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

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Services for the Week of August 30 – September 6, 2026

Day		Time	Service	Readings
Sunday	August 30 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Knights of Columbus meeting	Mk. 16:9-20 2 Cor. 1:21-2:4 Mt. 22:1-14
Monday	August 31 Deposition of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy For + Margaret Hays	Hebr. 9:1-7 Lk. 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Tuesday	September 1 Beginning of the Church Year	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Gal. 2:21-3:7 Mk. 6:1-7
Wednesday	September 2 Holy Martyr Mammas	8:00 AM	Moleben for the sick	Gal. 3:15-22 Mk. 6:7-13
Thursday	September 3 Holy Martyr Anthimus	8:00 AM	Jesus Prayer	Gal. 3:23-4:5 Mk. 6:30-45
Friday	September 4 Holy Prophet Moses	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy	Gal. 4:8-21 Mk. 6:45-53
Saturday	September 5 Holy Prophet Zachary	5:00 PM	Vespers & Confession	1 Cor. 4:17-5:5 Mt. 24:1-13
Sunday	September 6 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8:15 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Matins Divine Liturgy Luncheon Youth meeting in the church Ukrainian Liturgy	Lk. 24:1-12 2 Cor. 4:6-15 Mt. 22:35-46

Financial update: 8/23/2026

Bakery	Building	Candles	Holy Day	Sunday Tithes
$2,173.56	$10,125	$127	$0	$1,743

Totals $14,168.56

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Brethren: But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Matthew 22: 2-14

The Lord told this parable to the chief priests and the Pharisees: "The reign of God may be likened to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the wedding, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying: 'Tell those who were invited, See, I have my dinner prepared! My bullocks and cornfed cattle are killed; everything is ready. Come to the feast.' Some ignored the invitation and went their way, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants insulted them and killed them. At this the king grew furious and sent his army to destroy those murderers and burn their city. Then he said to his servants: 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.' The servants then went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good. This filled the wedding hall with banqueters. "When the king came in to meet the guests, however, he caught sight of a man not properly dressed for a wedding feast. 'My friend,' he said, 'how is it you came in here not properly dressed?' The man had nothing to say. The king then said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the night to wail and grind his teeth.' The invited are many, the elect are few."

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear all,

Prayer and fasting! *Fasting and prayer! St. John Chrysostom called them the two wings of faith. With these wings we can rise up and cast off the evil spirits that cling to us.*

In abstinence from heavy and fatty food, in bodily fasting is hidden a profound spiritual meaning. The body, satiated with food, begins to demand other appeasements: hence laziness, drowsiness, and various desires. "How every much you take away from the body, the more you give to the powers of the soul," said St. Basil the Great. Abstinence in small things strengthens man's will, making him capable of greater achievements. The notion of fasting is not limited to abstention from food – fasting is all-embracing.

Prayer lightens the very soul of man, filling it with the holy joy of communion with God. The name of our Lord Jesus Christ alone strikes fear in the demons; they run from warm prayer, as a kind of all-conquering weapon. Ceaseless prayerful labor is the key to our liberation from the humiliating slavery to the vices; it is the trail that leads to the Heavenly Father's Kingdom. "Sometimes one begins to pray as a sinner, and end as a righteous one," said the Blessed Augustine.

The swarms of evil spirits do not frighten one who worthily struggles in fasting and prayer. Yea, let us become good soldiers of Christ, according to the words of the Apostle Paul: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). Amen.

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ON SEPTEMBER 6th is the first meeting for Youth adult in the Church after Luncheon

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

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OUR PARISH HAS A GREAT EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 13TH, BAPTISM AT 10AM FOR KATHRYN MCKEAN, COLIN MCKEAN, EVELYN MCKEAN, NATHANIEL MCKEAN. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

Renewed Eparchial Midwest Pilgrimage 2026

St. Mary, Whiting, Indiana

"For those who are burdened, come take rest beneath the veil of Our Lady of the Protection."

Friday, October 2, 2026
6 PM Candlelit Compline — Shrine of the Protection
7-9 PM Bonfire Chat — with Bishop Robert at the Byzantine Café
Snacks included | Come share your conversion story!

Saturday, October 3, 2026
9 AM Moleben to the Mother of God — Searcher for the Lost Prayer Garden
Bring names of fallen away Christians to pray for their return!
10 AM Adult Speaker & Children's Activity
12 PM Lunch
1-6:30 PM Confessions
2 PM Adult Speaker & Children's Activity
4-6:30 PM All-Night Vigil (Vespers & Matins)
6:30-8 PM Ethnic Dinner
8 PM Family Square Dancing

Sunday, October 4, 2026
9-10:30 AM Confessions
9:45 AM Akathist to the Mother of God
10:30 AM — Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Procession of the Four Gospels
12:30 PM Lunch

Additional Information
- Provisional schedule as of July 1
- Host families available for out-of-town guests
- Discounted hotel rates available
- stmarywhiting@parma.org

