



*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.**

Now the season for virtues has arrived and the Judge is at the door without looking gloomy, let us fast, offering tears, vigils, and alms, and let us exclaim: Our sins exceed the grains of sand by the sea. But forgive us all, O Creator of All, that we may receive the incorruptible crown.

(Kontakion of the Second Sunday of the Great Fast)

1 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday March 1st after luncheon.

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

2 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

3 UKRAINIAN LITURGY

Next Ukrainian Liturgy is placed on March 15th at 1 PM.

4 ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

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

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 March 1 – March 8, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Readings</u>	
Sunday March 1 Second Sunday of the Great Fast	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Vespers	Lk. 24:12-35 Heb. 1:10-2:3 Mk. 2:1-12	
Monday March 2 Holy Martyr Theodotus	6:00 PM	Great Compline	Isaiah 8:13-9:6	
Tuesday March 3 Holy Martyr Eutropius and His Companions	6:00 PM	Moleben to Life-Creating Cross	Isaiah 9:9-10:4	
Wednesday March 4 Venerable Father Gerasimus	6:00 PM	Vesper and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 7:6-9 Proverbs 9:12-18	
Thursday March 5 Holy Martyr Conon	8:30 AM	Jesus Prayer	Isiah 11:10-12:2	
Friday March 6 Holy Forty-two Martyrs	6:00 PM	Vesper and Presanctified Liturgy PANACHIDA	Genesis 8:4-21 Proverbs 10:31- 11:12	
Saturday March 7 Third All Souls Saturday	7:15-12:00	<u>Winter Market</u>	Heb. 10:32-38 Mk. 2:14-17	
	5:00 AM	Vespers Confession		
Sunday March 8 Third Sunday of the Great Fast Veneration of the Holy Cross	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy <u>Blessing Crosses</u> Luncheon <u>Vespers</u>	Lk. 24:36-53 Heb. 4:14-5:6 Mk. 8:34-9:1	
Financial update: 2/22/2026				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$971.31	\$2,000	\$117	\$0	\$1,097
Totals \$4,185.31				

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Hebrews 3:12-16

Brethren: Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end, while it is said, "Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Who were they that heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses?

But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord he will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Mark 2: 1-12

At that time Jesus came back to *Capernaum after a lapse of several days and word got around that he was at home. At that the people began to gather in great numbers. There was no longer any room for them, even around the door. While Jesus was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where

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Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves:

"Why does the man talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins except God alone?" Jesus was immediately aware of their reasoning, though they kept it to themselves, and he said to them: "Why do you harbor these thoughts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'your sins are forgiven, or to say, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk again'? That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (he said to the paralyzed man), "I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home." The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck; all gave praise to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Glory to Jesus Christ!

“And how can this man speak thus? He blasphemes!” (Mk 2:7a)

A trap for the scribes. John Chrysostom: The Jews persecuted Him not only because He broke the Sabbath, but also because He called God His Father, making Himself equal with God (Jn. 5:16-18), which was much more serious, because He confirmed the same thing by His works... Since they themselves introduced this provision (that only God can forgive), they themselves established this rule, they themselves wrote the law, He binds them, proceeding from their own words. “You,” He says, “you yourselves have acknowledged that forgiveness of sins belongs to God alone” (John Chrysostom, “On the Paralytic Who Was Lowered through the Roof”).

“Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (Mk 2:7b)

Who can forgive sins? Irenaeus of Lyons: Who else could forgive sins, if not the One against whom we have sinned and who Himself granted forgiveness? (cf. 1 Kings 2:25) (Irenaeus of Lyons, Against Heresies).

“What are you thinking in your hearts?” (Mark 2:8)

Christ the Knower of the Heart. John Chrysostom: The scribes claimed that the forgiveness of sins belongs to God alone. However, Jesus not only forgives sins, but before that shows something else that is peculiar only to God - the ability to reveal the secrets of the heart (John Chrysostom, “Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew”).

“Which is easier?” (Mark 2:9)

Healer of soul and body. Clement of Alexandria: According to Democritus, medicine cures bodily diseases, while wisdom frees the soul from passions. But the good Teacher, Wisdom, the Word the Father, who created man, cares for His creation as a whole: the all-healing Physician of humanity heals both our body and soul. The Savior says to the paralytic: Arise, take up your bed and go to your house. And immediately the sick man recovers (Mk. 2:11-12) (Clement of Alexandria, “The Teacher”).

“Power on Earth” (Mk 2:10)

On the Power of Christ. John Chrysostom: When He is about to punish someone, or to praise, or to forgive their sins, or to give them a law, or to do something even greater, we nowhere see Him calling upon the Father or praying. On the contrary, He does all these things with full authority (John Chrysostom, “On the Prayers of Christ”).

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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