



*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.

Shine brightly, O life giving Cross of the Lord! The rays of your grace enlighten the hearts of those who venerate and piously embrace you. Through you, the tears of our eyes have been dried up, we have been delivered from the snares of Hades, and we have a share in eternal joy Show us the splendor of your beauty; grant your gifts and blessings to the faithful who pray with faith for your protection and great mercy.

(Stichera of the Veneration of the Cross)

1 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

2 UKRAINIAN LITURGY

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

3 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.

4 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be Knights of Columbus meeting on Sunday March 29th after luncheon.

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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Mark 8: 34-38, 9: 1

At that time Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them: "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps.

Whoever would preserve his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's sake will preserve it. What profit does a man show who gains the whole world and destroys himself in the process? What can a man offer

Services for the Week of March 8 – March 15, 2026				
Day	Time	Service	Readings	
<u>Sunday</u>	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
Monday	March 9 Forty Martyrs of Sebaste	6:00 PM	Vesper and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 8:21-9:7 Proverbs 11:19-12:6 Heb. 12:1-10 Mt. 20:1-16
Tuesday	March 10 Holy Martyr Condratus & Companions	6:00 PM	Great Compline	Isaiah 25:1-9
Wednesday	March 11 Mid Fast	6:00 PM	Vesper and Presanctified Liturgy	Genesis 9:18-10:1 Proverbs 12:23-13:9
Thursday	March 12 Holy Father Gregory	8:30 AM	Jesus Prayer	Isiah 28:14-22
Friday	March 13 Translation of the Relics of Holy Nicephor	6:00 PM	Vesper and Presanctified Liturgy <u>PANACHIDA</u>	Genesis 12:-7 Proverbs 14:15-26
Saturday	March 14 Fourth All Souls Saturday	7:15-12:00 5:00 AM	<u>Winter Market</u> Vespers Confession	Heb. 6:9-12 Mk. 7:31-37
Sunday	March 15 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon <u>Vespers</u> Ukrainian Liturgy	Jn. 20:1-10 Heb. 6:13-20 Mk. 9:17-31
Financial update: 3/1/2026				
Bakery	Building	Candles	Other	Sunday Tithes
\$594.19	\$300	\$41.25	\$213.74	\$1,104.43
Totals \$2,253.61				

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

in exchange for his life? If anyone in this faithless and corrupt age is ashamed of me and my doctrine, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes with the holy angels in his Father's glory." He also said to them: | assure you, among those standing here there are some who will not taste death until they see the reign of God established in power."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Glory to Jesus Christ!

“What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world?” (Mark 8:36)

Ignorance of true goods. Clement of Alexandria: Those who do not do good deeds do not even know what is good for them. If so, then, not knowing true goods, they are also unable to pray to God correctly to receive them. And having received them, they neither feel the gift nor know how to enjoy worthily what they do not know ... The reason for ignorance is ignorance (Clement of Alexandria, “Stromata”).

This world and the age to come. Clement of Rome: This is said about this world and the age to come - two eternal enemies. The first persuades us to adultery and corruption, to the love of money and deceit, while the second renounces them. For this same reason we cannot be friends with both, but we should, having renounced the first, enter into communion with the second. I believe that it would be better for us to hate what is here, since it is insignificant, short-lived and perishable, and to love what is there, that is, the imperishable goods (Clement of Rome, “Second Epistle to the Corinthians”).

Love for the world and love for God. Caesarius of Arles: The world is worthy of love, but He who created the world is even more worthy of it. The world is beautiful, but He by whom the world was created is even more beautiful. The world is dazzling, but He who created it is much more lovely. Therefore, beloved brothers, let us try, as much as possible, not to become sick with love for the world, so that we do not love the creation more than the Creator (cf. Rom 1:25). After all, God has given us everything earthly so that we may love Him with all our heart and with all our soul (Deut 10:12; Matt 22:37). Every time we begin to love the gifts of God more than God Himself, we bring God's wrath upon us. You yourselves know that it happens among people: someone gives a gift to a chosen one, and the latter begins to despise the one who gave it, loving only the gift itself. He no longer considers the giver his friend, but begins to look upon him as an enemy. From this we learn that God loves those who love eternal life more than earthly goods (Caesarius of Arles, "Sermons").

"Whoever is ashamed of Me and My teaching" (Mk 8:38a)

Antinomies of faith. Tertullian: I am saved if I am not ashamed of my Lord. "Whoever," He said, "is ashamed of Me, of him I will be ashamed" (cf. Mt 10:33). However, I see no reason for embarrassment that would reveal through my vile shame the shamelessness and happiness of a fool. The crucified Son of God is not shameful, because it is worthy of shame (Rom. 10:11). And the Son of God died - this can be believed, because it is absurd (1 Cor. 1:23). And he rose again, was buried - this is true, because it is impossible. But how could all this really happen to Him, if He Himself were not real, if He did not truly have in Himself that which was crucified, died, was buried and rose again - that is, flesh soaked with blood, held on bones, pierced with nerves, entwined with veins? (Tertullian "On the Flesh 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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