place with your chosen ones.

(Stichera of Meatfare Sunday)

1 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.

2 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

3 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.

4 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

5 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 8 – February 15, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sunday February 8 Meatfare Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon	Mk. 16:1-8 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2 Mt. 25:31-46
Monday February 9 Cheesefare Monday		No service	3 Jn. 1-15 Lk. 29-40;22:7-39
Tuesday February 10 Cheesefare Tuesday		No service	Jd. 1-10 Lk. 22:39-42.45b-23:1
Wednesday February 11 Cheesefare Wednesday	6:00 PM	Jesus Prayer	2 Pet.2:9-22 Mk. 13:14-23
Thursday February 12 Cheesefare Thursday		No service	Jd. 11-25 Lk. 23:1-34a.44-56
Friday February 13 Cheesefare Friday		No service	Zach. 8:7-17
Saturday February 14 Cheesefare Saturday	7:15-12:00 5:00 AM	Winter Market Vespers Confession	Gal. 5:22-6:2 Mt. 6:1-13
Sunday February 15 Cheesefare Sunday	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 12:30 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Forgiveness Vesper	Mk. 16:9-20 Rom. 13:11b-14:4 Mt. 6:14-21

Financial update: 1/25/2026 & 2/1/2026

Bakery	Holy Day	Candles	Building	Sunday Tithes
\$671.57 & 471.65	\$0	\$60	\$300	\$675 & 976.28

Totals \$1,346.57 & 1,951.44

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brethren: Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Matthew 25: 31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, he will sit upon his royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

Then he will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right: 'Come. You have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and

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you welcomed me naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the just will ask him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you drink?

When did we welcome you away from home or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we visit you when you were ill or in prison?' The king will answer them: I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me. Then he will say to those on his left: Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels!

I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. I was away from home and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to comfort me.

Then they in turn will ask: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend you in your needs?' He will answer them: 'I assure you, as often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me.' These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to Eternal life."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Lord is coming to punish sinners and save the righteous: let us be afraid, let us weep and lament, and let us feel this day when, having revealed the unknown and secret, He will reward people according to their deeds. (From Matins)

Why is the day of the Last Judgment called "terrible"?! In fact, it will be "terrible" only for those who did not live with God during their earthly life, but for the righteous it will be a day of great joy. The Last Judgment is a kind of summing up, because every person will learn about his eternal destiny at a personal judgment before Jesus Christ immediately after death. The Eastern Church believes that the human soul will achieve the fullness of happiness and the blessed vision of God precisely after the Last Judgment. What will this reward be for me? God will judge us according to our deeds, because he is a just Judge who rewards good and punishes evil (the truth of faith). The Lord Jesus told Saint Sister Faustina that before coming as a just judge, He comes as the King of Mercy. "Here I give you a vessel from which they may draw the graces of mercy, and it is an image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You" (From the Diary of Saint Faustina).

Saint Alphonsus Liguori ends his sermon on the Last Judgment thus: "You Christians, my brothers, be comforted: now Jesus Christ is still the Father, not the Judge: he is ready to let go of the repentant sinner: let us hasten to beg Him for forgiveness."

So let us take advantage of the short time of mercy given to us and let Jesus Christ save us.

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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