

Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina

Saturday, February 15	<b>4:30pm</b> Mercer County Vespers (Led by Deacon Simeon) <b>6:00pm</b> <u>Great Vespers at St. Nina</u> <b>6:30pm</b> Cathedral Vigil & Confessions
Sunday, February 16	<b>8:30am</b> Goodrode Baptism <b>9:30am</b> Divine Liturgy <b>9:30am</b> <u>Divine Liturgy at St. Nina</u> <b>11:30am</b> Fellowship Hour <b>11:30am</b> Sunday School <b>12:00pm</b> Bread Ministry
Tuesday, February 18	<b>6:30pm</b> <u>Akathist &amp; Catechesis at St. Nina</u>
Wednesday, February 19	<b>6:30pm</b> Great Vespers
Thursday, February 20	<b>7:00pm</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>8:00pm</b> Adult Sunday School via Zoom
Friday, February 21	<b>11:00am</b> Akathist for Departed <b>11:50am</b> Confessions
Saturday, February 22	<b>6:00pm</b> <u>Great Vespers at St. Nina</u> <b>6:15pm</b> Memorial Litya <b>6:30pm</b> Cathedral Vigil & Confessions
Sunday, February 23	<b>9:30am</b> Divine Liturgy <b>11:30am</b> Meatfare Potluck <b>11:30am</b> Sunday School <b>12:00pm</b> Bread Ministry



Saint Athanasius  
ORTHODOX CHURCH



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

This **Sunday** is dedicated to **the Prodigal Son** as we continue our preparation for **Great Lent**.

**Welcome to St.  
Athanasius Orthodox  
Church!**

You should feel free to participate at your comfort level. Greeters and Doorkeepers are happy to assist you.

As a reminder to all, Holy Communion is only given to Orthodox Christians who have kept fast, made recent confession, and are at peace with their neighbors.

**New Catechumens** Today are welcoming new catechumens – those preparing to be received into the Orthodox Church as full members. Here at St. Athanasius we welcome Anthony Marino – who has visited regularly for 18 months. At St. Nina Mission, Fr. Giorgi is enrolling the Christian Family (Dustin, Ashley, Clark, and Cole) and Luis Munsey – who have been attending the mission for about a year. Please remember these and all our catechumens



*Many Years to Child Joseph Goodrode Who Is To Be Baptized Today!*

as they make their Lenten Journey.

**Many Years to Child Joseph Goodrode Who Is To Be Baptized Today** and to his parents Zachary & Willie Ann, his grandparents Chuck & Lori, as well as to Joseph's sponsors – Tim Smith & Alina Rizea.

**We Invite Everybody to Participate in Some Way in Sunday School!** For the children (PK through High School) we have resumed our weekly "Short

Sunday School model," dismissing the kids first after Liturgy. While they are in class, we will do the announcements, then bless the food and begin eating. For the Adult Sunday School, the weekly class is held virtually at 8pm on Thursdays. You can follow the QR code for live participation in the Zoom call: Or simply visit out "St. Athanasius OCA" YouTube Channel to watch the recording.



**Diocesan Leadership**

His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Dallas and the South  
His Grace Bishop Gerasim, Bishop of Ft. Worth, Diocesan Administrator

**Calendars for February and March are available in the narthex.** The website is also updated for February, Great Lent, & Paschaltide:

- Visitors' Sunday on February 23 – invite your friends! .
- And the pre-Lenten Sundays – every weekend in February.
- Special classes on Wednesday nights after Vespers, social events, and much more on the calendar in February including;
- You can also see the March outlook—which has Lenten Services noted clearly.

**Fr. Justin & Fr. Giorgi – Out-of-Town for Diocesan Clergy Conference Monday-Thursday** and Fr. David will not be back from his visit to his daughter's wedding until late Tuesday. Subdeacon Bert will be leading service and teaching at St. Nina this Tuesday. Fr. David will be leading Wednesday Vespers at St. Athanasius and teaching a special class on Praying the

Hours. Please pray for the safe travel of the clergy as they come and go this week.

**Next Sunday the 23rd is our Pre-Lenten Visitors' Sunday** Please invite friends and others who might be interested in learning about our Faith to visit this upcoming Sunday. We always ask extra greeters to be present, we offer a church tour after Liturgy, and we try to make sure we have plenty of extra food for lunch – which should be easier since we are already planning our Meatfare Potluck that day. Spread the Word, please!

**Pre-Lenten Contra Dance Social at 730pm Friday, February 28 – RSVP Needed**

Willie Ann and Zach Goodrode will be hosting a youngish-adult contra dance (18+) in the church fellowship hall. Contra dancing is a "called dance," similar to square dancing, with a more English-folk background.

You'll be taught all that you need to know. Be ready to learn and dance. Wear comfortable shoes that you can move in. Bring a snack and drink to share at intermission. We'll dance, have intermission with some chill waltz dancing, then go back to contra. End time is about 10pm.

(Search in YouTube for example video using terms "Crowfoot in Tacoma (Doug Plummer)

Hard RSVP's are needed by Sunday, February 23. Remember, the event doesn't work if we have less than 16 people. RSVP with Zach (270)-723-4589 or Ann (270)-734-2717.

**Sunday Ministry Schedule Update:** Going forward, the Sunday Ministry schedule will be posted on the website instead of in the bulletins. You can find it at [bluegrassorthodox.org/ministries](https://bluegrassorthodox.org/ministries). For quick access, please use

**QR code:**



Printed schedules are in the narthex and downstairs on the bulletin board.

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