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
Administrator: Rev. Mykhaylo Shkyndya
Cantors: Brian Goshorn, John Danovich, Suzanne Goshorn

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Charting the Course:
Renewing Byzantine Catholic Life in the Heartland

OCTOBER 17–19, 2026 • ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM • COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Eparchy of Parma invites all clergy and faithful to take part in the open **Preparatory Gathering of the 2026 Eparchial Assembly** —a shared moment of praying, listening, and learning as we set sail on a renewed journey of mission and vision. The first, public phase welcomes everyone aboard the **"Holy Flotilla" of DiscipleSHIP, WorSHIP, FellowSHIP,** and **StewardSHIP,** and will provide the spiritual and pastoral grounding that informs and orients the formally convoked members as they continue into the invitation-only canonical sessions that follow.

Participation in all liturgical services, presentations, and discussions is **FREE**. Meal tickets are available for those who wish to join the community meals, though attendees may also choose to dine off-site.

REGISTER by September 7:
www.parma.org/eparchial-assembly

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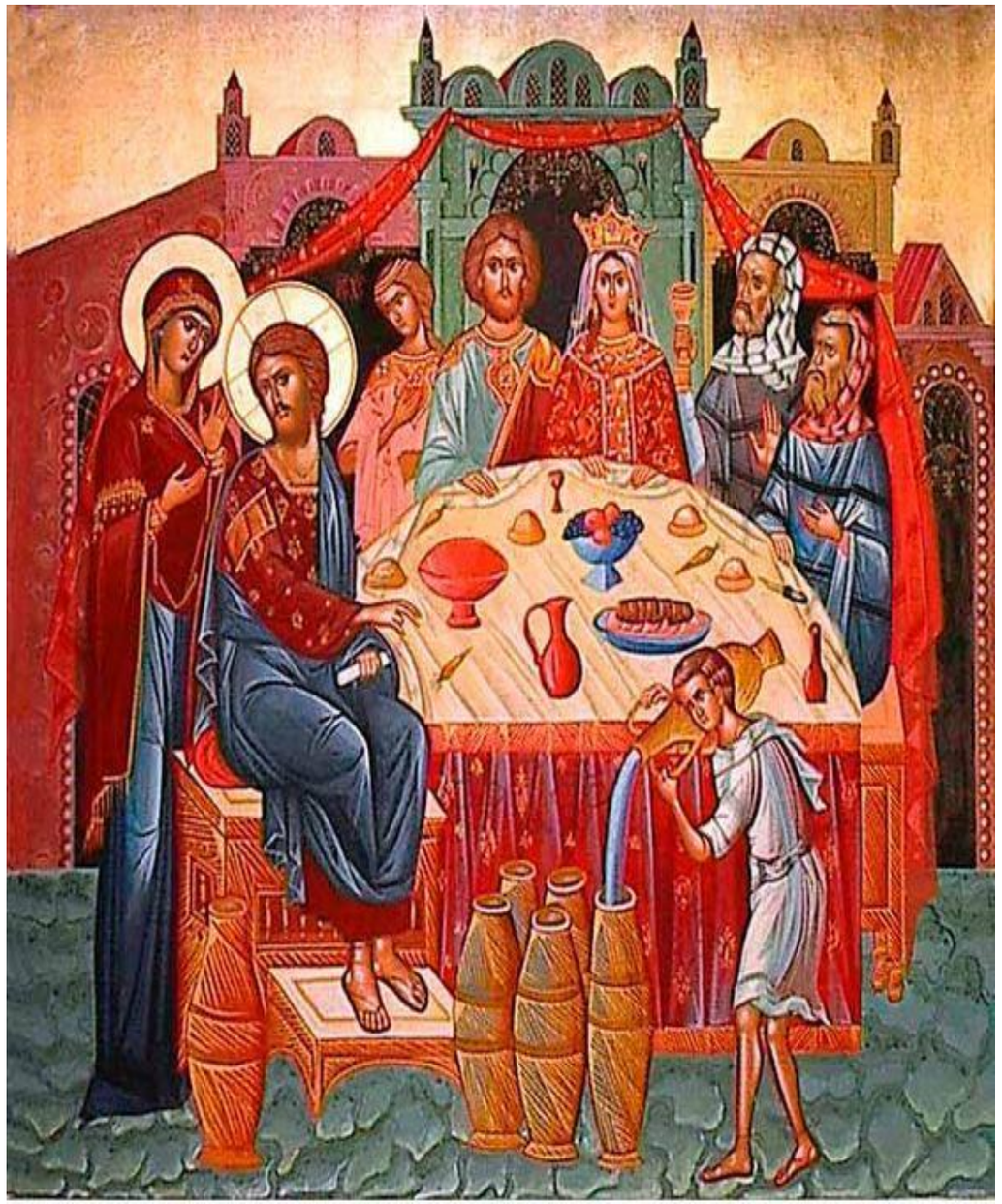
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